



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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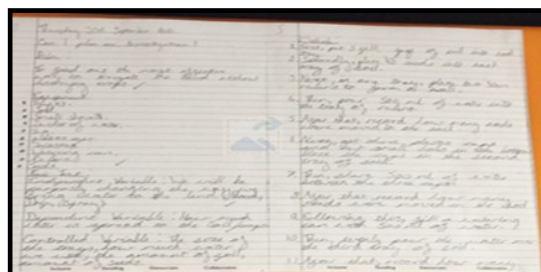
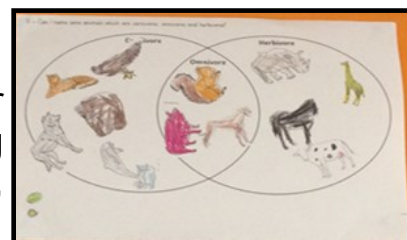
Oakwood STEM learning update

Children at Oakwood have had an amazing start to the school year and have been busy learning and embedding our STEM thinking skills. The learning journey for each topic has been STEM driven and children have been recapping and learning new scientific knowledge as well as using their design and technology skills. Here are some of the exciting STEM things we have been learning across the school.



Miss. Glynn has created a display to show our STEM thinking skills linked to different future jobs which use these skills. Children might see some careers on there they haven't even heard of before!

Charley in Year 1 could confidently talk through her science learning in her theme book and enjoyed sharing her Venn diagram to sort animals into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.



Soraya in year 4 planned an investigation to find the best way to irrigate land. She used scientific thinking to make it a fair test, plan her method and record the results.

Miles in year 6 designed and built a 3D contour model using a map of Dartmoor. He had to accurately cut the pieces to size using the contour lines on the map and then carefully construct it. It was a challenge but he found it fun!



Year 5 have been learning the meaning of our STEM thinking skills by annotating them with things we do in and outside of schools which they feel represent each skill.

The skills are: collaboration, observation, flexibility, creativity, problem solving and inquiry. **Why don't you challenge your child to tell you our STEM skills and what they mean?**

Next week is our MAT STEM week - look out for our next STEM update!



Baby News!

We are celebrating more baby news at Oakwood! Congratulations to Mrs Catherwood on the birth of her baby boy Benjamin and to Mrs Aquilina on the birth of her baby boy Jacob. What wonderful news!

Children In Need Friday 19th November - reminder

This year for Children In Need we will be having a cake sale. We would like to ask for cake donations from Monday 15th November and the cakes will be on sale, at break time and after school, on Friday 19th November. Children can also wear Mufti for a donation. All Mufti donations and proceeds from the cake sale will go to the Children In Need charity.



Parking Reminders

Please remember to park considerately in the surrounding roads at drop off and pick up times. Please do not block drive ways or double park. We have had contact from some local residents who have been unable to leave for work on time due to some parents parking across drive ways. We ask that you are respectful to our local community during these busy times. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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 - 1,641 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 76,344 words

Upper KS2 - Wye Class - 233,445 words

Well done to those classes!



NEW Health Visiting and School Nursing TEXT SERVICE

PARENTS. CARERS. YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you'd like some health advice or support, but are a bit worried about seeing or talking to a professional, our new ChatHealth is perfect for you!

Simply text one of the numbers below and one of our team will text you back



0-5 years
Parents Service
07480 635188



5-19 years
Parents Service
07480 635189



11-19 years
Young People's Service
07480 635198

Livewell

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



Tik Tok
Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret



YouTube
Keek
Foursquare
WeChat
Kik
Flickr



Tyne Class Forest Schools Sessions

This week in Tyne class we have been able to take our 'Port of Plymouth' learning outside. With the fantastic support of Mrs Ward, our outdoor leader, Tyne class have been learning about fire making. This would have been an invaluable skill for the Pilgrims when they arrived in Cape Cod over 400 years ago. The children were asked to create their own fires from four different options and were then invited to learn more about science of their choices and how they would have been useful. Finally, all the children were given the opportunity to toast marshmallows using twigs and sticks found in our outdoor learning area.

A huge thank you to Mrs Ward for planning, organising and delivering our Forest Schools sessions this term.



CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.




KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.







If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Fri 19th Nov
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
Tue 26th Jul
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug

Children In Need (Cake Sale & MUFTI for donations)

Non-Pupil Day

Christmas Lunch (no other menu option available)

Christmas Jumper Mufti (School Finishes)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School starts 8:45am

HALF TERM

Non-Pupil Day

Non-Pupil Day

EASTER HOLIDAYS

May Bank Holiday

HALF TERM

School finishes at 3.15 pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Attendance For Week Ending 5th November 2021

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

**Well done to Lynher KS1 and
Clyde KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	99.1%
Lynher	100.0%
Fowey	97.1%
Avon	93.0%
Thames	98.6%

Severn	92.2%
Medway	93.5%
Trent	88.3%
Lagan	90.0%
Clyde	97.5%
Mersey	90.6%
Tyne	93.2%
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*