



ocean wave

December 2019

Message from the Principal – Mrs Quarrie

Dear Parents and Carers,

We really enjoy being part of our local community and the choir performed at a number of venues this term. It is always lovely to share the Christmas spirit!



It is wonderful to see just how diverse and engaging our curriculum is becoming. Mr Beedie is teaching the whole school how to play the ukulele in music lessons and this has increased the number of children who are going on to have private lessons! Year 3 were very lucky to be invited to see 'George Hinchliffe's Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain' at Poole Lighthouse recently. What an experience and this has really motivated Year 3 to practice and perform!



Have a look at our newly launched website <https://www.ocean-aspirations.org/>. It is still in the construction stage, but we hope to have all of the information displayed as soon as possible.

Please follow us on TWITTER to keep up to date with what is happening at Ocean Academy : <https://twitter.com/aatocean> Ocean Academy @aatocean. There are often daily photos and updates and information about up and coming dates / events for your diary.

May I wish you all a happy, healthy and restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year !

Best wishes

J. Quarrie

Mrs J Quarrie

Principal



Poetry Competition Winners !

Year Group	First	Second	Third
3	Ocean C	Athena S	Lucy M
4	Daisy B	Darcy	Amelie C
5	Daisy S	Charlie	Skye D
6	Eva R	Kobe E	Luella R

Thank you to Mrs Cope for organising the competition and for the CPTA for supplying the prizes.

School Office reminders



Thank you for your continued support and patience with School Money, remembering to book school lunches and updating your data as things change. Please book the lunches for January 2020.

Reminder!

Mrs Burry and Mrs Fudge would like to say have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Eco Warriors

What a busy Autumn term! This is the first time we have had official Eco Warriors at Ocean Academy. I had over sixty written applications from children across all year groups. It was very tricky to choose! However, the nineteen children chosen really stood out because of their passion and commitment to make our world a better place. School is a great place to start making those changes happen!

So far the Eco Warriors have been busy brainstorming ideas to implement in school. Some ideas have included fundraising for eco-friendly charities, rewards for classes who have the most children walking or cycling to school and monitoring plastic consumption in our packed lunches. Keep an eye out for some of these things happening over the school year! If you or your child has any brilliant ideas, let one of our Eco Warriors know – you can find them easily by looking out for their green badge.

We have also put in place a daily litter picking rota. The Eco Warriors take it turns to make sure our playground remains litter free. They have been independent and responsible with this and the playground is looking much cleaner as a result. Thank you for your commitment. The Eco Warriors also helped the PTA with their Elfridges Christmas gift wrapping service, wrapping presents using environmentally friendly paper. Thank you Mrs Bridges and the CPTA for coordinating this.

Change really does start with us. If your child has packed lunches, see if there is even just one food item you could switch so that there is a reduced amount of single use plastic. With 360 children in school, many of whom have packed lunches, we see a huge amount of waste daily. We will definitely look at this in more detail later in the year. Ocean Academy can help keep the actual oceans clean!

Happy New Year!

Miss Damon



Year 3 Updates

The children have worked extremely hard on their show 'Away in a Spaceship' and were so excited to share it with friends and family. They performed an amazing show to the school followed by two

even better shows to parents and carers. Thank you so much for all the hard work and support you have put in at home helping your child learn their lines and putting the costumes together.

Learning has also continued with the children becoming their own authors, planning and writing their own stories based on 'The Twits' story by Roald Dahl. They were allowed to create their own characters and events in order to create a story that would entertain the reader applying the different skills we have been learning this half term.

In maths we are continuing to work on our understanding of the four operations and building our confidence with recalling multiplication facts from memory. Please try and practice times tables at home, it makes such a difference to arithmetic skills!

We hope you all have a lovely relaxing holiday and enjoy the festivities that you have planned.

The Year 3 Team

Year 4 Updates

Where has this half term gone? The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Romans in their 'Time Cop' topic and we cannot believe the level of knowledge they have. There are definitely some budding archaeologists and historians in the making! In maths, we have completed focusing on place value and the children are able to use their knowledge to explain in detail a wide variety of mathematical concepts. We have also completed some excellent writing to inform in English this half term, writing about mythical creatures and using our knowledge about the Romans more recently to write independently. We are now looking forward in excitement to next half term's topic 'Rock Band' and will share more details about this with you shortly as we have an exciting opportunity open to children and adults! We have enjoyed a fun-filled Christmas week with the children where we explored both Judaism and Christianity as well as some special festive treats!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 4 Team

Year 5 Updates

The lead up to Christmas has come around so quickly and we cannot believe we are almost at the end of the Autumn term. Year 5 have worked so incredibly hard this term, showing growth mind-set when faced with any task. Year 5 loved creating the Chichen Itza out of clay, ensuring they created the Descent of the Serpent along with other key features. In English, the children created their own fact file on Tawny Owls, researching key areas to discuss, including appearance, habitat and diet. They enjoyed sharing these with peers. In maths, the children are becoming secure in their understanding of square and prime numbers, along with factors and multiples.

It has been a lovely first term with Year 5 . We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy the break! We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Year 5 Team

Year 6 Updates

Year 6 have made a great start to their last year at Ocean. There is a positive atmosphere across the year group and the children have engaged well in their learning to date.

Our World War 2 topic has been interesting, engaging, saddening and shocking. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Second World War - learning about battles and dogfights is always bound to engage many. Our World War 2 workshop gave us a real, hands-on experience into what life might have been like for children growing up during the time. We learned to use a stirrup pump to stop a house from burning down; provide basic first aid care to save our loved ones and explored, handled and discussed many artefacts from the era. Although a fun and exciting day, it gave the pupils an insight into the human cost of war. When we explored the timeline and figures, the children were shocked to discover the magnitude of the death and destruction during the war.

On a brighter note, the children are making good progress towards their SATS exams. We appear to have a resilient year group whose dedication to learning regularly impresses staff. I mentioned in my last newsletter piece the importance of regular reading and times table practice. In a recent round of mock SATS papers, our analysis shows good overall progress across the year group. This is a testament to the children's hard work both in school and at home.

In maths, we have recently been learning how to read coordinates which enabled us to have a very enjoyable lesson in which we played battleships on four quadrants. Next term, we will have an increased focus on times tables. **Times tables, underpin much of the maths curriculum. An ability to accurately recall multiplication facts at speed lessens the cognitive load and allows your child to focus their cognitive effort on the task behind the times tables so do keep practising at home.** Topmarks' 'Hit the Button' and TTRockstars are just two excellent resources you can use at home to do this.

In English, we have continued to focus on descriptive writing as part of a revision of the Key Stage 2 curriculum. In year 6, children are given many opportunities to apply their skills in independent writing tasks. The children recently wrote about David and Tucky's journey to Devon with a focus on a character description of the bus driver. We talked about 'show me, don't tell me' to focus the children on creating a broader, less direct descriptive style that stimulates their reader's imagination by forcing them to assume and infer.

We look forward to many more positive learning experiences in 2020. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Year 6 team!



Year 6 Team

Sports Blog

The Ocean Sports Blog – needs you. Please click on the link below to subscribe to it and see the latest sports news and pictures.

This is the link and it is also attached at the bottom of the school website home page!

<https://aatocean.wixsite.com/oceanacademypoole>

Children, Parent, Teacher Association (CPTA)

A huge thank you for all your support with events over the term, we could not have done it without you. We enjoyed the very successful Christmas fair, with some fantastic prizes donated by local businesses.

Elfridges has once again proved very popular; we hope you enjoy the gifts your children have chosen for you.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a fantastic new year.

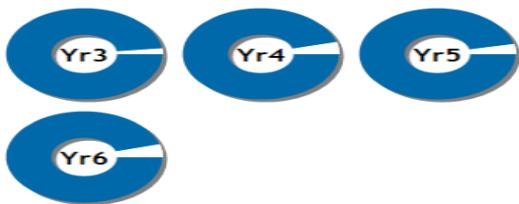
Don't forget to offer help and support for events – we really do need the help! Thank you.



Attendance

Roll Call Summary by Year Group

Year	No.	Present	PA	PA %
Yr3	88	98.2%	3	3.4%
Yr4	89	96.1%	7	7.9%
Yr5	89	96.7%	10	11.2%
Yr6	88	95.8%	11	12.5%
Total	354	96.7%	31	8.8%



Well done Year 3.
Attendance winners
this month !

As the winter season is in full swing – just a reminder that ALL absences require a daily phone call on 01202 606888 or send an email or leave a voicemail. A recent audit by the BCP attendance worker was very positive, keep this up in 2020 – thank you for your support!

Golden Book Winners

Sharks – Year 3

Marley and Dylan

Dolphins – Year 3

Mia and Zara

Seahorses – Year 3

Lara and Dexter

Penguins – Year 4

Saffie and Edi

Turtles – Year 4

Casey and Kiera

Jellyfish – Year 4

Naivedya and Sasha



Orcas – Year 5

Cameron and Millie

Piranhas – Year 5

Lynsey and Hayden

Seals – Year 5

Holly and Isla

Barracudas – Year 6

Ollie H and Toby

Swordfish – Year 6

Ruby and Lucas

Stingrays – Year 6

Larissa and Isabella

Autumn Term 2019 Sports results

Date	Competition/Event	Result	Well done to...	
06.11.2019	Year 6 Boys' Football Tournament	Overall: 3 rd Place	Ryan R Patrick W Oliver P-L Lewis K	Jayden H Harlen R Alfie A Zak C
07.11.2019	Year 5-6 PEDSSA Cross Country League: Race 3	Ocean Boys Overall: 6 th /29 Ocean Girls Overall: 10 th /24	Cameron W – 6 th /166 Harlen R – 30 th /166 Lewis K – 67 th /166 Patrick W – 41 st /166 Oakley S – 59 th /166	Sharon K – 49 th /127 Anais W – 86 th /127 Lara P – 54 th /127 Kate S – 61 st /127 Mali B – 4 th /127
12.11.2019	Year 4 Netball League Match Vs Hillbourne	Won 5-0.	Stanley O Zach K Ben W	Josh M Daisy H Casey M
18.11.2019	Year 5-6 Girls' Poole Schools Football Tournament	Overall: 3 rd Place	Krystal G Shivonne W Gaia N Lucie L Kaitlin M	Alice R Isabel S Lara P Megan P Anais W
20.11.2019	Year 5-6 Girls' Park School Football Tournament	Overall: 1 st Place Winners	Shivonne W Gaia N Lucie L Kaitlin M	Alice R Lara P Megan P Anais W
27.11.2019	Year 6 Boys' Football League Match Vs Haymoor	Won 4-2	Ryan R Lewis K Kian M Jayden H Oliver P-L Harlen R	Patrick W Alfie A Zak C Stanley O William D Monty M
28.11.2019	Year 4 Netball League Match Vs Longfleet	Won 1-0	Casey M Stanley O Sasha W Joshua M	Ben W Daisy H Ellie F Ellie V
04.12.2019	Year 6 Boys' Football League Match Vs Longfleet	Won 6-2	Ryan R Lewis K Kian M Jayden H Oliver P-L Harlen R	Patrick W Zak C Stanley O William D Monty M Ali M
05.12.2019	Year 5-6 PEDSSA Cross Country League: Race 3	Ocean Boys Overall: 6 th /30 Ocean Girls Overall: 14 th /24	Cameron W – 8 th /163 Patrick W – 52 nd /163 Harlen R – 14 th /163 Lewis K – 75 th /163 Oakley S – 94 th /163 Zachary S – 68 th /163 Jake W – 96 th /163	Kate S – 103 rd /123 Sharon K – 56 th /123 Anais W – 93 rd /123 Lucie L – 45 th /123 Lilly S – 98 th /123 Lara P – 80 th /123

Diary Dates

6 January	Inset Day – School closed for children
7 January	Spring Term 2020 starts – welcome back!
8 January	Year 6 boys football vs BCS at Ocean – 3.00pm
10 January	Swimming – Year 4 – Block 2 – session 1
13-17 January	All clubs re-start
14 January	Year 6 girls football vs St Ives at Ocean – 3.00pm
17 January	Swimming – Year 4 – Block 2 – session 2
22 January	Year 6 girls football –Kings Park 1030-1230pm
24 January	Year 3 Winchester Science trip –drop off by 8.15am
24 January	Year 6 boys football - Kings park 1030-1230pm
31 January	Year 5 Planetarium Day
17-21 Feb	Half term

