



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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School Reminders

Year 1 Assembly—Date Change

Please note the change of day. Squirrel and year 1 Dragonfly's assembly will now take place on Thursday 28th Feb. Due to Miss MacDonald attending a Junior Ten Tens Training Event.

Health & Safety

Please can parents and children not access school by climbing over the wooden fence running alongside the school car park. Please enter school via the pedestrian access. Thank you.

PTFA

Payments for Grooves and Moves Disco on 7th February need to be in by 12 noon on Monday 4th February. No late payments will be taken and no payments will be taken on the door. Thank you.

Attendance

For Week Ending 18th January

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



Frogs	95.7%
Dragonfly	93.5%
Squirrel	96.5%
Badger	92.2%
Hedgehog	93.4%
Alder	92.8%
Maple	97.1%
Willow	97.7%
Hazel	94.1%
Pine	88.5%
Chestnut	92.5%

Well done to
Squirrel KS1 and Willow KS2
For the highest attendance

Military Kids Club

On January 11th 2019, the children of MKC Heroes had the chance to put their local MPs in the hot seat during a visit to the Council House in Plymouth City Centre.

At the Council House, the members of MKC Heroes met with three MPs, Johnny Mercer, Sir Gary Streeter and Luke Pollard where they asked a variety of questions. They were joined by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Sam Davey, and the councillors Pauline Murphy, the Plymouth Armed Forces Champion, and John Taylor, the cabinet member for Education.

Attending the event were over 100 children from more than 30 schools across the city who came prepared with many questions to pose to the MPs. Charlotte and Freya represented our school and did a marvellous job. The questions asked by the children varied from the topic of single use plastics within the U.K to the Mental Health provisions for young people and Service Families.



Nethercott Farm

Fifteen children in year 4 went on a residential visit to Nethercott Farm during January. The visit lasted a whole week and they had to wake up really early and start work before breakfast! Their jobs included feeding the cows, sheep, pigs and poultry. They learnt a lot about where our food comes from. It was a very busy and energetic week but all of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They were a real credit to our school. Well done to all of them!



"My favourite part was grooming the ponies and donkeys." Maizy

"I really enjoyed forest school because we used the sticks we found to make things." Callum

"Bridgetown was my favourite part because I loved feeding the sheep and cows." Jamie

"My favourite part was forest school because I made a bow and arrow." Harry

Junior Field Gun



Our team have been already started training after the Christmas period and have made a fantastic start to the new year. Recently we have been sent the dates for competitions that we will be running this year and so we would like to inform you of the times your children will need to be available.

There is being organised an inter-school competition on the Plymouth Piazza for the 4th May. We will let you know if we will be taking part near to the time.

As we cannot use Crownhill Fort this year for our practise runs, we will be at Brickfields on the 19th May. Details will follow when they are finalised.

The main competition will, as always, be on the Hoe as part of Armed Forces Day 2019.

Mrs Delafield and Mr Day

Indoor Rowing

On Tuesday 29th January a team of eight Year 6 children travelled to Plymstock School to compete in the 'Indoor Rowing Championships'. Our team consisted of Lola, Ella, Evie, Meka, Jack, Spencer, Anthony and Alfie.

The team competed against 35 other schools in Plymouth in an Individual race trying to cover as many meters as possible in 5 minutes. Everyone in our team showed determination, focus and hard work but most importantly they displayed fantastic sportsman like conduct, cheering for all of the schools and congratulating each other on their success.

At the end of the event we competed in a team race where children took it in turns to race for 30 seconds before the next person which took a tremendous amount of team work helping each other on and off the rower in record time. This meant that we finished the whole championships in 7th place. It was a great day and the whole team should be very proud of themselves. Well done everyone!



City Youth Council 24th January

Louie and Tia represented our school, as School Champions at the Council Chambers. Firstly, I must say that they did a fantastic job and they really enjoyed the experience.



Last year, City Youth Council made recommendations to the council, to reduce single use plastic and improve recycling rates in the city. Environmental Plymouth, the council and other partners are now working with Surfers Against Sewage to become one of the first cities in the country to achieve plastic free status. To achieve this, we need to demonstrate that at least 33% of our schools have pledged to the campaign.

Oakwood's School Champions, feel strongly about this campaign and would like to make the whole school aware of the problem and think of ways in which we can help the city achieve this status. The school champions plan to hold an assembly to start addressing the problem.

Plymouth is one of the first cities in the country to develop a Compassionate City Charter to ensure that people feel supported when they experience a bereavement and are affected by the loss of a family member, friend or someone they know. During this session, each school developed and presented their ideas. The council voted for their six top priority recommendations, to influence the Plymouth Compassionate City Plan.



Louie and Tia had some fantastic ideas, that we could implement at Oakwood. Their ideas will be discussed at future School Champion meetings. They are very keen

to work with the school to achieve the status of a Compassionate Friendly School.

It is that time of year where we select our Chair, vice Chair for the Plymouth Youth Council and reserve list for 2019/2020 council meetings. Louie and Tia wrote and delivered a fantastic, short presentation, saying why they felt that other council members should vote for our school. The results were read out and **Oakwood Primary Academy achieved first place on the reserve list**. This was a fantastic result and big congratulations to both Louie and Tia.

Mrs Wilcockson

Diary Dates 2018/2019



Thurs 7th Feb
Fri 8th Feb
Fri 15th Feb

PTFA School Disco
Hazel & Year 5 Pine Assembly
Maple Assembly

Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb

HALF TERM

Mon 25th Feb
Mon 25th—26th Feb
Thurs 28th Feb
Thurs 7th March
Fri 8th March
Fri 15th March
Fri 22nd March
Thurs 4th April
Fri 5th April

School re-opens at 8.45am
Year 6 London Trip
Squirrel and Year 1 Dragonfly Assembly
World book Day (Details to follow)
Badger Assembly
Willow Assembly
Alder Assembly
School closes for Easter
Non-pupil Day

Mon 8th April to Fri 19th

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Wed 24th April
Mon 6th May

School re-opens 8.45am
Bank Holiday

Mon 27th May to Friday 31st May

HALF TERM

Tues 23rd July
Wed 24th July

School closes for Summer Holidays
Non Pupil Day

School Term 2019/2020

Tues 3rd September
Wed 4th September
Thur 5th September
Wed 25th—Fri 27th Sep
Mon 21st Oct—Fri 25th Oct
28th Oct
28th Nov
29th Nov
23rd Dec—Fri 5th Jan 2020
Mon 6th Jan
Mon 17th Feb—Fri 21st Feb
Mon 24th Feb
Fri 30th Mar—Mon 13th Apr
Tues 14th Apr
Mon 4th May
Mon 25th May—Fri 29th May
Tues 21st Jul

Staff Training Day
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School re-opens 8:45am
Year 5 Beam House Trip
HALF TERM
School re-opens 8.45am
Non-pupil Day
Non-pupil Day
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School re-opens 8.45am
HALF TERM
School re-opens 8.45am
EASTER HOLIDAYS
School re-opens 8.45am
May Day Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Last Day of Term



Have a great weekend!
Jackie Sparrow
Head of School

