

Autumn Term 1 - Newsletter

September 2023

Luke Bolsin



Well someone truly flipped the 'autumn' switch this week, with a definite change in the weather. Rain and wind has dominated things for Cornwall this week, and our outdoor ed team have had to be very creative to navigate 'storm Nigel' safely! We hope that over the coming weeks, they will continue to safely be able to get out and about and enjoy some of the benefits of late summer/autumn temperatures in Cornwall... so please ensure that your child is fully prepared for this with coats, outdoor clothing if applicable, and swim wear to put on under wetsuits.

In other aspects of school life, we have seen a solid stream of new starters to our great community, and are pleased to welcome many new members to the Oak Tree family! We are confident that as time goes on they will all begin to feel the magic of belonging to our great school. We are now running close to full on both our Darley and Oregon buildings, overseen by Michelle Pascoe and myself respectively.

As ever, if you have any problems or concerns please don't hesitate to give either of us a shout, or Dan Stockton as our overall head teacher.



Key Dates for your Diary

Parent/Carer Afternoon Cream Tea

26th September 2023
13.30pm

Emotion Coaching Workshop Parent/Carer Workshop

3rd October 2023

Nuture me, Nuture you, Parent/Carer Workshop

4th October 2023

October Half Term

23rd-27th October 2023

Start of Autumn Term 2

30th October 2023

All key dates will be uploaded on our website. To view our news and events please [click here](#).



MEET OUR NEW STAFF

We welcomed lots of new staff and some returning staff at the start of the academic year!



Claire Kerr - Catering Teacher



Hi, my name is Claire and I'm the newly appointed catering teacher. I am passionate about all things food related and when I'm not teaching I enjoy exploring the Cornish beaches and countryside walks as I am new to the area (all suggestions of places to visit welcome!)

Robert Lowe - Teaching Assistant

Hi. my name is Bob and I'm joining Oak Tree as a Teaching Assistant. In my spare time I love spending time with my family, watching movies and listening to music. I also love to grow pumpkins. I am really happy to be joining the Oak Tree team.



Sydney Bailey - Teaching Assistant



Hi, my name is Sydney and I have recently joined the school as a Teaching Assistant. When I'm not working I love to be outdoors, walking and sea swimming. I really enjoy watching live music and going to the theatre.

Ross Woolford - Teaching Assistant

Hi I'm Ross. I am returning to work at Oaktree as a teaching assistant after travelling in Asia over wintertime. In my spare time I enjoy surfing, anything sporty and spending time outside. I am looking forward to getting back involved at the school and taking part in all the great activities Oaktree offers students!



Toni Williams - Catering Manager



I am originally from West Yorkshire, I followed our dream and finally made the move down to Cornwall with my family last year, which was the best move ever. I have 25 years' experience working in a variety of roles within the catering industry, including schools, care homes and event catering. I am very passionate about my work and excited with my new role as Cook at Oak Tree School. In my spare time I enjoy walks on the beach with our dog.



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Milly Cotsell-Webb - Teaching Assistant



Hi, I'm Milly, I have recently started at OTS as a Teaching Assistant in a nurture class. I love sports especially playing hockey and watching rugby, and going to the beach in my spare time.

Mark Kelly - Outdoor Ed Teacher

Mark has recently joined our Outdoor Education Team at Oak Tree School. In his role at Oak Tree School and work outside the school, Mark is responsible for managing daily outdoor activities, overseeing risk assessments, and providing training, assessments and technical advice in Beach Lifeguarding, First Aid, Sea Kayaking, Surfing, Coasteering, Sea Survival skills, Stand Up Paddleboarding, Team Building, and Bushcraft. In his free time, you can find him doing all of the above as well as skateboarding, sailing and rockclimbing.



Megan Moore - Teaching Assistant



Hello, I am Megan Moore. I am a Teaching Assistant in Little Fistral Class. In my spare time I enjoy reading, going to the beach and spending time with my family.

Tomas Amaroso- Teaching Assistant

My name is Tom and I am originally from Italy. I really enjoy football (my team is Wolverhampton), I have a degree in music and I am a musician my favourite instrument is the Guitar. I am excited to be working at Oak Tree School.



Chelsea Jory - Teaching Assistant



Hi my name is Chelsea, I'm a new TA in our Perranporth class. I'm currently doing a degree in learning and education with the goal to become a teacher. In my spare time I like to spend time with my friends and family or visiting new places.

WHATS ON?



Join us for Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 26th September 2023 1.30pm
Onwards at Oak Tree School

We welcome you to come and meet the Therapy Team and Pastoral Support Team here at Oak Tree, a chance to chat and ask any questions you may have.

Please ring the main office or email michele.haigh@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk to let us know you're coming, so we can make sure we have enough scones!
01872 264 221

Therapy and Pastoral Support Team

 Michele Haigh (Parent and child family worker)	 Michelle Pascoe (Therapy Co-ordinator)	 Louise Ryves (Speech and Language Therapist)
 Wendy Thomas	 Sarah Canavan King	 Ben Gregor (DSE Co-ordinator)

Get 1 free National Trust pass this Autumn! Valid until 20th October 2023



National Trust



PARENT AND CARERS ARE INVITED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT

EMOTION COACHING

Emotion coaching helps children and young people to manage their own feelings and behaviour through helping them to understand the different emotions they experience, why they occur, and how to respond them. You will have a chance to learn more about the 5 steps of emotion coaching with practical examples of how to use them to support interactions with your children; also a chance to connect with other families during this challenging time.



Sarah Canavan - King
Educational Psychologist



Michele Haigh
Parent/Carer Support Worker



Oak Tree School

When: Tuesday 3rd, 10th & 17th October

Where: Oak Tree School

Time: 12.30-2.30pm

Buffet lunch provided For those who can't make the sessions at school

There will be an online session on: **Thursday 2nd November from 1-2pm.**

To book, please email Michele Haigh (Parent and Child Support Worker)

michele.haigh@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk

PARENT / CARER



TERM DATES

Please see the term dates for the academic year 2023-2024.

If your child is not going to be in school on a certain date or is poorly, please call reception on 01872 264 221 to inform us of their absence.

Oak Tree School – Term dates 2023 – '24

Term	Start	End
Sept 23	4	11
Oct 23	2	9
Nov 23	6	13
Dec 23	4	11
Jan 24	1	8
Feb 24	5	12
Mar 24	4	11
Apr 24	1	8
May 24	6	13
Jun 24	3	10

(Note: The table above is a simplified representation of the detailed calendar provided in the image, which includes specific dates for each day of the week and various school holidays.)

Over the academic year Oak Tree School will be running lots of sessions for Parent & Carers, face to face and online. Please see the Parent/Carer Calendar below and keep an eye out for individual flyers with more details over the coming weeks. If you would like to attend any sessions please email michele.haigh@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk

PARENT & CARER WORKSHOPS 23 - 24



SEPTEMBER

Parent/Carer Cream Tea with:

OTS Therapy and Pastoral Team
Parent/Carer Support Worker
PSHE Co-Ordinator

OCTOBER

Parents/Carer Emotion Coaching Workshops with Sarah Canavan-King (Educational Psychologist)

Adult Education - Nurture Me, Nurture You

Adult Education - Family Learning Workshop, keeping up with the children in Maths.

Lets Talk Workshop - How to talk to your children about sex, relationships and puberty. (Teens)

NOVEMBER

Understanding Zones Of Regulation Workshops with Rachel Blackie (Educational Psychologist)

Speech And Language Therapy Parent/Carer Drop Ins with Louise Ryves

DECEMBER

Christmas Pantomime & Christmas Fayre

JANUARY

Parenting Hack Workshops with Wendy Thomas (Educational Psychologist)

Parent/Carer Cream Tea with OTS Therapy and Pastoral Team
Parent/Carer Support Worker
PSHE Co-Ordinator

FEBRUARY

Parenting Hack Workshop with Wendy Thomas (Educational Psychologist)

MARCH

Digital World Workshops with Sarah Canavan-King (Educational Psychologist)

Speech and Language Therapy virtual Parent/Carer drop in

Lets Talk Workshop - How to talk to your children about sex, relationships and puberty. (Primary Age)

APRIL

Digital World Online Workshop with Sarah Canavan-King (Educational Psychologist)

SPACE Parent/Carer Group. For parent/carers who want to better understand their children's emotions and their own.

Parent/Carer Cream Tea with - OTS Therapy and Pastoral Team
Parent/Carer Support Worker
PSHE Co-Ordinator

MAY

Supporting Anxiety Workshop with Wendy Thomas (Educational Psychologist)

JUNE

Supporting Anxiety Online Workshop with Wendy Thomas (Educational Psychologist)

The workshops/events will take place at either OTS, a venue close by or virtually by Teams/Zoom. More information, dates and times will be sent out in the near future. To register your interest please call OTS or email Michele Haigh direct - Michele.haigh@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk

OTS

ECO-COMMITEE



Over the course of last year students have worked to make Oak Tree School a greener place and thanks to their hard work, It has paid off. In July, Oak Tree were proud to be certified as an ECO-School achieving the award of Green flag status, thanks to the students and their input through the eco-committee.

We would also like to thank The Green Waste Company who kindly donated peat free, top quality gardening grade compost for our Allotment. The plants are thriving, and students have been enjoying planting and maintaining the raised beds. We are very grateful for the kind donation.

As we turn our attention to the new academic year, we hope to further the sustainability of Oak Tree School, through the eco-committee and within class.

Emily, Godrevy class teacher is passionate about Astronomy and the night sky. Why not have a go at the activity she has set!

WHAT IS A CONSTELLATION?

- A constellation is a group of stars. The groups are identified according to patterns that people have seen in the stars.
- Since ancient times people have tried to explain the night sky. Over thousands of years different cultures have seen different patterns in the stars. They have named many different constellations after familiar animals, everyday objects, and characters and beasts from stories.

Can you spot any constellations?

Take a photo or draw a picture of what you see and send it to school to win credits and a feature in the following newsletter.



STUDENTS



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TOP TEN TIPS TO

STAY SAFE ONLINE

- 1 Don't share your personal information
- 2 Only talk to people that you know
- 3 Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online
- 4 Only accept friend requests from people you know personally
- 5 Always think carefully about what you post
- 6 Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts
- 7 Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8 Report inappropriate content immediately
- 9 Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing
- 10 Never share your passwords

Riddle of the Week

What has hands
but doesn't clap?



Tell your tutor the answer to win 50 credits

Would you like to earn your Blue Peter badge?

The first badge OTS students can earn is the Blue badge.. Blue badges are awarded for sending in interesting letters, stories, draw/paint/make pictures, poems or suggesting good ideas for the programme. .



Please submit your creations to Morgan (Based in the office) or send them to morgan.read-ferris@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk. Morgan will then send your work to Blue Peter.

Student Ambassador

Voting is open for student ambassador! This year we have four eager candidates looking for your vote: Please see your tutor to vote.

Miles
Ethan M
Hayden R
Heidi W



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