



# Ocean wave

## October 2022

### Message from the Executive Principal – Mrs Quarrie

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a wonderful thing as an Executive Principal to come to work and be so incredibly proud of every aspect of what makes Ocean Academy so special. The quality of the education we offer and how we go above and beyond the expectations of the national curriculum has been recognised yet again in our most recent monitoring visit from the Aspirations Director of Standards and colleagues from the Trust. They are overwhelmingly positive about our children's behaviour and attitude to learning and admired just how articulate and enthusiastic they are when sharing their knowledge and skills. Our children (and staff) feel safe and valued and this is testament to our shared responsibility for high standards at every level.

We are an academy within the Aspirations Trust that has a very strong reputation for excellence and compassion and with our up and coming new to year 3 open evening (November 10<sup>th</sup> 5-6.30pm) and the application window now open for new to year 3 2023, we ask that you continue to support us by sharing our fantastic name far and wide. Don't forget to not only read the Twitter and Facebook Ocean pages, but to also click to share.



<https://www.facebook.com/aatocean/>



<https://twitter.com/aatocean>

Our LEARNING SKILL for the next half term is **RESPECT**. We will be thinking about all those people around us (past and present) who are or have been 'heroes' and how important it is to be respectful to others and to be great role models to those around us.

I must send out a huge thank you to the volunteers who are making a fantastic start to driving the CPTA forward. The planned events are looking really exciting and the funds raised are invaluable. Please support where you can!

Have a fantastic half term break and we look forward to starting back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Best wishes

J. Quarrie

Mrs J Quarrie  
Executive Principal



**Reminder!**

## School Office reminders

We have enjoyed meeting you in our first few weeks of the new academic year. If your child is unwell or not coming in to school please call before 9.30am and let us know the reason. 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. We regularly send out letters via email and texts. If you are not getting them do let us know as we may have incorrect data. Thanks for your support!

## CPTA

Hello from the CPTA! We are an all new committee this year who are very excited to organise some new and different fundraising events for the school. Although we haven't held any events this half term we have been busy behind the scenes getting ready for some fantastic events after the half term break. Please keep an eye on the Ocean Academy CPTA Facebook page for all the details. We are searching for class reps for each class in Years 5 and 6. Please let us know if you can help. We are looking forward to choose the members of the new CPTA Kids Division after half term. We could not believe just how many children wanted to come and join us so we had to come up with a new process. We cannot wait to read all your letters to help us decide, the more creative and imaginative the better! Any parents out there who wish to help too we are always ready to welcome new members!

Dates for your diary:

- 1 Nov CPTA Kids Division letters closing date
- 7 Nov Bakey Monday Year 3
- 8 Nov Cheese and Wine CPTA Meeting
- 18 Nov Glow Disco - more details to follow
- 21 Nov Bakey Monday Year 4 - more details to follow
- 1 Dec and 2 Dec Elfridges - more details to follow
- 9 Dec Christmas Fayre - more details to follow



## Year 3 Updates

We cannot believe that we are nearly at the end of our first half term at Ocean Academy. Year 3 have wowed us with their enthusiasm to learn and their ability to recall their learning. In English, we have been working hard to secure our understanding of nouns, verbs and adjectives, and have been using a thesaurus to up-level our vocabulary choices. We have also been learning about simple and multi-clause sentences and will continue this learning after half-term.

In maths, we have been developing and securing our understanding of place value up to 1000. We have been partitioning numbers to understand the value of each digit, as well as understanding the role of zero within a number. Please encourage your child to use TT Rockstars at home in order to continue learning their times tables.

In geography, we have completed our learning on 'Destination Poole'. The children are now confident in naming the seven continents and five oceans, as well as locating Dorset and Poole on a map. The children have been learning all about tourism and the importance of tourism to Poole. Many thanks to all those who filled out our public opinion survey - it lead to some really in depth conversations regarding what BCP can do to improve tourism in Poole. We also enjoyed using compasses to give clear instructions to locate 'treasure'.

## The Year 3 Team



## Year 4 Updates

What a super first half term it has been! The children have continued to impress us every day with their determination and resilience. In English, we have continued to read 'Toro Toro' and this has sparked some really interesting conversations. We have been working hard to use a variety of sentence structures and adjectives in our writing and this week, we wrote our own persuasive letters to demonstrate our understanding.

In maths, we have been working hard to secure our understanding of place value and embed our arithmetic knowledge. The children have continued to use a growth mindset when faced with different reasoning and problem solving challenges. They have also enjoyed their weekly TT Rockstar battle between classes. We would be very grateful if you could encourage your child to log into TT Rockstars at home as often as possible - thank you!

In geography, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Italy including climate zones, physical features, tourism and famous landmarks. For their final product, the children designed their own Google Slides presentations to persuade others to visit Italy and shared these with their reading buddies. This half term, Year 4 have had the opportunity to work in the creator space with Mr Beedie to complete a STEM challenge. This enabled them to develop their teamwork and communication skills further. A brilliant time was had by all!



## Year 4 Team

## Year 5 Updates

It has been a busy month in year 5 as we have got going properly into all of our routines for the year. We have been really impressed with how settled the children are and the effort they are putting into their work and learning. We are already seeing some promising signs from lots of children! We have focused on developing our sentence structures in English and then applying them to an independent write based around our class reader from this half term, "The Explorer". In maths we have been developing our place value, addition and subtraction skills, with a particular emphasis on problem solving.

The last week of half term has been particularly exciting for us with our trip to Marwell Zoo! We had a fascinating day finding out about a wide range of different animals and habitats, especially within the tropical zone as a fitting finale to our Amazon rainforest topic. Earlier in the half term, the children engaged in a fascinating debate discussing deforestation and whether we should be doing more to prevent it in the world. We have also squeezed in a mini science topic on the life processes of flowers!

We are looking forward to the half term break now, and then to diving into our next exciting topic – Rocketman: Fly me to the moon! - after the holiday. It was lovely to meet lots of you at the learning links session last week and to see the children sharing their work with you. We will look forward to meeting you again in November for parent consultations. In the meantime, we hope you all have a lovely holiday and as ever, if you have any queries about anything, please do catch us at the end of the day.



## Year 5 Team

## Year 6 Updates

Year 6 is well under way and this year's cohort are gradually proving themselves to be Ocean Academy's role models. Over the past half term, we have been learning lots!

In Geography, the first part of our North America has drawn to a close. The learning focused on trade and economics across the continent. Pupils learned why countries trade with one another with a focus on the goods and services that are imported and exported to and from the USA. Our USA day was a fun day of learning. Pupils were keen to watch Holes, the book that much of our writing learning has been stimulated by, and the afternoon's PE session was well received; pupils did some line dancing, frisbee and baseball - although not all at the same time.

In reading and maths, students have been working hard on the areas of the curriculum that they were struggling with in September. You may have noticed that the CGP homework books target specific areas of the curriculum. You can make the most of homework by discussing the marking schemes in the back of the book when you are checking their work with them. Homework response has been generally good so thank you for your efforts so far!

Year 6 have been learning about light in their science lessons. Pupils recently conducted some illuminating investigations (pun intended) where they hypothesised and drew conclusions on the properties of light. One short investigation saw us trying to eliminate all light from the classroom, which is very difficult. This helped to illustrate the point that light travels in straight lines and reflects off of surfaces, into our eyes. In another investigation, pupils had to observe how shadows' size and shape changes relative to its angle and distance from the light source.

Have a lovely, relaxing half-term break. The children have earned it.



## Year 6

### Golden Book Winners

#### Congratulations to all the winners!

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Seahorses</u>	<u>Dolphins</u>
30 Sep 22	Nina/Elena	Lucy/Freya	Lois/Melina B
7 Oct 22	Lara/Karina	Isabella W/Erin	Lottie/Mileena H
14 Oct 22	Luca/Henry	Franklyn/Grace	Tinaye/Rupert
<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Penguins</u>	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Jellyfish</u>
30 Sep 22	Belle/Macy	Lucca/Louie	Liliana/Poliana
7 Oct 22	Imogen/Sienna	Naa Shika/Nour	Milan/Darcy
14 Oct 22	Jade/Rosalie	Amelia/Henry	Henry/Edith
<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Orcas</u>	<u>Seals</u>	
30 Sep 22	Cian	Rosie/Hayden	
7 Oct 22	Roman/Marie Lily	Matthew/Joshuah	
14 Oct 22	Jack/Sofia	Finn/Izzy	
<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Barracudas</u>	<u>Swordfish</u>	<u>Stingrays</u>
30 Sep 22	Lillie/Angel	Aaron/Izzy	Lucas/Marcus
7 Oct 22	Leia/Ria-Rose	Charlie/Sam	Maja/Percy
14 Oct 22	Filip/Dylan	Holly/Tilda	Diana/Larissa



## Aspire Award Winners

Congratulations to Poppy (Stingrays), Kyden (Stingrays) and Mason (Seals) who have earned their 'Self-Worth' Aspire Award this half term. Also, congratulations to Ocean (Swordfish) for earning her 'Engagement' Aspire Award. Well done all!



## School Games Award - Gold

We are extremely pleased and proud to have been awarded another Gold Award from the School Games Mark! The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

This award acknowledges our continued beliefs, efforts and success towards increasing pupil uptake of physical activity, coaching children to be able to compete in leagues, cups and sporting festivals, developing pupils that are sports leaders and being a school that provides a wide range of extracurricular activities.

As we have now won the Gold Award for 4 consecutive years running, this year we are aiming for the Platinum Award. We will be aiming to demonstrate the impact and meaningful difference we are making by being a fully engaged and committed school to sport so that we can help others on their journey of change.



## Attendance

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Year 3	Dolphins	92.60
	Seahorses	96.08
	Sharks	96.94
Year 4	Penguins	97.27
	Turtles	95.82
	Jellyfish	93.94
Year 5	Orcas	93.73
	Seals	95.59
Year 6	Barracudas	91.07
	Stingrays	97.42
	Swordfish	94.36



These figures are taken for the period 3 October to 18 October 2022.  
Please support the children and school by bringing your child to school on time!

# Online Safety

Our children's safety is incredibly important to us as we endeavour to make all aspects of our curriculum include teaching and learning regarding the many ways we need to keep safe. There have been a number of concerns raised recently whereby our pupils are using social media in inappropriate ways **at home**. We cannot control what happens at home and so we urge parents to check that safety filters are set on your child's device and that they are only using age appropriate platforms. Thank you for your on-going support with this.



## Sports round up

### Sports Report September and October 2022

Children have been training hard in squads over this first half term. We have now had two competitive fixtures and the hard work is starting to pay off.

In September, our Cross-Country team raced at Canford School. The whole team were excellent representatives of our school and showed thorough enjoyment in challenging themselves. They all completed the course in good time. A couple of standout performances were Sofia in the girls' race finishing 12<sup>th</sup> out of 104 and Theo in the boys' race finishing 60<sup>th</sup> out of 124.



In October, our Girls' Football Team played in a 7 aside tournament at Baden-Powell & St Peters CofE Junior School. We played three matches. We drew our first game 0-0 with Broadstone despite dominating the second half. We won the second game against Oakdale 1-0 with an excellent save in goal from Snow and a well taken goal from **Bianca** making the difference. In our final game, we had a very even battle with Longfleet. We lost 1-0 but it was a brilliant team performance where we created many chances. Every player should feel extremely proud of the role they played in the tournament. We came joint second in the group and it sets a good foundation to build from for the rest of the season.



Mr West

## British Values

The Department for Education published guidance on promoting British values in schools to ensure young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain.

**The British Values are:**

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith

Our curriculum includes these values and we would appreciate if you could discuss these values at home.



## Diary Dates

24-28 October	Half term (children finish at 3.20pm on Friday 21 October)
10 November	Open Evening for new Year 3 September 2023 5.00-6.00pm
18 November	Mufti for Children In Need
22 November	Ocean Community Forum meeting 1.15pm in school – all parents welcome
23 November	Parent Consultations (in school) – further details to follow
25 November	Inset day – school closed
7 December	Christmas lunch – further details to follow
16 December	School ends for Christmas holiday – 1.00pm collection
3 January 2023	Inset day – school closed
4 January 2023	Welcome back – Spring Term 2023