

Welcome to the first Discovery Multi Academy Trust Update. It has been wonderful to see the children settling in this term across all three of our academies, and engaging in their learning. There have been many exciting events for our children, some of which you can see below. We have also included the Discovery MAT's vision and values with this update, as a good summary of what our new organisation is all about. It has been a busy few weeks for us all, and I wish everyone a restful and relaxing half term break.

## Oakwood Swimming Stars

Year 5 children from Oakwood Primary received their reward celebrity session for earning 'Most Improved School' in the Life Centre's well-respected swimming programme across Plymouth. The prize was an invitation to attend the Swim Stars event hosted by double gold medal Olympic champion, Beccy Adlington, along with our local Olympic divers, Tonia Couch and Sarah Barrow.

It was such a great morning with all children engaged in swimming, CPR training and sampling the giddy heights of the diving platforms. The event was featured on BBC Spotlight that evening and the Oakwood children featured prominently in the televised report! Well done to Year 5!



## Gold for Beechwood Scarecrows

We are proud to report that the judges of the annual Plymouth in Bloom for Schools have awarded Beechwood Primary Academy a Gold in the Scarecrow Category 2016. In July, judges visited the fruit garden and were delighted to see a collection of scarecrows, dressed as pupils from the school, keeping watch over the crops of gooseberries and blueberries. Thank you to all the parents and staff who donated school uniform and their time to create the scarecrows.



## Weston Mill Superhero Dress Up Day

Weston Mill children had a fantastic day celebrating their return to school in September, dressed up as their class superheroes. It was wonderful to see the children (and staff!) dressed in their various superhero costumes. The children had fun enjoying the activities that staff had planned for them. Our thanks go to all parents and carers for all your efforts in making sure your children were fully involved.

