



Ocean Academy Poole
an Aspirations Academy

Community Forum

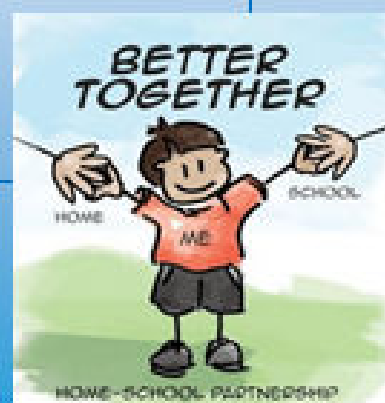
27th April 2023 at 1.15pm

The Ocean Community Forum is a partnership between parents, the local community and Ocean Academy. It is a valuable way to share ideas and for us all to work together to improve the opportunities provided for our children.

The Ocean Community Forum is open to all stakeholders within the Ocean community and we welcome you to join us.

Our agenda will include:

- **Reading as a priority—engaging more parents with reading at home**
 - **Results and response from the parent survey**
- **Developing our ATL curriculum further—power skills**
 - **AOB**



Minutes

Hosted by: Loren Tharme (Associate Principal)

Previous agenda:

Previous agenda and minutes from the last meeting were shared.

Very happy with how the academy is progressing - particularly good reputation within the local community.

CPTA has been a positive for the school - bringing the community together.

Pleased to hear that high numbers in next year's Year 3.

Reading as priority - engaging parents to read at home:

- Opened up as a way to increase reading fluency and vocabulary across the school. Research shared - success linked to reading at home.
- Reading records work well but could teachers respond or write motivational comments. Parents writing in but not really any recognition of this.
- Reward system suggested - every page of the reading record = small prize.
- Effective reading with your child tutorial videos - show parents different techniques/how to keep it positive. Some parents report it as a stressful experience with their child.

Results from parent survey:

- Parent survey results shared. Parents agreed with high results and are very happy at Ocean. Not surprised by the very positive results.
- LT shared comments and discussed next step comments:
 - *I think the children should be allowed to come into school in their PE kit on their day. I understand changing helps with independence but it would be much easier.*
 - *Need more extra curricular activities please*
 - *I wish French lessons were available*
- Parents agreed that coming into school in PE kit would be better and worked well during Covid. They did not understand why this had to change. LT explained that it was a trust-wide decision.
- Parents disagreed with the clubs comment as they think there are lots available. Maybe some more non-sport options could benefit the school.
- Parents were happy with the school's decision to select Spanish because of the main transition schools choosing this language.

Developing our ATL curriculum - power learning skills:

LT asked if ATL and Power skills were something the parents were aware of when choosing the school or looking at the website. Parents were unaware but did understand that we were trying to develop STEM learning more and knew about the Creator space. LT explained the terminology ATL and power learning skills and how our focus is about developing a curriculum that enables children to apply their knowledge in real life scenarios to develop their communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Parents liked this idea and agreed with the curriculum vision.

LT explained that a large part of this was developing employability links and building cultural capital and asked parents if they had any ideas on how to help to develop this.

Parents discussed a 'careers day' and having more visits from employers. Parents suggested messaging parents to see what professions were amongst the parent body and then trying to utilise this in a careers day or to visit classes.

AOB:

None