



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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Mrs Sparrow's Message - Goodbye and Good Luck!

The end of every school year always brings a mixture of emotions, excitement looking towards the Summer holidays but also sadness in saying goodbye to the wonderful children and staff who are getting ready for the next steps in their own journeys. To all the Year 6 children who are moving to their new secondary school, we wish you lots of luck and hope that you continue to thrive and flourish and take advantage of every opportunity open to you so that you achieve your goals and aspirations for your life in school and beyond!

We are also saying goodbye to some staff this term. We have always been so fortunate to have a talented and dedicated team of staff who are always ready to go that extra mile for the children and each other. While they will all be greatly missed, we know that they are also excited about the opportunities they are pursuing next. After an impressive number of years between them Mrs Vowden, Mrs Pearson and Mr Day are retiring. Mrs Vowden has run so many clubs over the years, supported First Aid provision and championed singing and dancing for all ages as well as being an amazing HLTA. Mrs. Pearson has clocked up an impressive number of residential visits during her time at Oakwood, has always given her time generously to school events and was always the first one to get up and dance with the children at a disco! Whatever the task, Mr. Day has always been brilliant at 'fixing' all those building and grounds tasks that crop up at a moment's notice and there was nothing that was ever too much trouble. He has been such an invaluable part of our school team.

Mrs Collier, Mrs Dent, Mrs Widnell and Miss Salt are all moving onto new job roles and Miss Downing is moving to complete her training in another local school. Mrs Collier has worked in every year group during her time at Oakwood, supported many residential visits over the years and always enjoyed the opportunity that this gave to develop the social skills these opportunities gave to the children. Miss Downing has had a really successful first year of teaching and is looking forward to using all she has learned this year when she moves to her new post. We wish her lots of luck! Mrs Widnell and Miss Salt are both pursuing a career outside of education, both are dedicated and caring TAs who have supported the teaching and learning of many children during their time at Oakwood. Mrs Dent will be taking on a new job role working in a secondary school supporting service children and young carers. She has been such an important part of our Pastoral Team, supporting so many children and families through some difficult times over the last few years and no matter what the concern, issue or question, she always tackled every challenge with a smile! Mr Ticehurst will also be leaving Oakwood, but remains within the academy to work at Beechwood from September.

Finally, I would just like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all the children and families and staff that I have worked with over the years. I know that you will welcome and support Miss Hammond when she takes up the Head of School role in September and she is very much looking forward to getting to know you all. For me, it has been my privilege to be part of this school. I have been fortunate to work with many inspiring people in our school and I know I will miss them all, along with all the amazing children and families at Oakwood. I would like to say thank you for your kindness and support over the time we have worked together and how much I have appreciated your kind words and best wishes, cards, flowers and the gifts that I have received over the last few days, it has been wonderful to see so many of you to say goodbye. I hope you all have an enjoyable summer holiday and I wish you all my very best wishes for the future.



Year 6 Goodbye and Good luck!

We have come to the time of year again when we have to say good bye and good luck to our year 6 leavers. We have been very proud of how the children have adapted and shown resilience over the past few years. It has been lovely for the children to have wider experiences such as trips, residential, performances and parties again this term and be able to spend valuable time with their friends.

We would like to say a HUGE well done for the effort which year 6 put into their all-singing all-dancing leavers production of 'Oliver Twist.' Despite limited rehearsals due to scheduling time in the hall, the children used their different talents to perform an amazing show on Thursday afternoon. From the stage hands, lights and sound techs, piano music, background scenery artists and of course all the actors who spent a long time practicing their lines, everybody played a role in making it fantastic!

Thank you to the parents and carers who came to watch and also helped provide costumes and props.



Last night, year 6 attended their beach themed leavers party which was a great success. This was organized by parents and included a DJ, ice cream van and lots of food and dancing! The children (and some adults) had a fantastic time dancing the night away and making memories. It was a lovely evening and celebration of the last 7 years of their primary school life together. A big thank you to the parents who worked hard to organise a memorable event for the children; helping to set up, supporting the evening and tidying up afterwards.

As we come to the end of the school year, Mr. Kelleher, Miss. Glynn and the rest of the Oakwood teachers and staff would like to say a huge good luck to Year 6 as they transition to their secondary schools in September. We will miss teaching you but know you will continue to succeed and be amazing in your new schools. Thank you to parents and carers who have been so supportive during their school journey; especially as for some of you this will be your youngest child leaving Oakwood— so we also say a 'goodbye' to you!



Enterprise Week

Last week was STEM week, with the theme of 'Enterprise.' Children at Oakwood learnt business and entrepreneurial terms such as gross and net profit, adding value and marketing products. They worked out the costings of the materials, researched how to make the items and then worked together to create a product which they thought would be appealing and hopefully make a profit when sold. They were each given a 'business loan' of £25 per class to buy the materials needed, with the aim it would be paid back after the products were sold and then any profit could be kept by the class to spend as they wished.

Year 1 and 2 created playdough, Year 3 painted pebbles with Plymouth themes, Year 4 made sweet filled baubles, Year 5 decorated biscuits and Year 6 made slime, shrinky dinks, badges and sweet kebabs. At breaktime, children set up stalls to sell the items to each other and then after school they sold remaining items to parents. The edible products were extremely popular with many selling out quickly! However, all classes made a profit and the total profit made as a school was £218.

Children across the school enjoyed the experience of making their own items to sell. Ritchie from year 6 said *'It was really fun making the shrinky dink jewellery and packing it for sale. We decided to make the earrings to sell to parents and older children and we did designs like pepper pig and Minecraft to sell to younger children.'*

Tommy from year 4 said *'I really liked the decorated biscuits they were really yummy.'*

The event was a success and is something we would like to do next year again, maybe making it even bigger and better! Thank you to parents for supporting the selling of the products after school and to the PTFA who provided our original business loan money so we could buy the materials. Children have decided to spend their profit in different ways such as donating it to charity or buying items for their end of year class parties.



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.



Daisy (Fowey) has been awarded a Silver medal for Geraldine Lamb's Dance School's 75th Pantomime - Peter Pan. This has been Daisy's very first performance and she did exceedingly well, she even stepped in for a couple of nights to add some extra numbers into a dance that wasn't hers! Well done Daisy!!



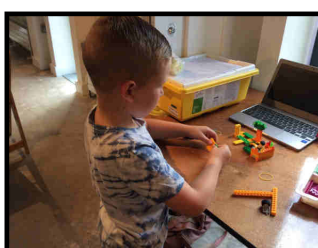
Lucy (Mersey) did the Muddy Race for Life event on Sunday. She completed 5k with her friends and enjoyed getting very muddy. All of her family are very proud of her for taking part and raising money for cancer research. Well done Lucy!



Miles (Wye) completed the 15 mile Midnight Walk raising money for St Luke's Hospice. Very well done Miles!

Year 1 STEM Lego event

Recently, a group of Year 1 children took part in a Lego building event. The children took a Lego creation that they had made in school, following a detailed planning, making and evaluating process. At the event the children presented their creation and discussed the design and making process. They also worked together with other schools across the city to create a mosaic from Lego. The children each received a medal, made out of Lego, which they made themselves! The children had a fantastic time and did Oakwood proud with their exceptional behaviour and manners. Well done everyone! A huge thank to Miss Francis-Lang for organising the Lego team and Mrs Dent for supporting the trip.



Renaissance Reading Program

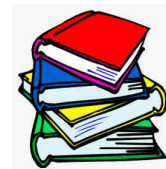
When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

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 - 25,169 words

Lower KS2 - Trent Class - 140,122 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 195,842 words



Well done to those classes!

The overall results from September 2021 to July 2022 are:-

KS1 - Thames Class - 547,680 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 7,093,657 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 7,677,625 words

Very well done to those classes and to all of our pupils for great efforts with their REN Reading!



KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.



VACANCIES WITHIN DISCOVERY MAT

CLEANER – WESTON MILL

14.5hrs per week Grade A Point 1

MEALTIME ASSISTANT – WESTON MILL

10hrs per week Grade A Point 1

BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT - OAKWOOD

5hrs per week Grade A Point 1

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Kelly Mason via k.mason@discoverymat.co.uk by 12pm Monday 25th July 2022.

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. Thank you to those that have donated already!

A poster for Clarks' 'Book a Fitting Appointment In-Store' service. It features icons for a book, a clock, a thumbs up, and a coin. The text explains the benefits of the service, including expert fitting advice and the ability to book a 15-minute appointment. It also mentions that Clarks combine almost 200 years of expert shoemaking with everything they know about caring for growing feet. The poster includes a section for 'IN-STORE FITTING' and 'QUIET IN STORE FITTING'. At the bottom, it provides contact information for Clarks Plymouth and opening hours.

BOOK A FITTING APPOINTMENT IN-STORE

WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?

From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our kids in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults too!

With Hundreds of Clarks stores to choose from, skip the queues and book a 15 minute measure and fit appointment at a time that suits you.

Clarks combine almost 200 years of expert shoemaking with everything they know about caring for growing feet to provide unbeatable all-day comfort. Their shoes pass up to 60 tough tests, from flexing leather 500,000 times to pulling laces to destruction. The results? The best shoes ever, keeping little feet happy all day long.

IN-STORE FITTING

Avoid the queues and book your in-store measure and fit appointment online now at www.clarks.co.uk

Plus, take along your child's most recent pair of Clarks shoes and they'll check if they're still a good fit.

QUIET IN STORE FITTING

Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment.

To book, contact Clarks Plymouth 01752266447

Opening hours:
Mon to Sat 9.30am-5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am-4.00pm

Clarks

A poster for 'Summer Feast of Fun - Days'. It features a banner with the title and a list of dates and times for the events. The text describes the activities, including games, crafts, and a special celebration on the last day. It also provides contact information for registration and the address. At the bottom, there is a photo of children and logos for 'Transforming Plymouth Together' and 'Plymouth City Council's Fit and Fed Provision'.

Summer FEAST OF FUN - Days

Over the summer we have three wonderful opportunities to come and enjoy free activities and free food/lunch.

10th August (10:30-1pm)
17th August (10:30-1pm)
24th August (10:30-2:30pm)

Come and join us. Every day there will be games, activities, craft and a fun Bible story with lunch provided and on the last day it is a special celebration, with a bouncy castle, face painting and lots of other fun 'stuff'.

Please register by emailing minister.derrifordchurch@gmail.com or drop it into the church letter box.

The address is Derriford Church, Powisland Drive, Derriford.

Please note, a responsible adult will need to stay with your child

TRANSFORMING PLYMOUTH TOGETHER
CHURCH ACTION FOR A FAIRER CITY
www.transformingplymouthtogether.org.uk/initiatives/feast-of-fun

With thanks to Plymouth City Council's Fit and Fed Provision

Fit and Fed Plymouth **PLYMOUTH**

Southway Library - Summer Activities

Craft activities are being held from 2pm until 4pm on Tuesday's. This will be drop-in sessions and will start on Tuesday 2nd August. Details of the activities are as follows:-

Tuesday 2nd August – Bottle Rockets – Launch a rocket out of a drink bottle and straw.

Tuesday 9th August – Secret coding – Become a detective and make a magnifying glass; decode secret messages hidden around the library.

Tuesday 16th August – Kaleidoscopes – make a kaleidoscope out of an old CD and cardboard tube.

Tuesday 23rd August – The Big Build – Take part in the big build using materials provided and help build the biggest and tallest structure we can.

The Summer Reading Challenge itself will run every day throughout the Summer until Saturday 17th September.

There is a prize of £100 worth of books to the school with the highest percentage of finishers so this is a great incentive for everyone to take part in the challenge!

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.

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.



Absence during Term Time

If you take your child on holiday in term time without the prior approval of the school, you may be issued a £60/£120 Penalty Fine, per parent, per child. Other unauthorised absences could incur the same fine.

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 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

Current 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 15th Jul 2022

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

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



Tamar	91.9%
Lynher	94.0%
Fowey	85.0%
Avon	88.1%
Thames	91.0%

Severn	95.6%
Medway	95.3%
Trent	91.8%
Lagan	92.1%
Clyde	97.7%
Mersey	92.2%
Tyne	89.0%
Wye	93.9%

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Tue 26th July
Wed 27th July

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

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Other unauthorised absences could incur the same fine.

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 Summer Holiday!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School