



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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28th January 2022

Parent Session

Do you want to find out more about child development?

Do you want to find out what your child's behaviour means and where it is coming from?

Do you want to meet with other parents to share ideas and information?

Please join Mrs O'Brien virtually on **Tuesday 8th February at 1pm.**

Please register your interest with the office by emailing:

oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk (please add "parent session" into the subject box)



Be a Swap Rockstar!



Leaflets were sent home this week about ways to make healthy food swaps. This is an initiative from the NHS to learn about and support healthier habits using the ultimate healthy hack, the free Food Scanner app from Better Health.

This helps to explore what a balanced diet looks like and why it is important to know what is in our food and drink. It can support with making simple, healthier-eating swaps using the free Food Scanner app. By simply scanning and swiping barcodes, the app shows how much saturated fat, salt and sugar is in everyday foods and drinks and gives suggestions for healthier alternatives. A fun augmented reality feature helps you celebrate your good choices.

By making a few easy swaps, this can help to make a real difference to inspire children and families to make healthier food choices. If you are interested in using this, you can download the Food Scanner app on the [Apple app store](#) or [Google Play store](#).

Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



Renaissance Reading Program

When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

Each week we will look at the word count totals for each class and the winners of Key Stage 1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will get a few minutes extra play at breaktime! Our winners this week are:-

KS1 - Thames Class - 20,343 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 140,649 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 380,087 words

Well done to those classes!



CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.



Attendance For Week Ending 21st January 2022

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

**Well done to Lynher KS1 and
Severn KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	93.5%
Lynher	95.8%
Fowey	93.8%
Avon	89.7%
Thames	95.1%
Severn	98.1%
Medway	97.5%
Trent	94.0%
Lagan	60.2%
Clyde	92.0%
Mersey	85.2%
Tyne	90.6%
Wye	95.0%

School Uniform Reminder

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.



Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school at any time (except for small studs, which **must be 5mm in diameter or smaller**, and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. Children in **Foundation** may **not** wear earrings in view of the physical aspects of their learning.

"For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons."



StreetSafe

Want to improve the safety of our local area? If you feel unsafe in any area in Plymouth please use this website to report it:

[StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/streetsafe)

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

Discovery Multi Academy Trust
Permanent Mealtime Assistant x2
Grade A, Scale Point 1, £9.50ph
7.5hours per week, 38 weeks per annum,

We have 2 permanent MTA posts available to start as soon as possible. The positions will initially be based at Oakwood Primary Academy, but the successful candidates may be deployed to work at any of the schools that form Discovery MAT, where required.

We are looking to appoint 2 Mealtime Assistants to work within our Trust who –

- can work as part of a successful team
- is able to organise play activities
- is enthusiastic and patient
- has a range of behaviour strategies
- has a good sense of humour

For an application form please visit our website – www.discoverymat.co.uk

Applications should be returned by email to oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk

Closing date: Monday 31st January 2022

Interviews: Friday 4th February 2022

Discovery Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be carried out, references will be sought for all shortlisted candidates and all shortlisted candidates will be requested to complete a questionnaire about any convictions or adult cautions that are unspent. Guidance will be given to those shortlisted.

**WANT TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY?**



Have you considered teaching?

We have helped people just like you start a successful career as a Primary School Teacher.

Find out more about the DPSCITT course by joining us for one of our open evenings:

12/01/22	Exeter	Trinity Primary School
31/01/22	Barnstaple	Roundswell Primary School
01/02/22	Ivybridge	Manor Primary School
30/03/22	Online	Join us via Zoom

Book your place now at: www.dpscitt.ac.uk

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb
Mon 28th Feb
Fri 8th Apr
Mon 11th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun
Mon 27th Jun
Tue 26th Jul
Wed 27th July

HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
Non-Pupil Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes at 3.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

2022/2023 TERM DATES

Wed 7th Sep 2022
Fri 21st Oct
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct
Fri 25th Nov
Fri 16th Dec
Mon 19th Dec 2022 - Mon 2nd Jan 2023
Tue 3rd Jan 2023
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb
Mon 20th Feb
Fri 31st Mar
Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April
Mon 17th April
Mon 1st May
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun
Fri 23rd Jun
Tue 25th Jul
Wed 26th Jul

School starts 8:45am
School finishes 3:15pm
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

Contacting School

If you are contacting school to report an absence or you have a query, please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name and class (& reason for absence, if applicable) and we will log/get back to you. Alternatively, email oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk
Thank you.

Newsletter Ideas



If you have any ideas about information or updates that you would find useful additions to our newsletter, please email your suggestions to:

oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk



Have a lovely weekend!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School