



Oakwood Primary Academy

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Friday 7th July 2023

This week at Oakwood.

Another busy week at Oakwood, we enjoyed a rock steady concert on Monday we have some really promising musicians at Oakwood – Thank you to all the parents who came along.

Reception went to the Aquarium on Monday and Year 6 were out at Mount Edgecombe on Tuesday.

Next week in enterprise week in school where each year group have been given the challenge to make something for the School Fair which is being held next Friday (14th) These will be sold in school on the 'street' before the main fair starts – more information to follow.

We have had 2 mufti days and another one coming up next Friday in preparation for the school Fair – Thank you for all your donations the PTSA very much appreciate them.

If you have any old books or soft toys that are preloved and ready for a new home, donations of these would also be welcomed.

The Year 6 Performance is being held on Thursday 20th July in the school hall – The performance is Mary Poppins – Community doors will open from 1:45pm.

Dates for the Diary

12th July

- Y6 leavers party

14th July

- Summer Fayre
- 20th July
- Year 6 performance to parents – 2pm.
- Year 1 – Dartmoor Zoo

21st July

- Year 2 – Paignton Zoo
- Class Swap session for next year
- Foundation reports to parents.

Tuesday 25th July –

- Last day of summer term

Hot Weather

Please provide your child with water bottles that are named. We can fill bottles in school throughout the day. Thank you for ensuring jumpers and school uniform is named, this really helps with returning uniform, especially in the hot weather where children tend to take off their jumpers. The NHS has offered some general guidance about keeping cool during hot weather and we regularly monitor the temperatures outside. We are also aware that some children are being affected by the high pollen count and are given antihistamine before school. We allow children to wash their faces and eyes at school to support as we know this can get a little overwhelming.

NHS webpages

You may find the following NHS webpages useful:

Heatwave: how to cope in hot weather -
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>

Heat exhaustion and heatstroke –

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/heat-exhaustion-heatstroke>

Well done Harlan! Achieving your level 3 gymnastics, and your red tag in karate this week!! Your hard work and determination is paying off!



Wellbeing at Work

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Wellbeing at Work would like to congratulate Discovery MAT for achieving Bronze in our Wellbeing Awards Programme! Such a fantastic achievement and we look forward to seeing more from you in the future for wellbeing at work!

"Completing the Wellbeing at Work award has allowed Discovery MAT the opportunity to review existing support for staff within our Trust. Wellbeing has always been important to us and our Mental Health and Wellbeing Leads continually work with the team to find creative ways to support and guide our staff and children. We have a fantastic team and as our most valuable resource this award recognises our commitment to them" Alison Nettleship, CEO of Discovery Multi Academy Trust

Discovery Staff Wellbeing Hub
Livewell Southwest



SPORTS DAY!

Sorry for the delay in reporting this – we will make sure it is done on the day next year –

Winners...

KS1 – Denim

KS2 – Denim

Therefore, overall winner was
DENIM

School's Out Take an emotional health check



Head into the summer with a better understanding of your **child's brain development** and their **emotional wellbeing** as you support them into their next new phase.

FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to **understand your child**, **read their behaviour** and **help them look after their emotional health**.



inourplace.co.uk

Understanding your child online course has been paid for by **Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LMS** and **Devon LMS**, so you can access it **completely free** using the code **TAMAR**

Short courses on **Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager** also included.

Attendance –July 2023 School 90.2%

Plymouth	87.1%	Beijing	86.4%
London	91.9%	Canberra	93.5%
Paris	96.7%	Nukk	86.1%
Luxemburg	91.2%	Pompeii	96.9%
Lima	94.7%	Berlin	80.5%
Cape Town	97%	Mumbai	87.9%
Kingston	85.5%		
Cairo	90.5%		

Attendance – what is the impact on outcomes?

In 2022

-59% of KS2 pupils in Plymouth met the expected standard in Reading Writing and Maths. Of which:

12% of pupils who had less than 90% attendance achieved expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.

0.03% of pupils who had less than 50% attendance achieved expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.

58.7% of pupils who had more than 90% attendance achieved a strong pass in English and Maths.

30.7% of pupils who had less than 90% attendance achieved a strong pass in English and Maths.

3% of pupils who had less than 50% attendance achieved a strong pass in English and Maths.

Accelerated reader scores w/e 7th July

KS1 – Lima – 5 232 words

Lower KS2 – Canberra – 111 307 words

Upper KS2 – Berlin – 59 218

School Readiness messages for parents/carers

Top tips

School Readiness messages for parents/carers

As follow on from last week's activities, here are two further activities to support your child with their communication:

Family Photographs

Looking at photos together is a great way to get conversation flowing. Your child will be fascinated by pictures of themselves when they were little and old family albums from before they were born.

Practice makes perfect

Encourage your child to talk to 'safe' adults when you're out and about, for example greeting friends' parents, paying for something in a shop, or asking for something at the supermarket

School Ready - PACEY

Follow the link below for information to signpost your parents/carers to as they support their children to be School Ready:

[Preparation for starting school | PACEY](#)

How to choose a good book

National
Literacy
Trust

Changing life stories

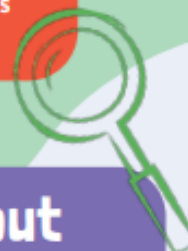
Look!

Browse the bookshelves - it's a great idea to have a good look at the books.



Check out the COVER!

Does it look interesting? What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?



READ the blurb!

The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it makes you want to read the book?

Think about the GENRE

This is the type of story found in the book. This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy! What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?

TRY it out

Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.



ASK

...the school librarian, teachers, parents or carers and your friends to recommend a book!



The RIGHT one

Use the five-finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word on the page that you don't know, count one finger.

If you get to five, the book is probably too hard, so put it back and try another one.

