



Ocean wave



March/April 2022

Message from the Executive Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

March has flown by and the sun has made a welcome appearance. We have made the most of the warmer weather and taken the opportunity to work outdoors within our amazing grounds.

This has certainly been a term of thinking about those who need support in our community and beyond. We have raised funds for a number of charities and thought about how spontaneous kindness impacts so positively of others and ourselves.

Thank you to those parents who came to the Parent Forum – the time you have given to supporting the academy from a parent perspective is invaluable. Please do let me know if you are finding the time slots of the meetings difficult and subsequently, how I can best plan the meetings to support your attendance. Feel free to contact the school office with any suggestions.

Our Learning Skill for summer one is **COMMUNICATION** and the Aspirations Condition for Learning is **LEADERSHIP and RESPONSIBILITY**. We aim to offer our children the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to be confident and productive within school, society and throughout future employment. There are a number of leadership roles in school already and very often children create new opportunities for themselves also. In school we have:

Eco Leader	Sports Leader	School Council	Digital Leader	Librarian	CPTA	Peer Support
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If there are any family members or friends who would like to come into school to speak about their job and what it involves, please do let us know. Giving our children as much information as possible about the opportunities that could be available to them in the future is an exciting prospect! Please ring or email the school office if you are interested in finding out more.

We are looking forward to getting ready to start the process of welcoming the newest additions to our Ocean Academy family. First round offers for places at Ocean Academy will be shared with you from BCP on April 16th 2022. Please do get in touch if you have any questions following your offer. We are already processing welcome packs! Please do get in touch with us if your child is at all worried about secondary school transfer. The transfer day for secondary school is Friday 1st July. More details will be sent to you nearer the time.

Have a fantastic Easter break when it arrives.

Kindest regards

Mrs J Quarrie
Executive Principal

Reminder!

School Office reminders

If your child is unwell or not coming in to school please call before 9.30am and let us know why. We will call/text if your child is not at school. If your child has an appointment during the school day please let us have proof of this in the form of letter, card or show us the text/email. Thanks for your support!

Do not forget we have a small stock of uniform if you wish to purchase new uniform for September 2022 or order from - <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/OC7810DS/>. See details below about our second hand sale coming up! Have a lovely break! 

Year 3 Updates

What a brilliant half term we have had in Year 3! In English, we started reading 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' and were instantly hooked! We discussed what it might be like having a pet dragon and used our model text to identify features such as paragraphs and apostrophes for possession. Once we learnt about the features we wrote our own letter to a friend discussing the highs and lows of having a pet dragon. The children enjoyed being creative and truly came up with some imaginative ideas.

This half term in maths we have continued to consolidate our learning on the four operations and place value through our daily arithmetic, which we are getting better and better at. We have also learnt about the British money system including the value of different coins and notes. Once we understood their value we solved a variety of problems including ordering different amounts of money, adding and subtracting totals of money and converting from pounds to pence. We have also started daily times tables speed tests, the children have been brilliant at persevering through the tests and their times table knowledge is rapidly improving. Keep up the good work and remember to practise daily!

This half term we were very excited about starting our creative rotation on a Thursday afternoon. We have loved learning the ukulele, trying out the green screen, cooking flatbread and having a go at pointillism with paint in art. Our science learning this year has taught us about the importance of water. We learnt about the processes in the water cycle and how the dinosaurs may have drunk the water that we are drinking today! We also learnt about the rock cycle and carried out a scientific investigation looking at the hardness of different rocks. To consolidate this learning, you could ask your child if they can name a hard rock.

Well done on another super half term Year 3! Enjoy the Easter holidays.



The Year 3 Team



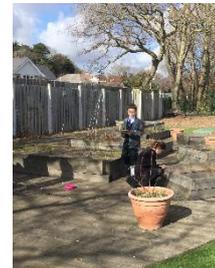
Year 4 Updates

We cannot believe that we have almost reached the Easter holidays already! In English, we have enjoyed reading 'Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition' and using this text to inspire our writing. This half term, we have been focusing on the use of subordinate clauses, adjectives for effect and varying tenses within our own entertaining diary entries.

In maths, the children have been working hard to secure their understanding of the four operations. They have used this knowledge to solve a range of problems involving converting units of measure, adding and subtracting lengths and more recently, finding the perimeter of different shapes. The children are continuing to make great progress with their times tables. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to log into TTRockstars as often as possible when at home - thank you!

In geography, our mountain topic was welcomed with great enthusiasm. The children showed confidence when using an atlas to locate major mountain ranges and explain how different mountains are formed. The children then used their understanding of climate and environment to create their own mountain survival toolkit. In science, we have been learning about living things and using classification keys to group these. We have also explored and discussed how environments can change and how this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

A highlight this half term has been our Friday afternoon swimming lessons. It has been wonderful to watch the children grow in confidence week on week and develop so many new skills. We have been so impressed with the exemplary behaviour shown by all of the children when travelling to the swimming pool and during the lessons. Well done, Year 4!



Year 4 Team

Year 5 Updates

It's been a great March for year 5, with lots of good learning going on, and it has been lovely to see the children continuing to develop as the weeks have progressed.

In English we have been enjoying our new class text – 'The Nowhere Emporium' and all its various mysteries! It has given us a good context to for our model write, and for our focus areas of relative clauses and figurative language such as similes and metaphors, all leading up to our independent writes where we had the chance to develop our very own rooms for the Emporium in detailed setting descriptions. The children have shown some lovely creativity and imagination!

Maths saw us starting with the tricky subject of adding and subtracting fractions, including doing this with mixed numbers! So many steps to remember, such as converting between mixed and improper fractions where needed, but the children have done really well. We have also done some useful work around multiplying fractions and sequences, before moving onto further work with decimals, exploring thousandths and how to record them as decimals and fractions, and then ways to order, round and compare decimal numbers – adding in the missing zeros when we need to! The children's maths really is going from strength to strength.

We are also thoroughly enjoying our space topic and the variety of activities we have taken part in, from our initial hook, creating a human solar system on the playground and modelling the distances between planets using toilet roll, to our fantastic space day, experiencing a planetarium and creating our own planets mobile!

Thank you all for your continuing support. We hope you have a lovely Easter break when we get there, and as ever, if you have any queries about anything, do please catch us at the end of the day.



Year 5 Team

Year 6 Updates

We are deep into our final half of Year 6 and the engagement in the three upstairs classrooms is palpable! As you may be aware, we are only a handful of teaching weeks away from our SATs exams (May 9th - 12th). These national exams test children's ability in reading, maths and grammar. The learning for SATs is very important because it provides your child with useful knowledge and skills moving forward. Your individual child's attainment in the SATs is not so important though. Some secondary schools will use the results to set children, others will not. We use the SATs data to reflect on our teaching practice too. Other than that, they are of little significance to your child; the learning is the important part.

Schools are judged by their performance in the SATs exams and because of this, some schools can feel incentivised to narrow the curriculum to focus solely on that which is tested. At Ocean however, we always provide pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum. This term and next we are continuing our science learning about evolution and inheritance. Having recently conducted an investigation, the understanding of this difficult concept is taking hold. In our creative sessions, children have been creating podcast jingles using Garageband with Mr Beedie. Pupils have been using samples to sequence their own original musical works.

Also, over the past few weeks, pupils have begun creating their writing anthologies. This is an opportunity for them to create a range of independent writing and allow them to show off their writing skills. So far, they have written setting descriptions, newspaper reports and a script for the TV show, Wolfblood. Children are enjoying these extended writing opportunities and the improvement in their writing since September is evident. As teachers, we are fortunate to have such a willing and engaged cohort. Long may it continue into the Summer term!



Year 6 Team

CPTA news



Thank you to everyone who has contributed helped and supported the events this year.

We need your help!

The CPTA are again trying to restart their wonderful work following the limitations of COVID. We would really welcome as many parents as possible at the next meeting in school on April 7th at 2.30pm.

It would be great to get your ideas and thoughts. Without parents getting involved, these events and the funds raised will not be available.

We would also like to start to prepare to fill the roles and responsibilities for Sep 2022 and we will need to do this before the end of the summer term.

All parents are invited to be part of the CPTA and to attend meetings. The assigned roles (see below) will have the final vote on decision making if needed.

Chair Vice Chair Treasurer Assistant Treasurer Secretary Assistant Secretary Events Coordinator

Please do sign up to help informally if you can also.

Events still programmed:

13th May: Adults only quiz night, doors open (in school) at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

8th July: Mufti day for the summer fair

18th June: Leavers picnic on the school field (time TBC)

16th July: Summer fair

Charity Walk

Zak completed his charity walk at the weekend he walked 10.7 miles it took him 5 hours and he has raised a total of £500 for Julia's House. Congratulations Zak we are proud of you!



Second hand Uniform sale – save the date!

Mrs Fudge is holding a second hand uniform sale on Thursday 7 April. She will have stock to sell outside from 0815-0900 and from 3.00-3.45. Items are sold as seen and prices very reasonable. This is a chance to stock up for September. Please note this is cash only!

Summer Uniform

As the weather gets hotter and the days longer children can wear dresses and shorts if they have not already. Please put sunscreen on the children before they come to school. Sun hats/caps should come in to school so that children can wear them at play and lunch times. Please also send your child in with a water bottle. Please do remember that there should be NO BOOTS, long hair should be tied back and jewellery should only be one pair or one single stud earring.



Golden Book Winners



Congratulations to all the winners!

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Seahorses</u>	<u>Dolphins</u>
4 March	Eva/Dexter	Isaac/Finn	Henry/Scarlett
11 March	Ruzgar/Aseel	Jewel/Sienna	Rose/Ana-Sophia
18 March	Mark/Blossom	Bella/Nour	Mason/Ben
25 March	Milan/Sophie	Alayah/Sienna	Yasmina/Holly
<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Penguins</u>	<u>Turtles</u>	
4 March	Snow/Gabriela	Lexi/Poppie	
11 March	Tia/Leon	Nola/Alexia	
18 March	Georgia/Joshuah	Summer/Miley	
25 March	Tyler/Izabela	Yanis/Rachel	
<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Orcas</u>	<u>Seals</u>	<u>Piranhas</u>
4 March	David/Amelia	McKenzie/Olivier	Tia/Zara
11 March	Selin/Dylan	Lucy/Angel	Sam/Kayla
18 March	Marley/Phoebe	Amelia/Larissa	Leo/Finlay
25 March	Bianca/Jake	Lillie-Mai/Marcus	Lana/Oliver
<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Barracudas</u>	<u>Swordfish</u>	<u>Stingrays</u>
4 March	Keira/Tyanna	Lola/Stan	Jess/Connor
11 March	Alicia/Amelia	Philip/Maya	Lilly/Summer
18 March	Jacob/Nathan	Lewis/Daria	Kacper/Rae
25 March	Casey/Oliver	Daisy/Blake	Amelie/Hayden

They are enjoying the Tea Party on a Friday!

Bikeability – Years 5 and 6



The next Bikeability session for level 1 and 2 is on Monday 23 to Thursday 26 May 2022 inclusive. There are a maximum number of spaces on a first come first served basis. Letters will be coming out to all those who have shown interest. Children need to complete the four days after school from 3.20-5.15pm each day. They need to have a roadworthy bike, helmet and able to ride their bike confidently.

World Book Day



The children had a great World Book day at Ocean Academy. Here are a few pictures:

Thanks for your support and amazing costumes!



Red Nose Highlights

Red nose day was celebrated at Ocean by children wearing red and donating to the valuable cause – thank you for your donations £250 was raised. Mrs Richardson talked to classes across the school about how the red noses have changed throughout the years. She brought in her collection of noses dating back to 1988.



Attendance

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Year 3	Dolphins	96
	Seahorses	97.56
	Sharks	94.75
Year 4	Penguins	95.69
	Turtles	94.78
Year 5	Orcas	95.62
	Seals	95.19
	Piranhas	95.99
Year 6	Barracudas	94.75
	Stingrays	95.80
	Swordfish	92.28

Congratulations to all pupils and parents at Ocean. Let us keep it up and thank you for your continued support!

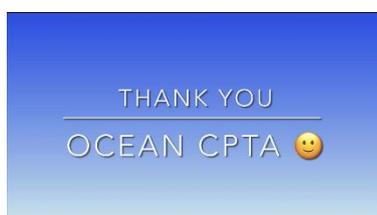
Please ring in and let us know why your child is absent. These figures represent the data from September 2021 to 24 March 2022.

WELL DONE SEAHORSES!



New Netball Kit

Thank you to everyone who supports the school as last week the squad were able to wear the new netball kit that has been purchased by the CPTA. The next resource we are saving for is ipads!



Diary Dates

1 April	Year 4 swimming session 5 1.30-2.30pm
1 April	Bunny Bingo 5-7.00pm (in school)
4-6 April	Hooke Court – Year 4 residential
7 April	Second hand uniform sale 8.15am-9.00am – 2.45pm-3.30pm
8 April	Last day of term 1pm finish
11-22 April	Easter holidays
25 April	Summer term commences
2 May	Bank holiday school closed
3 May	External after school clubs and squads re-start
16 -18 May	Osmington Bay – Year 6 residential
23 – 26 May	Bikeability Level 1 and 2 Years 5/6
30 May-3 June	Half term
6 June	Return after half term

Spring Term 2022

Last Day of term for Easter	Friday 8 April 2022 (1pm finish)
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Summer Term 2022

First day of Term	Monday 25 April 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May 2022
Half term Holiday	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022
Return to school after Half Term	Monday 6 June 2022
INSET Day – School Closed	Thursday 23 June 2022
Bank Holiday (in lieu of Platinum Jubilee 3 June)	Friday 24 June 2022
Last Day of term for Summer Holidays	Friday 22 July 2022 (1pm finish)

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

INSET Day – School Closed	Thursday 1 September 2022
INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 2 September 2022
First Day of School Term	Monday 5 September 2022
Half Term	Monday 24 October–Friday 28 October 2022
INSET Day	Friday 25 November 2022
Last Day of Term for Christmas	Friday 16 December 2022 (1pm finish)

Spring Term 2023

INSET Day	Tuesday 3 January 2023
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 January 2023
Half term Holiday	Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2023

Return to school after Half term	Monday 20 February 2023
Last Day of term for Easter	Friday 31 March 2023 (1pm finish)

Summer Term 2023

First day of Term	Monday 17 April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2023
Half term Holiday	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023
Return to school after Half Term	Monday 5 June 2023
INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 23 June 2023
Last Day of term for Summer Holidays	Friday 21 July 2023 (1pm finish)