



Dear Parents,

1st October 2021

OAK TREES MAT CHALLENGE

The academy is pleased to be introducing the Oak Trees MAT challenge for 2021-22. The scheme has been designed by staff at all six schools and is free to enter. Each year group will have 10 challenges to complete during the year, with the vast majority of these being free, easy-to-do activities, with family whilst some will be completed in school.

The rationale behind the scheme is to unite the children of the MAT so that they all get to experience a rich childhood that capitalises on the local environment and the culture of Wirral. The challenge aims to motivate the children to:

- Explore their locality
- Develop their independence
- Grow their creativity and imaginations
- Use their leisure time wisely
- Become respectful citizens
- Collaborate with others
- Spend time with loved ones
- Enhance their cultural capital

The overall aims align perfectly with our school values, giving the children further opportunities to explore them in a wider context.

Children will simply need to have a photograph of them completing the activity and create a collage of the completed challenges. In the Summer Term, individuals who have completed the challenge will receive an Oak Trees award, which represents their year group. This will be presented to the pupils in a special awards ceremony (Covid-19 permitting).

As mentioned above, there is no entry fee and no need to complete a reply slip to confirm your participation; simply begin completing the challenges at your leisure! We will promote the challenges through our Twitter accounts, letters home and our websites.

A copy of the Oak Trees Challenges is attached.

We hope that this scheme enriches the leisure time that you get to spend together as a family, without creating a large burden on your relaxation time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Arnold
Headteacher