



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"



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School Reminders

The Southway pub is holding a charity event for St Luke's on 13th July.

If you would like a table, they are £5 each.

It would be nice if we could donate some raffle prizes from parents in school for the use of the car park all year. If you would like to donate a prize, please drop it into the school office. Thank you.

Clubs

Next week is the last week for school led clubs.

Alan Lomax football finishes on 17th July 2019

Multi-skills club finishes on 11th July 2019

Attendance

For Week Ending 21st June

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

Frogs	94.3%
Dragonfly	94.3%
Squirrel	93.0%
Badger	92.0%
Hedgehog	91.0%
Alder	95.1%
Maple	95.4%
Willow	95.2%
Hazel	86.9%
Pine	92.7%
Chestnut	96.9%



Well done to
**Frogs and Dragonflies KS1 and Chestnut
KS2**
For the highest attendance

Plymouth Junior Life Skills 2019

On Friday 7th June our year 6 students attended the 'Junior Life Skills' event which is designed to promote personal and community safety. The morning took place at the Naval Depot at Bullpoint and the children experienced a range of practical and interactive activities that raised awareness about safety in areas such as: fire, water, electrical, railways, buses and even a short session on CPR!



The children really enjoyed the activities, they found the City Bus introduction incredibly helpful, several children commented how they now feel more confident about catching the bus to their secondary schools when they start in year 7. They also enjoyed watching the chip fat explosion and are now all aware that they should not pour water onto burning fat!

All year 6 children were given a free weeks bus pass to use on City Bus and Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service made the children aware that all households are entitled to a free home safety check. All you have to do is call them and book, they will even replace any faulty extension leads free of charge!



Well done to all of the year 6 students for their amazing focus, contribution and behaviour on the day.

STEM Pylon Challenge



As part of our DT and STEM links Langage Power Station visited Maple and Chestnut Class to deliver a Pylon Challenge workshop. The children were put into groups and given a brief on the expectations of their pylons. They then had to design and build their Pylons using K'Nex. Some of the designs were incredible and the children presented them giving some great feedback on why they chose their design. There was some



super scientific and engineering vocabulary used. Both classes focused really well and showed some great initiative and team work. All the children received a Langage gift bag for their efforts.

A particular well done should go out to the winning teams who went home with a very smart head torch!

Mini Allotment Making



As part of their 'Mother Earth: Can We Grow?' topic, Year 5 made mini-allotments in the Outdoor Learning Den. Some chose to plant real seeds while others used tissue paper, colored lollipop sticks and other craft resources.

Some children even chose to make edible allotments - using coco pops for the earth and sweets for the vegetables growing. Hazel class then wrote about the inspiration behind their designs in their Topic books.



STEM Langage Power Station Visit

On the 19th June 14 children from Hazel Class visited Langage Power Station for a day of STEM fun! The children visited their amazing Discovery Centre for a short introduction to the session, they were then provided with safety attire and had a tour of the plant where they got to talk with the engineers and see the process of electricity production! After the tour the children returned to the Discovery Centre and participated in a series of activities related to energy production and conservation. They even got to produce their own electricity! Everyone really enjoyed the day and we heard a few saying they want to become engineers!



"My favourite part of the trip was wearing goggles, helmets, hi-vis jackets and ear plugs to explore the station. I looked and felt as if I worked there." Lacie

"I couldn't believe how loud the power station was. All the engineers were wearing ear protectors - as were we. The boiler was larger than the Theatre Royal auditorium. I couldn't believe it!" Sophie

"The education centre was incredible!

We sat on beanbags on the floor and got to complete a quiz by jumping on the correct answer projected on the floor." Freya

"There was only one female engineer in the whole power station. She encouraged us to consider a science-based career in the future. I love playing a game of eye-spy using the safety signs surrounding the power station." Lexie



Hockey Festival



On Wednesday 5th June, 12 children from Pine and Hazel class participated in a hockey tournament.

"We were split into two teams A and B; even though group B didn't have much luck, we were all resilient and didn't give up. We all had great fun and would love to go again!" Well done to the team for a brilliant effort!

CATERed Food Workshops

Over the term there have been some wonderful food workshops taking place enabling the children to get some hands on experience with cooking. The school have worked closely with CaterEd and our school chef has delivered some wonderful sessions. The children have been discussing healthy diets and all the different food groups. Each of the workshops have been linked to the year group topics and so far we have had Rainforest smoothies and fresh Saxon bread! The children are really enjoying the workshops, especially eating their produce!



Hedgehog class had a great time making smoothies! Chloe said "there was no setting up or tidying away." Riley said "I liked making the smoothie and it tasted great."

Maple Class would like to say a big thank you to Jo and her kitchen team who invited us all to a bread making workshop. The workshop involved hygiene awareness and information on the process of creating bread using yeast. We were able to handle and knead bread for ourselves, which was a very fun and tactile experience. Then, in true



Blue Peter style, we were able to taste test some that was made earlier that day. Fresh bread and real butter



was definitely a favourite, with runny honey coming in close second place. Thanks again to Jo and her team! Harry said "the bread dough was very soft after we kneaded it. It was really fun and honey in bread taste good." Elise said "I liked it because eating the bread was tasty."

Hazel class really enjoyed the whole experience and would love to do another food workshop in the future! Zack said "the food was very tasty. I liked the dip I made out of hummus, roasted pepper and carrot sauce." Sophie said "I don't usually like dips but this one was very enjoyable." Daniel said "the whole workshop was really good."



Alder class thought the workshop was informative and fun. Imogen said "It was yummy! My favourite bit was shaping the bread." Joseph said "it tasted good and I liked mixing it around."



Year 3 and 4 Dartmoor Trip

On Monday 17th June, all of year 3 and year 4 had an exciting visit to Dartmoor to trek along the path of the river. We started at the source of the river near Princetown, we climbed up Hay Tor and then followed the leat back to Burrator Reservoir. Despite some muddy and boggy conditions, everyone had a great time and learnt a lot about the journey of a river and luckily we didn't get rain! Thank you to the many parent helpers who came along to support the trip. Year 3 and 4.

Sports Day



What a fantastic day we had on Thursday 6th June 2019 watching all of the children participate in our Sports Day.

Luckily, the weather held off for the day and children

were able to show off their skills that they had learnt in their P.E lessons throughout

this

academic year. Children demonstrated their dribbling, shooting, target throwing, jumping and sprinting skills to get their team as many points as possible. It was great to see everyone pushing themselves to achieve their personal best, especially in the individual sprint races and then team relay races in KS2.

However, it wasn't all about winning. All of the staff were more impressed with the determination, commitment, team work and resilience that was shown throughout the day by all of the children in both KS1 and KS2. These are the skills that will help children strive towards any goal they want to achieve in the future.

Well done to all of the children that were involved in creating such a fantastic day of sport. Also, a big thank you to all of the family

friends who came and supported the children around all of the activities.

This year we attended Brickfields Athletics Championships again with a fantastic team of children who were able to demonstrate their determination and speed on the running tracks.

Even though the event was first cancelled due to poor

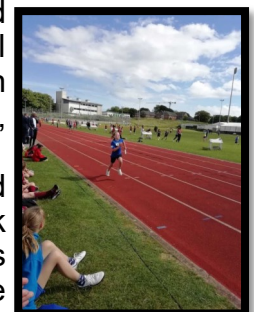


weather conditions children, remained in high spirits and kept up their motivation for the big day. Sadly, we didn't escape the rain completely, but this did not phase the children one bit and they performed at their very best.

We were entered into 10 sprint races and 4 relay races with 2 children from each year group competing against other schools in Plymouth. Everybody showed true grit and

determination throughout all of the races. This paid off well as we had children in the finals from Year 5 and Year 6 in their individual races. As well as our girls 3 /4 relay team, boys 3 /4 relay team and girls 5/6 relay team.

It was a really long day with events starting at 9am and finishing at 5pm, but we wanted to say a massive thank you to all of the children who cheered on their team mates and kept everyone motivated throughout the event. The day wouldn't have run as smoothly without the support of the PTFA and parents who came along to support us, your help is always greatly appreciated. We can't wait for next year!





Armed Forces Week 2019

The last two weeks have been an eventful time for our HMS Heroes' children.

The first event that we attended, was a trip to Paignton Zoo. The children had an amazing fun packed day, seeing all of the animals. There were a few tired legs and a very quiet coach on the return journey.

On Tuesday 25th, a Bake for Heroes, coffee morning was held in aid of Help for Heroes. A big thank you to all that donated and bought cakes and for the lovely mums that attended. We look forward to welcoming even more parents/ careers at next year's event.

Finally, a group of children attended the Devonport Naval Heritage Centre. The children were shown around many different buildings, containing a wide variety of Naval artifacts. It gave the children an amazing insight to the history of Devonport Naval Base and Naval history.

During these visits, the children represented Oakwood Primary Academy in an impeccable manner.

Ros Dent
Family Support/Pastoral



Junior Ten Tors

On the 21st and 22nd June 8 children set off from Cadover Bridge to complete the Ten Tors Challenge 2019. Children had been training for several weeks learning how map skills, compass skills and survival skills. As well as how to set up a tent and how to cook on small cookers.

On the Friday morning children left from school with Miss Byrom and Mrs Widnell. They started at Cadover bridge and walked to Princetown where they climbed 7 tors on the way. Once they got to the campsite, exhausted and with sore feet, they had to put up their own tents and cook their own meal. Spirits were still high though as they immersed themselves fully in a talent show around the campfire in the evening.

On Saturday morning children were woken up bright and early to cook their own breakfast, put their tents away and pack their bags for another day of walking. Children, climbed their way up a further 3 tors with their parents waiting at the top for them as finished their final tor.

We were all so proud of the children for being extremely determined and supportive of each other the whole way through. I'm sure that we all inspired each other to walk the full 16 miles. Well done guys!

A special thank you to Miss Byrom for supporting our Oakwood team this year.



Diary Dates 2018/2019



Wed 3rd July
Thurs 4th July
Fri 5th July
Thurs 11th July
Fri 12th July
Fri 19th July
Tues 23rd July
Wed 24th July

Go—Kart Event Perdannack Airfield
American Independence Day—CATERed
Class Assembly Hedgehog
Year 6 Leavers event 5pm—7pm
Reception Graduation Assembly
Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.15 pm
School closes for Summer Holidays
Non Pupil Day

2019/2020 TERM DATES

Tues 3rd September
Wed 4th September
Thurs 5th September
Fri 13th September
Wed 25th—Fri 27th Sep
Fri 11th October

Mon 21st Oct—Fri 25th Oct

Mon 28th October
Thurs 28th November
Friday 29th November

23rd Dec—Fri 5th Jan 2020

Mon 6th Jan
Mon 17th Feb— Fri 21st Feb

Mon 24th Feb
Fri 30th Mar—Mon 13th Apr

Tues 14th Apr
Mon 4th May

Mon 25th May—Fri 29th May
Tues 21st Jul

2019/2020 TERM DATES

Staff Training Day
Staff Training Day
School re-opens 8:45am
Roald Dahl Lunch—CATERed
Year 5 Beam House Trip
World Cup Lunch—CATERed

HALF TERM

School re-opens 8.45am
Non-pupil Day
Non-pupil Day

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School re-opens 8.45am
HALF TERM

School re-opens 8.45am
EASTER HOLIDAYS

School re-opens 8.45am
May Day Bank Holiday

HALF TERM
Last Day of Term



Have a great weekend!
Jackie Sparrow
Head of School

