



Newsletter

4th February 2022

Dear Parents

We have been following the local school's guidance to reduce the spread of Covid within the school. We have seen a small but significant increase in cases in some year groups. We are continuing to implement our protective measures in school and will continue to monitor the situation.

While the science tells us that the risk to health for the children is low, we must be mindful of the wider spread in the community, to school staff and that families may live with other vulnerable individuals.

*Could I kindly ask that until 11th February **you test your child daily before sending in to school.** In this way we can ensure that we catch any asymptomatic cases, reduce the spread and keep everyone safe.*

A very Happy New Year to all our families who celebrated Chinese New Year on Tuesday! It was wonderful to have parents come in and share with us their family traditions and support the children with some traditional arts and crafts.

Lots of other 'back to normal' activities happened this week. Y1 visited the RAF museum, Y3 enjoyed a Greek Day and Reception visited Kervan to find out what job people do. Thank you to the staff for organising the trips and for parents for support with food donations and coming along on the day.

For Children's Mental Health Week some of our Y6 Osidge Ambassadors worked with Miss Arican and delivered a virtual assembly on 'emotional growth'. Thank you to Olivia, Ruby, Zoe, Hannah, Nickole and Sienna for all their enthusiasm and acting as role models to others.

Sports report: Well done to the boys football team for their sportsmanship at the interschool tournament on Thursday morning.

The OSA would love to hear from you. A separate email has gone out today sharing the work they have been doing, future plans and a survey link. You can complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2FJQJYH>

Break the Rules Day forms and envelopes for donations will be going home in the next few days. Look out for them in children's bags.

Today we say goodbye to Anna Constantinides. Anna was a pupil at Osidge, then worked with our after school club and has been working as a teaching assistant for the past few years. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well with all her theatre work. Some of you may already have seen her on stage at the Chickenshed.

Have a good weekend

Jen Brodtkin



Children's Mental Health Week

7-13th February 2022

Children's Mental Health Week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

The children will be doing activities in their classes, exploring the theme 'Growing Together'. We will be encouraging children to consider how they have grown emotionally, and aim to arm with emotional skills so they can help themselves and others to continue to grow. Evidence shows when we do reach children, their school performance improves and so do their life chances, and that stays with them as they grow.

There are some lovely activities on the Children's Mental Health Website that can be carried out at home.

Please find the link below

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Working together to support children to develop resilience will help them manage when things get tough, to believe in themselves, to keep going, and to try doing things a bit differently. Even when we have experienced really difficult challenges in our lives, with the right support, children can continue to grow and flourish.

Diary

February 2022

7th Furry & Scaly Workshop Year 2

11th Break The Rules Day

14th – 18th Half Term- School Closed

March 2022

8th Class Photographs

14th – 18th Lightship Residential Year 5

23rd – 25th Phasels Woods Residential Year 4

30th Parents Evening

31st Parents Evening

April 2022

4th – 18th School Closed

June 2022

18th Summer Fair



Internet Safer Day

As half term approaches please find attached our Online Safety Newsletter. It is reminding us all about this year's Internet Safer theme:

All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.

The main message we have given the children is that if you have nothing kind to say, don't say anything. Also, if you wouldn't say it to someone's face, then don't hide behind a screen and say it.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sammie Hyman

Estate Agent Board – Fundraiser

We need a few more addresses so we have 50 houses or maisonettes so that Martyn Gerrard will pay us £15 per board instead of £10 per board.

Please contact Mo.osa@osidge.net if you are willing to have a board outside your house twice a year for a few weeks. An easy way to support the school



Year 3 Greek Day



Link below to our Year 3 Greek Day

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/year-3-greek-day/>



Our next parent support group will take place on **Friday 11th February at 9am** in the Sanctuary.

Parenting can be extremely rewarding but can also have its challenges. This group is an opportunity to discuss constructive ideas around raising children.

This session we will be looking at helping children reflect on their behaviour using a 'Restorative Justice' technique. This is the main method we use at school when talking to children about their choices.

The group is also a great way to meet other parents and carers for practical and emotional support. It can be helpful to share ideas with other parents and reassuring to meet other parents experiencing similar concerns or worries

Sarah Ostroff

Inclusion Lead

Sharon Gordon Kaye

Learning Mentor



Thank you to:

Daniel 2F

Toni 2F

Niamh 2F

Grace 4B

Ifigeneia 4T

For contributing a book for our library.



Go to our website to see some of the activities the children took part in for Chinese New year.

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/chinese-new-year/>

Class 1B At the RAF Museum

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/year-1-trip-to-the-raf-museum/>



Class 1J At the RAF Museum

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/year-1-trip-to-the-raf-museum/>

