



Newsletter

10th February 2023

Dear parents

I was so proud of the swift response we made as a school community to the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal today in the playground. It was humbling to have generous donations for our stall from local business on the high street too. Thanks to them and to you all for your support. There are links below for how you can make an online donation to support families caught up in this terrible disaster.

It was lovely to welcome so many parents into our sharing events this week. Y3 in their fabulous Greek costumes enjoyed a fun morning of all things Greek and then shared their learning with parents in the afternoon. Thank you to all the parents for their foodie donations to make the Greek feast a memorable occasion. Y5 shared with their parents the games they had been coding in lessons and rightly felt very proud doing so. Meanwhile our Y1 superheroes thankfully tracked down Professor Slime and stopped them from causing any more trouble at Osidge School. Well done Y1!

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and Tuesday was also Safer Internet Day. We know that spending time on chat groups can cause young people anxiety, upset friendships and distract from learning at school. As such, we have made a decision that children at Osidge should not be on chat groups together and I spoke with Y5 and Y6 children about this. Parents have also been notified. Our half-termly online safety newsletter is on the website. We are hosting an information session for parents run by the local authority Community Safety Team that will be full of useful tips for how to keep your child safe online. The online world changes very quickly, so keeping up to date is very important. The session will be virtual, on 21st February 4pm. Details with the link are in a box below. All parents are welcome. There is no need to sign up in advance.

On Tuesday some Y5 children went to Oaktree School as part of our outreach work with the local community. The focus was on the outdoors, the environment and planting. This is the first of several visits and all Y5 children will have the opportunity to go along. My thanks to Mrs Mahir and Mrs Ostroff for this wonderful initiative.

Well done to the netball and football teams who both played matches this week. Some great teamwork in action!

On 2nd March it is World Book Day. As usual, any dressing up should be as home-made/recycled/upcycled as possible. Half term is a perfect opportunity to get creative. There is no need to spend money. Please see the separate email that went out about that.

I can't believe we are half way through the school year! We are back on Monday 20th February. Have a lovely half term!

Jen Brodkin

Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal

You can make an online donation to the earthquake appeal through the Disasters Emergency Committee. The UK Government is fund-matching the first £5m donated.

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

Diary

February 2023

13th -17th **Half Term School Closed**
22nd RWI Parent Workshop 9.10am Reception
23rd Furry & Scaly Workshop Year 2

March 2023

2nd World Book Day
13th Freightliners Reception
13th-15th Lightship Year 5D
15th -17th Lightship Year 5M
21st Tower of London Year 2
20th-24th Kingswood Year 6
30th Young Shakespeare Workshop Year 6
31st **Last Day of Term**

April 2023

17th **Start of Summer Term**

May 2023

1st Bank Holiday
8th Bank Holiday
9th-12th SATS Year 6

Below is a link for Creators Day

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/creators-day-2023/>

Link for Superhero Day

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/superhero-day-in-year-1/>

This is a request for any unused (but still in working order) digital cameras! If you have any taking up space at home that you would be happy to donate to Osidge School, please drop them off at the school office – with memory cards cleared of your personal photographs.



They will be used in school to support our teaching and learning.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 350 385 421 827

Passcode: iMmckr

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Phone Conference ID: 615 992 849#

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We are hosting an online safety information session for parents on February 21st at 4pm.

The session will be presented by someone from Barnet's Community Safety Team. This session will be a really useful opportunity for you to find out how to keep your child safe online and to learn more about signs to look out for in your child's behaviour to support their wellbeing.

With research showing that children's mental health is increasingly affected by what they see and do online, I encourage as many of you as possible to join the session.

You do not need to sign up in advance

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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Do you know about our Pre-Loved Scheme?



**We are so pleased that our Pre-Loved scheme has been such a success. Unfortunately, because of this, there may be times where we need to pause donations to allow our team to run down remaining Pre-Loved stock.*

Smiths
schoolwear

- 1 They Outgrow**
If you have unwanted uniform laying around, don't let it go to landfill. Our Pre-Loved process rewards donating and buying customers.
- 2 You Give Back**
Customers can donate outgrown uniform in any of our stores, receiving £0.50 account credit per donated item.
- 3 We Resell**
As long as items are in a re-sellable condition, we list Pre-Loved items in our online shop ready for buying customers. Our Pre-Loved products are priced from only £0.50.
- 4 We Deliver**
However you want to collect - via delivery, click and collect in store, or from the school office - we'll get it sorted.
- 5 They Succeed**
Thank you for being part of the change. You've prevented thousands of items of clothing from going to landfill.

www.smithsschoolwear.co.uk

BARNET EDUCATION
Arts Trust

making young lives musical

Instrumental & Vocal Lessons Available Now!

Learning a musical instrument can help ease anxiety and boost mental wellbeing.

Playing music helps boost confidence and improve concentration, all whilst having fun!

- Lessons are available for most instruments and voice for children and young people of all levels and ages 7-18.
- Individual or small group tuition available.
- Our specialist tutors work in schools and academies in Barnet and with our evening and weekend Music Academies.
- All tutors are fully DBS checked and their teaching is regularly monitored.



To register for tuition please contact your school or visit our website for more information.

www.beatrust.org.uk

If your child has **not** been having instrumental lessons at school and you would like them to, please go to the link below:

<https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/>

Here you can register for an account and apply for lessons.

The deadline is 17th March.

Children that are currently having lessons at school **should** wait until they receive information from BEAT notifying them how to pay for next term.

They **do not** need to **re-enrol**

Attendance Reminders

In line with recommendations from Barnet Educational welfare, if your child is absent from school for more than 3 days you will need to provide school with proof of illness.

On the first day of absence please explain the reason why your child is absent by phone 0208 886 7108 or email office@osidge.barnetmail.net. If your child is absent for more than one day, please keep the school informed on each day that your child is absent.

A reminder that children's learning starts at 8.55

Please see the attached information regarding attendance and lateness.

Well done to these children who had tea with the HeadTEAcher this half term:



Selena 1B	Delilah-Mae 1J	Diya 2S	Kelsey 2F	Derin 3B	Ibrahim3S
Teodor 4B	Ryan 4T	Jesselin 5D	Oskar 5M	Ayza 6B	Vishruth 6L

Children's Mental Health Week - 6 -12 February 2023.

This year's theme is Let's Connect.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

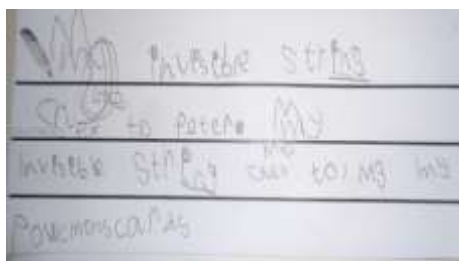
For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

This week, children completed various activities to think about how they are connected to their peers as well as their community. Here are some work they completed! Find more on the school blog!



We made pictures to show we are connected to the people we love with our

"Invisible String" inspired by the book by Patrice Kaste



We passed a hula hoop to remind ourselves that we need all of us to do the job!



All classes from Reception to Year 6 completed a picture to represent themselves. Following our British Values, we joined them with an invisible string to represent that we are all unique individuals and are connected by our *Osidge Invisible String!* Spot this around the school soon!



We all have a place in the world, so let's connect!

