



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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21st January 2022



The children in Tamar and Lynher class enjoyed the Winter sunshine this week when they went on a Welly Walk around our grounds and in the environmental area. They used their STEM skill of **observation** when looking for signs of Winter on their walk. They certainly enjoyed the sunshine which has been in short supply recently...look at that blue sky!



Spending time outdoors, especially in green spaces, is one of the fastest ways to improve your health and happiness. It's been shown to lower stress, blood pressure and heart rate, while encouraging physical activity and buoying mood and mental health. Something we all need to help combat the January blues!



Parent Session

Do you want to find out more about child development?

Do you want to find out what your child's behaviour means and where it is coming from?

Do you want to meet with other parents to share ideas and information?

Please join Mrs O'Brien virtually on **Tuesday 8th February at 1pm.**

Please register your interest with the office by emailing: oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk (please add "**parent session**" into the subject box)



Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



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.

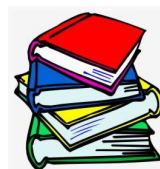
Each week we will look at the word count totals for each class and the winners of Key Stage 1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will get a few minutes extra play at breaktime! Our winners this week are:-

KS1 - Thames Class - 21,787 words

Lower KS2 - Trent Class - 79,507 words

Upper KS2 - Clyde Class - 201,146 words

Well done to those classes!



Attendance For Week Ending 14th January 2022

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

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



Tamar	96.9%
Lynher	92.5%
Fowey	89.3%
Avon	90.0%
Thames	98.6%
Severn	97.7%
Medway	95.7%
Trent	91.0%
Lagan	90.5%
Clyde	94.4%
Mersey	94.8%
Tyne	89.0%
Wye	90.0%

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."



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.plymouth.police.uk/streetsafe)

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.

Discovery Multi Academy Trust
Permanent Mealtime Assistant x2
Grade A, Scale Point 1, £9.50ph
7.5hours per week, 38 weeks per annum,

We have 2 permanent MTA posts available to start as soon as possible. The positions will initially be based at Oakwood Primary Academy, but the successful candidates may be deployed to work at any of the schools that form Discovery MAT, where required. We are looking to appoint 2 Mealtime Assistants to work within our Trust who –

- can work as part of a successful team
- is able to organise play activities
- is enthusiastic and patient
- has a range of behaviour strategies
- has a good sense of humour

For an application form please visit our website – www.discoverymat.co.uk
Applications should be returned by email to oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk

Closing date: Monday 31st January 2022
Interviews: Friday 4th February 2022

Discovery Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be carried out, references will be sought for all shortlisted candidates and all shortlisted candidates will be requested to complete a questionnaire about any convictions or adult cautions that are unspent. Guidance will be given to those shortlisted.

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

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
Mon 27th Jun
Tue 26th Jul
Wed 27th July

HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
Non-Pupil Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
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 Hol
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

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 weekend!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School