



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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Children In Need

We have enjoyed seeing the children in mufti today, some Children in Need themed! The cake sale at break time was very successful and cakes will also be on sale outside Year 2 at the end of the day. Thank you for the very generous donations of cakes. All mufti donations and proceeds from the cake sale will go to Children In Need and we will update you on the total amount raised very soon!

Additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee

Following the decision for the country to have an additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's jubilee the Board of Trustees have agreed that, as it falls at Half Term, they will allocate Monday 27th June 2022 as a Closure (Non-Pupil) Day.



Reminder - Dogs

Parents are reminded that dogs/puppies are **not** allowed on school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

STEM Week - Look out for updates & pictures coming soon!

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 - 4,306 words

Lower KS2 - Trent Class - 70,828 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 368,576 words

Well done to those classes!

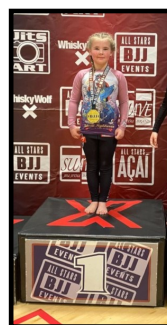


Celebration Shout Out!



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.

Congratulations to Georgina (Trent) and Lewis (Severn) who both attended the Southern Pro Jui Jitsu competition at the weekend. Lewis earned a Bronze medal and Georgina earned Gold, Bronze and a Silver in a mixed group competition. Well done to both!



Parking Reminders

Please remember to park considerately in the surrounding roads at drop off and pick up times. Please do not block driveways or double park. Please be considerate of local residents who need to leave for work on time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Bikes and scooters

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please store them in the bike shelter. We recommend that children use a bike lock and wear a bike helmet to help promote and prioritise safety. For drivers, please take extra care around the school entrances so that the children riding bikes and scooters are given adequate time to cross the roads. Please remind children that bikes and scooters must NOT be ridden whilst on school grounds due to the risk of collisions at busy times. Thank you for support in this matter.

School Uniform Reminder

Please 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**. Please remember that **flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers)** should be worn.



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.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE lessons.

Attention all parents, families, and carers

The Aim Group are able to support **Discovery Multi Academy Trust Schools** with several **Free** online Level 2 Accredited Courses available to Parents and Families to help better understand some key issues around neurodiversity, young people's mental health and wellbeing.



Here's some of our most popular subjects available:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** (tailored to understand how separation, divorce and death in a family can influence a child's mental health) **three week course**
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)
- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges in Children** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)

We also have some other fantastic courses around areas such as **Safeguarding and Prevent, Equality and Diversity, Business Admin, plus many more.** All courses are accessed online within a **6-week window** and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home. No Exams or end point assessments are involved, and the courses are purely detailed Q&A based with all the information needed provided, which is available to you 24/7. Once finished **You can do as many as you like**, however you can just do one course at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following:

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government-funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

The course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event a learner enrolls but then drops out without providing a reason. **That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a reason as to why they won't be able to complete it within the allocated time.**

Please note: under the college request you will need to attend a short zoom induction to ensure we get you successfully enrolled onto the correct course.

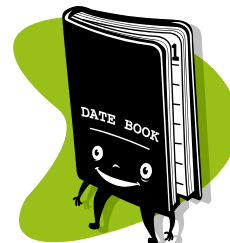
If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link asap. This will then allow me to contact you and send over the relevant Enrolment details and of course, answer any questions you have.

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000dfT1K>

Any questions you may have **Chris Greenfield** will be in touch on **07538 884852** once you are registered to walk you through everything and make sure you are happy.

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Fri 26th Nov
Wed 15th Dec
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
Mon 27th Jun
Tue 26th Jul
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug

Non-Pupil Day
Christmas Lunch (no other menu option available)
Christmas Jumper Mufti (Last day of term)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
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

Attendance For Week Ending 12th November 2021

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

Well done to Tamar & Lynher KS1 and Mersey KS2 for the highest attendance!



Tamar	99.6%
Lynher	99.6%
Fowey	88.4%
Avon	94.5%
Thames	95.4%
Severn	91.5%
Medway	91.4%
Trent	93.8%
Lagan	96.9%
Clyde	95.3%
Mersey	97.6%
Tyne	88.5%
Wye	93.6%

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*