



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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## 25th March 2022

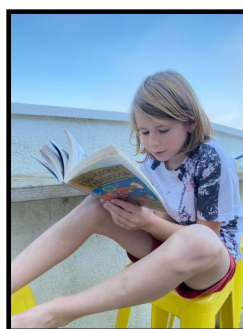
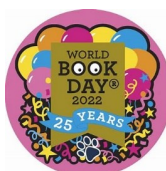
### Paralympian Visit with Year 4

On Wednesday, Year 4 had the extremely exciting opportunity to meet Paralympic swimmer, Reece Dunn! Reece came to speak to the Year 4 children all about his 2020 Olympic success in Tokyo where he won 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal. The children loved asking lots of questions and finding out what it takes to be a successful athlete. They even got to hold and wear his amazing medals – how lucky! It was a wonderful experience and one that they will remember for a long time.



### Sponsored Readathon

We were very pleased that so many of the children took part in the Sponsored Readathon, as part of the Book Week and World Book Day events, fundraising to increase and improve our current book stock. We will let you know the final total raised very soon. Thank you all for such a great effort and for your generous sponsorship!



### Friday 1st April - Events for Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal

Please refer to the letter emailed out to parents/carers on Monday 21st March.

We will be holding 2 events on Friday 1st April. The year 6 children will be organising a Cake Sale and, on the same day, we would like to hold a blue and yellow non-uniform day to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee ([dec.org.uk](http://dec.org.uk)), who are running a humanitarian appeal to support charities assisting in Ukraine. Your donations on the day will be collected by staff on the pod doors. If you would prefer not to donate, children are welcome to wear school uniform to school as usual.

## Celebration Shout Out!

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



Blake and Mason (both Medway Class) and the Clean -Our-Patch Group collected over a tonne of rubbish (over 60 bags) from Southway Drive in 2 hours on Sunday 20th March. Excellent contributions Blake & Mason, well done!



This week saw the start of Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel 2022 and we asked you to get involved! From Monday 21st March – Monday 4th April, we are asking as many children to walk, cycle or scoot to school as possible. It's so important that we stay active and keep healthy, and big changes start with small steps; which is why we think the 'Big Walk and Wheel' is so great! Your child can come to school on their bike or scooter each day as part of the event and it would be amazing to see as many walkers and wheelers as possible. Bikes/Scooters must be left in the bike shelter at the start of the day. For more information on this years event, please visit <https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/>.



## Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

Thank you once again for your donations to Red Nose Day mufti. We have raised an amazing £261.36 for Comic Relief!

## 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. 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 - 18,887 words**

**Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 326,040 words**

**Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 199,650 words**

Well done to those classes!



## MKC Heroes

It is with great pride that the Royal British Legion is able to offer members of the Armed Forces community (serving, ex-serving and their families) the opportunity to be part of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the heart of London.

Trooping the Colour will take place on Thursday 2nd June 2022 and, for this Platinum Jubilee year, there will be grandstand seating outside Buckingham Palace, exclusively for the use of the Armed Forces community. From these seats you will be able to watch the troops as they transit to and from Horse Guards Parade, and view the Royal Procession as it passes by on its journey from Buckingham Palace to the parade ground. During the ceremony itself, you will be able to watch the parade on Horse Guards via big screens, set up around the Queen Victoria Memorial. Once the parade has ended, you will be in prime position to see the return of the Royal Procession to Buckingham Palace and the Royal Family's balcony appearance.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of an historic occasion. Gates will open at 8.30am and guests must be seated no later than 9.45am. You will be required to remain seated until around 1pm. There is limited accessible seating within the grandstand areas, and most seating is accessed by steps. We expect egress from the event area to be slow, due to high numbers of visitors in London also wanting to be part of this special occasion. There will be toilet facilities and some refreshments provided. Please note the seating areas are not covered, but ponchos and bottled water will be available in case of inclement weather.

If you would like the chance to take part in this historic event, register your details by 13 April 2022 by completing the form below and returning to [slamerton@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:slamerton@britishlegion.org.uk).

We need names of ALL people attending the event, both parents and children, however, one contact email address for everyone is enough.

Name of ALL attendees:

Number of tickets required:

Email:

Accessibility requirements:

Kind regards,  
Sara

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**PLEASE NOTE: This event is self-funded. Families who would like to attend the event will have to organise travel and any accommodation themselves. RBL will provide access to the Jubilee celebrations and lunch on the day.**






## Uniform Store Plymouth

The Uniform Store Plymouth is a free service for families to kit out their children for school. Through donations of good quality school uniform, we give these items out to those in need, free of charge – no referral is needed. We operate a pop-up shop in Plymouth City Centre throughout the school summer holidays, and a 'Click & Collect' service that operates throughout the year, where parents/carers can order the uniform that they need for their children and collect it from our collection point.



To place an order for school uniform, families can visit our website: [www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk](http://www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk) and select the items required. Our collection point is at Redeemer Church, St Barnabas Terrace, Plymouth PL1 5NN and is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12pm. For more information please email us: [hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk](mailto:hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk)



If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

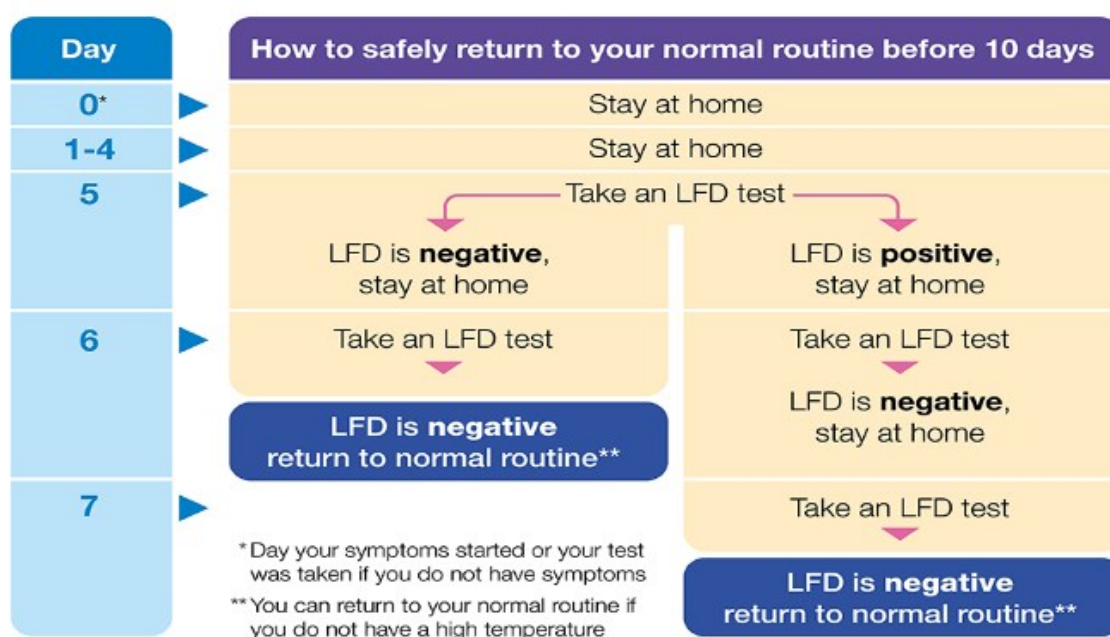
## Covid-19 Guidance

People who test positive for Covid 19 should follow the following procedure:

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms you [should order a PCR test](#). You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result. Recent cases have also displayed with sore throat & headache.



## 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."***

## Reminder - Alternative Pick-Ups

If you know that your child/ren will need to be collected by someone other than the usual parent/carer please contact the school office to notify us, if possible before 2:45pm. Thank you!



### 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.police.uk)

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.

## Attendance For Week Ending 18th March 2022

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

**Well done to Thames KS1 and Mersey KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	96.8%
Lynher	95.6%
Fowey	79.9%
Avon	88.4%
<b>Thames</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
Severn	95.3%
Medway	95.5%
Trent	94.0%
Lagan	91.7%
Clyde	86.7%
<b>Mersey</b>	<b>96.0%</b>
Tyne	85.5%
Wye	92.7%

## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

Thu 31st Mar  
Fri 1st Apr  
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

Parent Reading Session - Year 6 Parents 2:45pm  
Cake Sale & Blue/Yellow Mufti (proceeds for Ukraine)  
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](mailto: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](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)



*Have a lovely weekend!*  
*Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*