



Dear Parents

Next week we say goodbye to Mrs Bean who is retiring after nearly 25 years working at Osidge. While a parent at the school Mrs Bean was one of the original founders of the OSA and has been an inspiration to many children over the years. I thank her warmly for her dedication and support, for her resilience to be up early to open our breakfast club and for all the care and love she has shown the children. We'll miss her and wish her well for the future.

The highlight of this week was surely the wonderful Christmas music concert and nativity telling on Wednesday. There was such a warm community atmosphere with us all there together to enjoy the children's performances. My huge thanks again to all the staff involved and in particular Mr Lewis for building back up the choirs and orchestra after the restrictions of the last couple of years.

We will continue to follow the guidelines for primary schools on covid management and will review the position before each event. In the meantime please keep children off school if they show any covid symptoms, do LFTs and take them for a PCR test if necessary.

Also, this week Y1 children enjoyed sharing their work with their parents on Tuesday. Well done to Y4 who have made considerable progress through their intensive two-week swimming programme. Today we were pleased to have the opportunity to hold a parent support session with a focus on supporting your child's anxiety. Please look out for future meeting dates in the newsletter.

**A reminder that the last day of school is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, normal closing time and Xmas jumpers and Xmas lunch on Tuesday.**

There are many children to celebrate in this week's newsletter through chess club, competitions, tea parties, sport and charitable work. Read on for more...

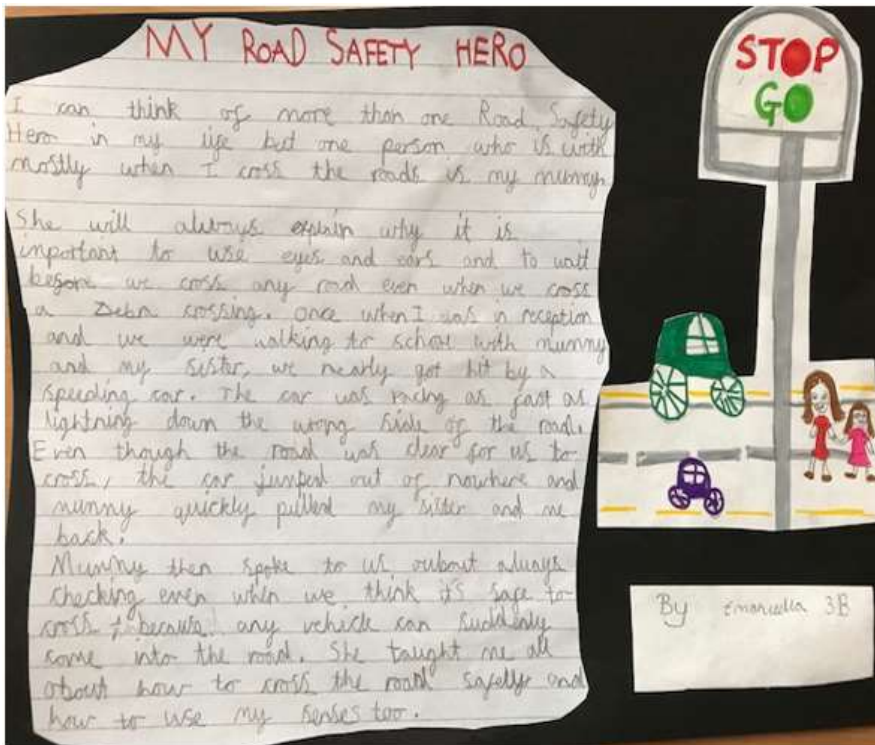
Remember you can always find a snapshot of school life on our blog:

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/news/blog/>

Stay safe and well.

Have a good weekend

Jen Brodtkin



As part of National Road Safety Week 2021, the Barnet road safety team ran a 'celebrate a road safety hero' competition.

Emanuella from 3B wrote a wonderful letter, nominating her mum, and she won!

Her mum is the Road Safety Hero and as such she will get a certificate and a voucher to buy a high visibility kit.

Well done Emanuella and well done Emanuella's mum!



I wanted to share a fantastic fundraising initiative that Imogen has done.

Imogen was sponsored to cut off her beautiful long hair to donate it for the Little Princess Trust - they make wigs from the donated hair for children with cancer.

Imogen has so far raised over £1200! She went for the big cut on Tuesday evening and was proud to donate 14.5 inches of hair!

If anyone wants to add to her fundraising it's at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ImogenCutsHerHair>



## The Metropolitan Police Christmas Tree Appeal 2021

This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Metropolitan Police Christmas Tree Appeal.

We have nearly 17,000 children (aged from birth to 17 years old) to provide a gift for. These children come from many different backgrounds and many are living in poverty.

In the last 10 years we have provided with the generosity of Londoners over 116,000 presents to children living in care, living in refuges or who are child carers.

Please donate a gift this year to a child who may otherwise not receive a gift

<https://givergy.uk/christmastreeappeal2021/?controller=home>

*Help a child have a better Christmas*

## Diary

### December 2021

- 13<sup>th</sup> Chickenshed Trip Reception LB
- 14<sup>th</sup> Chickenshed Trip Reception DF
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Performance
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch
- 15<sup>th</sup> Superhero Day Year 1
- 16<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### January 2022

- 4<sup>th</sup> **Inset day- School Closed**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Children return to school
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Inset day- School Closed**

### February 2022

- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> **Half Term- School Closed**

## Congratulations to this term's chess club tournament winners:

### Year 1 & 2

- \* 1st Emma Gillespie
- \* 2nd Cherice Ho
- \* 3rd Olivia Li

### Years 3 to 6

- \* 1st Ishaan Somanchi
- \* 2nd Kieran Segal
- \* 3rd Rafael Bernardes

Keep checking out our Osidge blog on the website.

Link below to our school blog

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/news/blog/>

It is so wonderful for the children to be able to have fixtures against other schools and to go to events outside of school.

Over this term the children from a variety of year groups have taken part in cross country, football, netball and multiskills.

The results from the fixtures have not all been in our favour but it has been fantastic to see how their skills and teamwork have progressed over the matches they have played. However, the netball team finished with a flourish on Thursday by winning their match against Ashmole.

Well done to all the children who have taken part in the events and fixtures so far.

Sue Littleford PE Lead

## HeadTEAcher's Tea Party

Well done to:

Riya, Lena, Yusuf

Christine, Xander, Amelia

Clare, Anton, Mahad

Kasey, Jasmine, Sophia

who came for tea... for going above and beyond

