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Friday 11th October 2024

Hello everyone, hope you've all had a good week. As you will have seen from our facebook page, we have had a busy and exciting week here at Oakwood. From making parachutes in year 4/5, to a visit from Tina the guide dog and her handler, to welcoming Year 6 parents to our CGP and cake workshop.

This week we welcomed Alison Nettleship, our Trust CEO, Neil Maslen our Trust board Vice chair and David O'Connor, Trust board member to lunch at Oakwood Primary.

They enjoyed a lovely lunch cooked by our school cook, Sue, and spoke to a group of pupils all about life at Oakwood and what their key roles and responsibilities were within school.

They were all amazing, and the Trust board members were mightily impressed by how articulate they were and commented on their politeness and ability to talk so knowledgeably about their school.

Thank you to those pupils involved, what stars you are!

Have a great weekend everyone, let's hope the sun keeps shining.

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

Tues 15th October

Individual and Class Photographs

Tues 22nd October

SEND parents coffee morning

Fri 25th October

Foundation Class—dress up day

28th October to 1st November

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Weds 6th November

Parents/Carers invited for lunch for remembrance

Monday 2nd December

NON PUPIL DAY

23rd Dec to 3rd January

CHRISTMAS BREAK

17th Feb to 21st Feb

HALF TERM

7th April to 21st April

EASTER BREAK

Monday 5th May

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

26th May to 30th May

HALF TERM

Monday 30th June

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Wed 23rd July

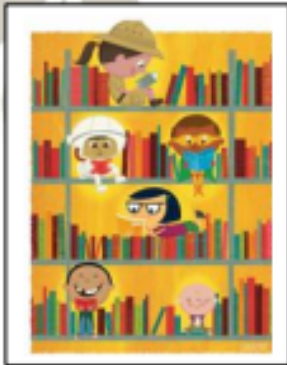
SUMMER BREAK

Reception Children and Grown-Ups

Please come and join us for:



Storytelling with Ginny



We are delighted to welcome back Ginny the Storyteller for some fun and exciting storytelling sessions. Each week, Ginny will share a well-known and beloved book in a special interactive way, using props and puppets.

All parents and families of our Oakwood Reception children are invited.

Please come and join us. No booking is needed. Just come along to the community entrance at 2:45 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday 24th September

Tuesday 8th October

Tuesday 15th October

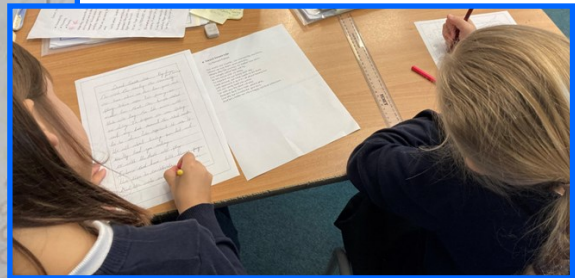
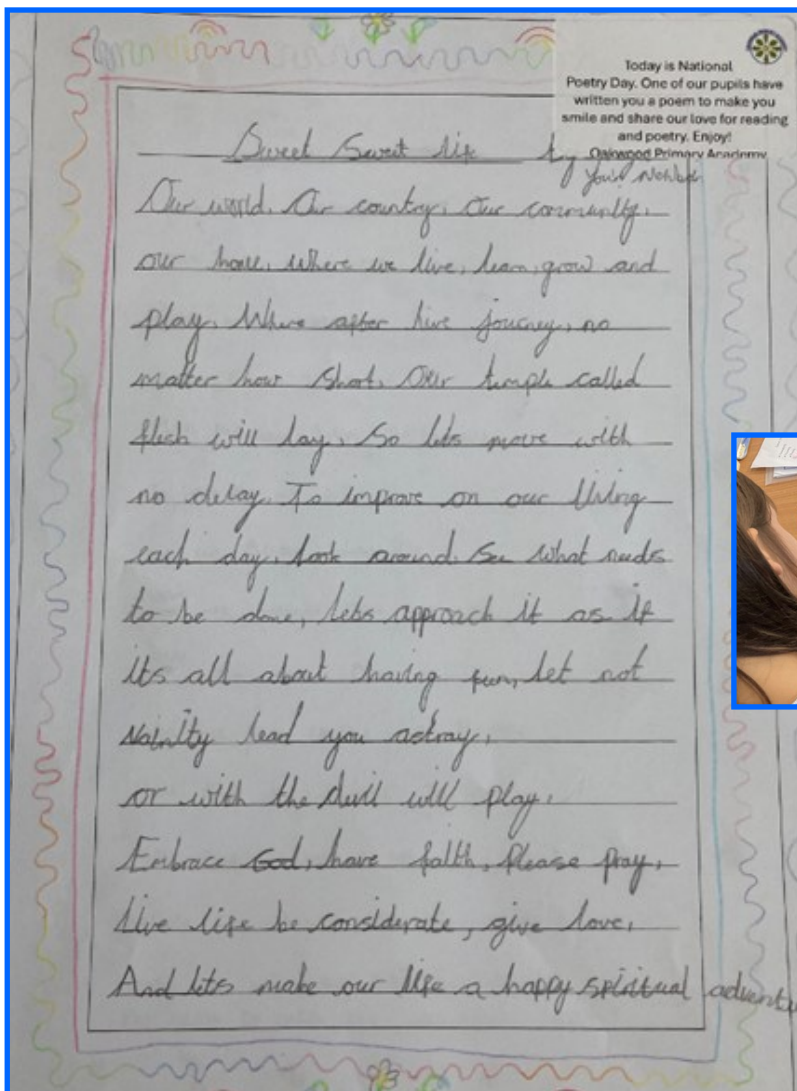
Thursday 24th October

Poetry by Post.

We are all delighted with the outcome of our Poetry by Post activity which took place on National Poetry Day. The children, across all Key Stages, selected or wrote a poem about community and family and shared it with a neighbour on their way home from school.

We put the poem in an envelope, along with a short note explaining what we were doing and posted the poems through the letterboxes of people of the Southway Community at random.

The feedback has been so pleasing. We even had a postcard sent from a member of the local community expressing how much joy this brought to him and his wife. We shared the feedback with the children, who were absolutely thrilled to see what a positive impact their poems had had.



We would like to say a massive thank you to our parents / carers for donating to our Harvest collection. All of your kind donations will be passed to Devon and Cornwall Food Action Trust and help struggling families in the community.



Below is the link to the Parent App introduction video that you might like to watch <https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/>

myHappymind has developed a set of resources for parents. These can be accessed online on your computer, or through the myHappymind app which can be downloaded on your device. The resources allow children to continue to practise some of the habits they have developed at school, such as Happy Breathing, and for you to learn more about what they are learning in the program. Also included are activities for you to do together at home, to complement the in-school lessons.

To access the materials, go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email and 143305. The authentication code must be kept within our school community and has been sent out via this school newsletter.



You are invited to our coffee morning on Tuesday 22nd October at 9am via the community gate.

Our INCO, Fliss Lock will be there to welcome you with coffee and cake.



We will also have a representative from Plymouth Parent and Carer voice coming to support us with a project in supporting our pupils with neurodiverse needs.

Any parents who missed the consenting process and still wish their child to have the flu vaccine, please ask them to call us on 01392 342 678 and we will complete a consent form over the phone and refer them to book into one of our community clinics to be vaccinated.

5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu

- The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- Flu can be really serious, especially for children with medical conditions like heart disease and diabetes
- If your child gets flu you may have to take time off to look after them
- Protecting your child can stop flu spreading to other children and the family, especially babies and grandparents, who may be at higher risk from flu.

What should I do?

This year all 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds and children in school years 1, 2 and 3 are being offered the free flu vaccination. You will be contacted to let you know where your child will be vaccinated.*

*In some parts of the country, all primary school-aged children will be offered the vaccine.

For more information visit: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

For ages 4 to 11

Derriford Church



Kids Club



- Activities:**
- Arts & Craft
 - Games
 - Bible Stories
 - Food

Every first Friday of the month
3.45 - 5.30pm

@ Derriford Church
Powisland Drive
Plymouth, PL6 6AB



£1 per family

Come along to our open evening on Friday 4th October!

and the following dates:
1st November 2024
6th December 2024
3rd January 2025



Family members are welcome to join us for food at 5pm

visit us online at:
www.derrifordchurch.co.uk

Mobile Phones

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to our attention in recent days that some pupils are leaving their mobile phones in their coat pockets or bags during the school day.

To avoid any upset, loss, damage or other possible issues, mobile phones need to be handed to either the class teacher on entry to school or to the staff in the school office at the beginning of each day.

Teachers will put phones in a lockable draw until the end of the day.

Ideally, children would not bring mobile phones to school, however I do understand that for those pupils who have walking home permission, a phone may be useful so they can be in communication with you if need be.

Thank you for your support, please feel free to get in touch should you have any questions.
Mr Arnold.

Book at: <https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/workshops/the-next-step-primary-to-secondary-for-children-with-send/>

PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



SEND Workshops

Due to popular demand we have added some more dates for the following free workshops.

Choosing a Secondary School for September 2025

This workshop is for parents/carers of children in years 5 or 6 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

- Thursday 10 October 2024,
10:00am-12:00pm – Face-to-Face (Jan Cutting
Healthy Living Centre)



Children, Young Person and Families' Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

A casual meet up for parents and carers of neurodivergent children (no diagnosis required). Come along and meet our Community Support Workers and have a cuppa and a chat. No need to book, just turn up - and your little ones are more than welcome!



Coffee & Connect - sessions start Monday 7 October

Mondays, 9-10.30am
Rees Centre Wellbeing
Hub, Plympton
PL7 2PS

Weds, 9.15-10.45am
DELL Emerging Family
Hub, High View School,
Efford PL3 6JQ

Weds, 1-2.30pm
Manor Street Children's
Centre, Stonehouse,
PL1 1TL

Thursdays, 1-2.30pm
Four Woods Family
Hub, Crownhill Road,
PL5 2LN

For further information please contact our advice line
Monday to Friday from 09.00-11.00 or 14.00-16.00

Tel: 01752 435404

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

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 w/c 7th October is:-

Years 1 and 2 – Zimmer Class – 3612 words

Year 3 – Britten Class – 42694 words

Years 4/5 – Dun Class – 258 088 words

Year 6 – Elgar Class – 90 365 words



CHILD ABSENCE

If your child is unwell and is due in school, please leave a message on the child absence line by 9.00am each morning.

Thank you.



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 your 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 - 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 g.chandler@discoverymat.co.uk

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

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

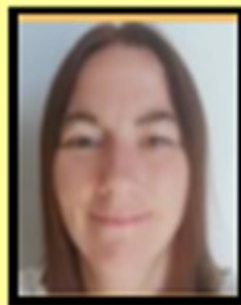
Family Support Network



Mrs J Chubb
Assistant Head of
School

Deputy Designated
Oakwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding

Safeguarding
Education and
Curriculum
Behaviour
Family Support
Service Families



Mrs Fliss Lock
INCO

SEND Support

SEND and behaviour-
support for parents

School Nurse
Referrals

DLA Applications

GP letters



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