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15 minutes late everyday
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2 whole weeks of lost learning

Friday 28th March 2025

Hello everyone, hope you've had a good week.

It's been a busy week here at Oakwood. We have had our very own orienteering course installed this week. Staff enjoyed taking part in training on Tuesday this week and had a great time. The competitive nature of some of our teachers (and Headteacher) certainly came to the fore.

Some of our pupils have already taken part in some orienteering activities and we will be sending further information regards this next week. For now, please see the pictures below, Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed getting to grips with the course.

Disco Fever!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our newly formed PTFA who organised and ran a very well attended school disco on Wednesday this week. With over 140 pupils attending from Year 1 to 6 it was great to see the children (and staff) enjoying themselves. The team raised £649 in total which is an amazing result. Thank you to you all for supporting this event and to all that enabled this to be such a success. We are already in discussions with the PTFA and our pupils to decide how best to spend some of this money. Well done everyone!

Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

Monday 31st March
MTC Meeting Year 4 3pm
HOLST CLASS TRIP

Wednesday 2nd April
DUN CLASS TRIP

Thursday 3rd April
YEAR 3 SEASONAL MEAL
BERNSTEIN CLASS TRIP

7th April to 21st April
EASTER BREAK

Monday 5th May
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Sunday 11th May
SCHOOLS MARATHON
CHALLENGE

26th May to 30th May
HALF TERM

Wednesday 4th June
EYFS AQUARIUM TRIP

Monday 30th June
NON PUPIL DAY

Monday 14th July
YEAR 6 PRODUCTION TO PARENTS
13.30-15.00

Wed 23rd July
SUMMER BREAK



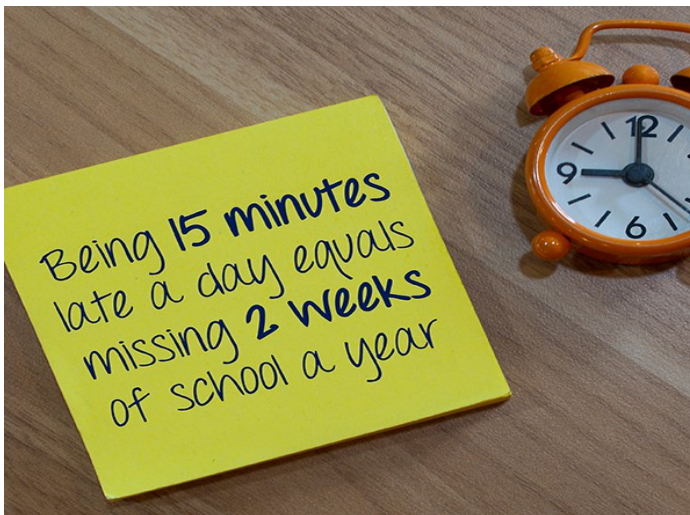
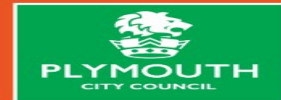
YOU BELONG HERE!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS



90% attendance a year = 4 missed weeks of school

If you need help, support or guidance, speak to your child's teacher or visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-matters



A gentle reminder to parents that contact must be made with school on your child's first day of absence and each day until they return to school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a penalty notice being issued by Plymouth City Council.

Arriving late for school after 9am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

'Good Attendance' means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time



Did you know?

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

There are
365 days
in a calendar
year

175 days
are not
spent in
school

Weekly Attendance for 24th March to 28th March

The UK Government expectation is **96%**.
We are striving for children to achieve this, as there is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

This week, our whole school attendance is **89.59%**
This week's **WINNING** class is: **BRITTEN Class**
MOST IMPROVED class is: **ZIMMER Class**



BRAHMS	91.12%
PRICE	88.70%
VIVALDI	82%
ZIMMER	88.75%
WEBBER	91.15%
BRITTEN	96.84%

BERNSTEIN	86%
DUN	86.67%
HOLST	95%
ELGAR	93.20%
TCHAIKOVSKY	87.50%



Family Support Network

		
<p>Mrs J Chubb Assistant Head of School</p>	<p>Mrs Eliss Lock INCO</p>	<p>Mr P Arnold Senior Head of School</p>
<p>Deputy Designated Oakwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding</p>	<p>SEND Support</p>	<p>Designated Oakwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding</p>
<p>Safeguarding Education and Curriculum Behaviour Family Support Service Families</p>	<p>SEND and behaviour-support for parents School Nurse Referrals DLA Applications GP letters</p>	<p>Family Support</p>

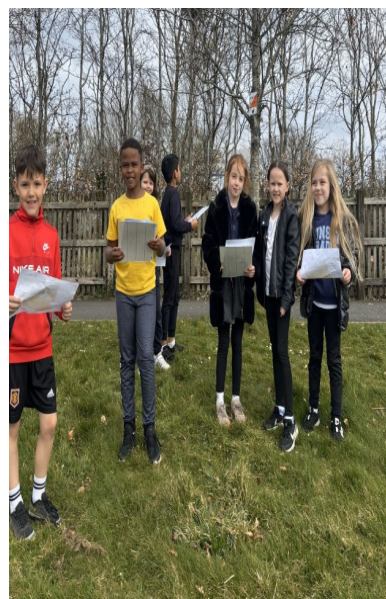
The year 5/6 girls took part in a football tournament on Friday at Marjon. Previously, they had never scored in a tournament, let alone won a game. However, with the training earlier on this year, and with the addition of a new player, the girls represented themselves and Oakwood amazingly.

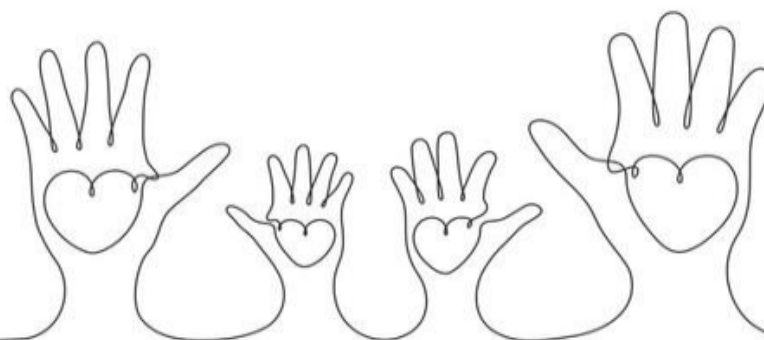
After going 6 games unbeaten and without conceding a single goal, they went through to the semi-finals and were pipped by (what went on to win it) St Matthews, losing 2-0.

Mr Kelleher was extremely proud of every single one of them. Their ability to listen, adapt and learn the game as they went was outstanding. Well done girls!



We are delighted to share that we have worked in partnership with [Enrich Education](#) to set up our very own orienteering course for the school. Some classes have explored the course, and the rest will be having a scheduled session next week. We have received brilliant feedback from our pupils and teachers so far. They enjoyed following a map and navigating the control markers around school.





“Let’s Talk about Children.....”

Therapeutic Parenting is a nurturing parenting style developed from consistent, empathic, and emotional based responses to your children as a response to their behaviours.

We believe that all children would benefit from experiencing therapeutic parenting and want to share this parenting style through the use of a ‘Therapeutic Toolbox’.

This programme is full to top tips and advice to support your journey of parenting and growing up.



Venue	Session 1	Session 2
Estover Youth centre	Friday 14 th June 9:30am-12:30pm	Friday 21 st June 9:30am-12:30pm
Keyham Green Places	Wed 18 th September 9:30am-12:30pm	Wed 25 th September 9:30-12:30pm
Efford Library	Thursday 21 st November 11:30am-2:30pm	Thursday 28 th November 11:30-2:30pm
Crownhill Library	Friday 7 th February 9:30-12:30pm	Friday 14 th February 9:30-12:30pm
Estover Youth centre	Tuesday 22 nd April 11-2pm	Tuesday 29 th April 11-2pm
Efford Library	Thursday 12 th June 11:30-2:30pm	Thursday 19 th June 11:30-2:30pm

This is a 2 week programme and topics include :

- what does it mean to be a therapeutic parent?
- Emotions
- Anger and aggression
- Managing tricky behaviours
- Play
- Parental self care

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/plymouth-city-council-targeted-help-60431670123>

LUNCH MENU

Ham and cheese paninis are on the menu week commencing 4/11/2024 this will run alongside the new menu as a daily choice.

We have colour choices on parent pay ,
Purple -cheese and tomato
orange -ham and tomato
It consists of half a panini with nachos.



ed's
**SUPER FANTASTIC
SCHOOL
MEALS**
October 2024 – March 2025

CATERed
FOOD AND DRINK WITH A DIFFERENCE
SUPPORTING LOCAL GROWERS

A cartoon illustration of a boy with blonde hair wearing a blue helmet and a red and white striped shirt, riding a red bicycle with a backpack. The background shows a park with a bench, a lamppost, and a city skyline under a blue sky with green leaves falling.



At CATER^{ed}, we pride ourselves that the majority of the food we serve is cooked from scratch every day, making Ed's lunchtime menu truly awesome! Because we use fresh, local, seasonal and organic ingredients we're also supporting local growers, farmers and the regional economy whilst we keep an eye on our eco-footprint.

We use:-

- Locally caught and landed Pollock and Mackerel
- Free range eggs (including in our mayonnaise)
- Westcountry milk
- Westcountry yoghurts
- Organic herbs
- No fried food
- Fairtrade sugar
- Wholemeal flour
- Seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit (which may vary due to availability)

Please visit our pages at www.catered.org.uk

UFSM: All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a **FREE** school meal every day regardless of household circumstances. This is called universal infant free school meals. So you can come in and have a great tasting meal every day and pay Ed nothing!

We encourage everyone to take up this free offer!

FSM: If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child under aged 7 and for older children, information about free school meals can be found by following the link to **Free** School Meals within the CATERed webpages or by calling the FSM team on 01752 307410. Eligibility for FSM also provides schools with additional income via the Pupil Premium.

We encourage everyone one who's eligible to take up this free offer!

If you are buying a meal, one of Ed's Super Fantastic two course meals including a drink currently costs £2.75.

For a full allergen breakdown please contact us at catering@catered.org.uk, let us know what school your child attends so we can talk through the menu offer currently at that school.

Mandatory Food Standards apply to all school lunches details can be found by following the link from our pages or by visiting <http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>



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Tell Ed!
We want to know what you think about our food so if you have any questions, comments or want to send us some recipe ideas contact us on 01752 977166 or by email catering@catered.org.uk

WEEK 1




WINTER WARMER HOT PANINI OR PASTA

Choose from Ham & Tomato or Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato sauce with pasta.

W/C - MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 25TH NOVEMBER, 16TH DECEMBER, 20TH JANUARY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 10TH MARCH, 31ST MARCH

MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W, V Margherita pizza with potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So), (Mi), m/c (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W Chicken curry with rice Allergens: (Su)</p>	<p> All day breakfast - choose from meat or climate friendly option Meat Option Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) Climate Friendly Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
<p> CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Katerveg meatballs served with homemade tomato sauce & pasta Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So)</p>	<p> CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Chickpea & sweetcorn burger served in a bun with potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (So)</p>		<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V Golden pastry topped vegetable pie, gravy & roast potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Ce)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V Tangy cheese, quinoa & vegetable muffin served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW

<p> DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V Butternut and date cake Allergens: (Glu)(Wh), (E)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, V, VE Cornish fairing biscuits and fruit slices Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter or Yoghurt Allergens: (Su), (Mi)</p>	<p> DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Fruity cornflake tart with custard Allergens: (Wh), (Bar)</p>
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AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT 

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN, W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS, VE = VEGAN DISH, V = VEGETARIAN

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphates (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain

 Climate Friendly



Free School Meals

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive the following benefits:-

- Universal Credit, Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance,
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to either apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website or contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



KS2 REN reading word count

The winners of this weeks word count for is:-

Years 1 and 2 – Zimmer - 9 716 words

Year 3 – Britten - 50 827 words

Years 4 and 5 – Dun - 131, 272 words

Year 6 – Elgar 214, 060 words



Keeping in Touch

Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with you current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

Parent Pay

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you. Please contact the school office if you need assistance.

Facebook and Website

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Oakwood Primary Academy.
Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.

Email Addresses to Remember

Year 6 - Elgar Class - r.sherrell@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class - s.betts@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Bernstein Class – j.kelleher@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Dun Class – k.loftus@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Holst Class – l.crocker@discoverymat.co.uk or k.harvey@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Britten Class - a.moore@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Class – s.wieprecht@discoverymat.co.uk or a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 2 - Zimmer Class – m.francis@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class – t.ocarroll@discoverymat.co.uk or h.waite@discoverymat.co.uk

Year R/1 - Price Class – c.wye@discoverymat.co.uk or h.waite@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Brahms Class – m.kelly@discoverymat.co.uk