



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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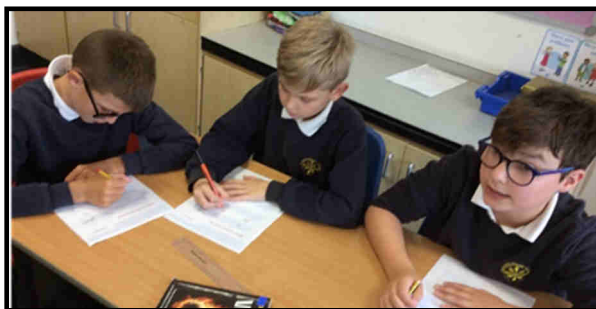
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**10th June 2022**

## Moneywise lessons for year 5 and 6

On Thursday, Year 5 had an activity session led by our Chair of Trustees for Discovery Mat Mrs Julia Guy.



Along with some of her colleagues, Mrs Guy carried out 2 sessions for our children this week introducing them to the world of money. Using their financial expertise and knowledge, the children found out about the meaning of money-related vocabulary, how important it is to save for the future and investigated inflation. This was explained and discussed in ways that children could relate to, for example discussing the difference between an item that you would like to budget for being either a 'want' or a 'need'. The children were very reflective about explaining the difference between a 'want' and a 'need'. They were very knowledgeable about money issues and were able to create virtual rooms within a budget. It also sparked lots of interesting discussions especially when having to prioritise what they would buy for their virtual room if their budget was reduced.



Miss Downing and Mrs Collier were very proud of the way the children interacted with each other and with our visitors. We wanted to say thank you to Mrs Guy and her colleague for giving up their time to come in and work with the children. We hope to have the opportunity to work with them again soon. Well done, Year 5!

**Look out in next week's Newsletter for our Jubilee photos!**



## 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.



Georgina (Trent) and Lewis (Severn) have had a very busy few months. They have both travelled to Germany to compete at NAGA (the biggest grappling competition in the world). Georgina had no girls in her weight bracket so went in with the boys and won Double Gold! Lewis won Double Silver! After doing so well in Germany their coach promoted them to grey belts.

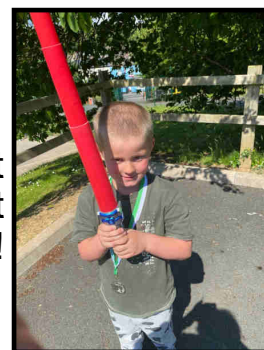
They then competed in the British Championships in Coventry at their new levels. Georgina again took Gold and Lewis took Bronze! They have been spotted and have gained a new sponsorship from a fight clothing brand. They are soon competing in the World Championships and Europeans. Very well done to both!



Chloe (Iagan) won 2 medals at Plymouth Argyle Football Club for being a great participant on both days she attended. Well done Chloe!



Benjamin (Fowey) also won a medal at Plymouth Argyle Football Club for being a great participant. Brilliant effort Benjamin!



Max (Tyne) won an award and a medal for being Player of the Week at Plymouth Argyle Football Club. Well done Max!



Oscar (Trent) was awarded with a trophy to mark his achievements at his End of Season Presentation with MAP u9's at the weekend. He's had a brilliant season, very well done Oscar!

## Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We all know how quickly children outgrow school uniform and that often families have items that have hardly been worn but no longer fit. It seems a real shame that these clothes either go to a recycle bank or simply get thrown away.



We have introduced a Pre-Loved school uniform system in our school. Donated items are available to families throughout the year and will, we hope, make sure that children get the best wear out of school uniform. If you have items of school uniform that your child has grown out of but are still in good condition, please send them into school clean. Coats and shoes will also be welcomed.

The uniform is situated in the school's external foyer.

## 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 - 28,337 words**

**Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 325,857 words**

**Upper KS2 - Wye Class - 231,855 words**



Well done to those classes!



**Notre Dame Plymouth**

**Year 5**

**Open Afternoon**

**Thursday 7th July 2022**

**Pre-Booking Essential**

To reserve your place please email

**opendays@ndonline.org** or call **01752 775101**



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## 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."*

**As the weather is improving, please ensure that you send your child with suncream on, a sun hat and a full water bottle.**



## 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.

## Scooters & bikes

Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are **locked** when you leave them in the bike/scooter shelter near the main gate.  
Thank you.



## 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)

## Updated Covid-19 Guidance

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

### Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.



### Attendance For Week Ending 27th May 2022

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

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



Tamar	92.9%
<b>Lynher</b>	<b>98.0%</b>
Fowey	82.1%
Avon	90.2%
Thames	90.3%

<b>Severn</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
Medway	83.9%
Trent	82.9%
Lagan	80.4%
Clyde	85.8%
Mersey	92.8%
Tyne	91.8%
Wye	92.7%

## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

Mon 6th - Fri 24th Jun  
Thu 16th Jun  
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Fri 24th Jun  
Mon 27th Jun  
Fri 1st July  
Fri 8th July  
Fri 15th July  
Thur 21st July  
Tue 26th July  
Wed 27th July

Year 5 Swimming Lessons  
**Sports Day Foundation/KS1 9:15 - 10:45am**  
**Sports Day KS2 1 - 2:45pm**  
Year 4 Trent & Lagan Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
**Non-Pupil Day (Jubilee day given)**  
Year 5 Clyde & Mersey Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
Year 2 Avon & Thames Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
Fdn Tamar & Lynher Learning Assembly 2:40pm  
Year 6 Tyne & Wye Leaver's Assembly 2pm  
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  
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#### **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 Half Term break!*  
*Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*