



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

“Living, learning and thriving”

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On Friday 17th May, Oakwood Primary Academy, along with Beechwood and Weston Mill, celebrated National Drawing Day. Each year group took part in six drawing lessons, which involved using a range of art media, such as pencil, crayon, pastel and paint, and explored drawing techniques, to produce individual artwork.



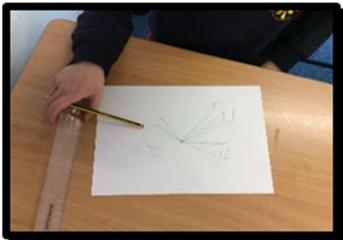
Our younger children practised drawing different lines to create 'bad hair' day pictures, drew self-portraits and used 2D shapes to create Mondrian-style drawings.



Older children practised creating lines of varying thickness and adding texture using different media. They then sketched fruit, birds, eyes and hands. The children investigated perspective and art illusions.



The work the children produced on the day was exceptional - we have lots of budding artists at Oakwood! We plan to take part in next year's National Drawing Day and build on the skills already learnt.



Please note amendments to some PE days after Half Term (page 5)!

Attendance For Week Ending 21st May 2021

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

**Well done to Puffin KS1 and
Peregrine KS2 for the highest
attendance!**



Robin	95.6%
Owl	95.8%
Wren	94.5%
Dove	97.0%
Puffin	98.8%
Jay	96.5%
Starling	93.7%
Skylark	96.2%
Goldcrest	91.0%
Osprey	96.3%
Kestrel	96.8%
Peregrine	98.7%

Celebration Shout Out!

We like to celebrate the achievements of our children. Please email the school with your child's special moments. We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter!



Congratulations to Oscar (Jay) and his team, MAP, for their 'We do Football' Tournament win on Sunday!



Bubble Sports Day

Despite the best efforts by our unpredictable weather to disrupt Sports Week, the children enjoyed taking part in our Bubble Sports Days this week! We will share photos of the events in our newsletter and on the website after Half Term. Thank you to all the children for your enthusiasm and teamwork when taking part in the events. Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Kelleher for organising the day and an extra special thanks to Mr Kelleher for supporting the events on the day!



Shout Out Awards

Shout Out

We introduced the Shout Out certificates during lockdown so we could celebrate our enthusiastic home learners as well as our learners in school. Now that we are coming towards the end of this unusual academic year, we are going to revert back to the normal class certificates and rewards as we look forward to more normal times in school! This will be the last week for our Shout Out Awards. Well done to all our RRS Superstars this term!

These awards go to children who have demonstrated that they are Ready, Respectful and Safe Superstars. Well done for being such brilliant role models this week!

Reception Bubble - Caleb and Stanley

Year 1 Bubble - Henry and Michael

Year 2 Bubble - Ben and Harvey

Year 3 Bubble - Sienna and Isabella

Year 4 Bubble - Sienna C and Jacob

Year 5 Bubble - Alex and Jake

Year 6 Bubble - Maddie and Alfie



Once again time is flying by, and we are nearly halfway through the year!

Here at Aggie's in the Ark, Jenn and Zoé have been arranging outdoor meetings in locations across Plymouth, available to all service families who want to come along. Full details are available on our Facebook page and we look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks. We just ask that you let us know if you are coming along so we can ensure we follow government guidance.

There is a short questionnaire on our Facebook page and we would be grateful if you could fill this in to tell us what activities you would like us to run as the year progresses.

June is approaching and usually we would all be looking to celebrate, remember and support our Armed Forces on Armed Forces Day, this year it's Saturday June 26th. Unfortunately, here in Plymouth, it was decided the restrictions of social distancing and timeframes of organising things was too difficult, so the event has been scaled right back to a more thoughtful Flag raising service. It's not just Armed Forces Day that has been cancelled this year- many of the Mayflower 400 celebrations have also been postponed for a second time.

Rest assured Armed Forces Day 2022 will be (hopefully) bigger and better than ever...

That does not mean we can't have fun at home on 26th June though.

Here are a few ideas that you may enjoy with family or friends/neighbours.

- Colour in a UNION flag and put it in your window at home.
- Build a den in your garden and spend the night outside – pretend you are on exercise with the RM Commandos.
- Bake some cakes with Red, White and blue icing? Have afternoon tea.
- Create an obstacle/assault course. See who can complete it quickest...
- There will be online activities and interviews to watch on Armed Forces Day.

We would love to see what you do! You can email us or post to our Facebook Page.

On the 8th May 1876, Aggie Weston opened her first Sailor's Rest in Plymouth, supporting the Sailors who came off the ships in Devonport and in her book Agnes herself states:

'From the commencement of my work I always felt that nothing we could do for Jack was complete unless we included "the Missus," and if possible, the children.'

Which is why, Aggie's Pastoral Workers are here to support those serving in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Fleet Auxiliary (regular and reserve) and their families. If you need someone to talk to you can get in touch via our website.

Continue to stay Safe and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Zoé & Jenn

www.aggies.org.uk

VEG POWER 2021

Eat Them to Defeat Them - the programme from Veg Power and ITV which uses advertising and a school programme to get kids to eat more vegetables - returns in June 2021.

Veg Power was founded in 2018 to turn around vegetable consumption in the UK. 80% of our children are not eating enough vegetables, with a third eating less than one portion a day. The mission is to inspire kids to veggie loving habits they will share with their parents today and their own children tomorrow.

Each week will feature a rally cry around one of Britain's family-favourite vegetables.

w/c 31st May 2021 TV campaign launches on ITV, Channel 4 & Sky

w/c 7th June 2021 Tomatoes

w/c 14th June 2021 Sweetcorn

w/c 21st June 2021 Peppers

w/c 28th June 2021 Carrots

w/c 5th July 2021 Peas

w/c 12th July 2021 Broccoli



LET'S POWER UP OUR KIDS WITH VEG

VEGPOWER

Look out for Veg Power updates, we have emailed lunch hack ideas with this week's newsletter.

Covid Reminders

No child should come to school if they, **or anyone they live with**, has symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Please ensure that you contact the school **immediately** to inform us if your child or a member of your household becomes unwell and requires a Covid-19 test, or if you are advised to self-isolate or have outcome of tests. Please leave a message on the school answerphone if this is before or after school hours. Children who are required to isolate at home can continue to work using their eSchools account. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Reporting absences for children

Please contact the school by 9:15am to let us know if your child will be absent, providing details of the reason for the absence. This ongoing communication will enable us to ensure that we continue to keep children safe and follow all necessary government guidelines. We appreciate your continued assistance.

Social Distancing Reminders

- Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, which helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises.
- Wear a mask or face covering when on the school grounds (unless you are medically exempt).
- Please make sure you keep a social distance from all other adults on the school grounds when dropping off or waiting for your child.
- Please ensure that younger children remain with you at all times.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

Department for Education - HELPLINE FOR EDUCATION

The DfE have set up a helpline for education advice regarding the Covid-19 virus for staff and parents.

Phone : 0800 046 8687

Email : DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.



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](#)

If your child has:
**a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell**
But they don't have:
**a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

****PE Days - NEW after May Half Term****

Please send children to school wearing school PE kit on the following days as outlined below:

Monday - Osprey

Tuesday - Goldcrest

Wednesday - Dove, Puffin, Jay, Kestrel

Thursday - Starling, Peregrine

Friday - Robin, Owl, Wren, Skylark

Please ensure that the kit is weather appropriate.

Thank you!



School Uniform Reminder

Please continue to send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**. PE kit should only be worn on PE days. Please remember that flat sensible safe black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Please ensure that children bring coats in case of rain. As the weather hopefully improves children can bring sun-hats and should have sun cream applied before school if required. No sunglasses in school please. Thank you.

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.

Uniform Policy on our website:

https://www.oakwood-primary.co.uk/storage/secure_download/aGplcWZCcjRjS0pKeUsxclF1dGo2QT09



NEW Health Visiting and School Nursing TEXT SERVICE

PARENTS. CARERS. YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you'd like some health advice or support, but are a bit worried about seeing or talking to a professional, our new ChatHealth is perfect for you!

Simply text one of the numbers below and one of our team will text you back



**0-5 years
Parents Service**
07480 635188



**5-19 years
Parents Service**
07480 635189



**11-19 years
Young People's Service**
07480 635198

Livewell
Primary Care

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)

Tik Tok
Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret



 **action for
children**

YouTube
Keep
Foursquare
WeChat
Kik
Flickr

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2020/2021 TERM DATES

Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun
Mon 7th June
Thu 17th Jun
Fri 23rd Jul
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

HALF TERM
School starts 8:45am
Class Photography (Individual & Class photos only)
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep
Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct
Fri 26th Nov
Fri 17th Dec
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022
Tue 4th Jan
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb
Mon 28th Feb
Fri 8th Apr
Mon 11th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun
Tue 26th Jul
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug

School opens 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School Finishes
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
Non-Pupil Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
School finishes at 3.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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 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 good weekend, be safe!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School