



Newsletter

3rd February 2023

Dear parents

Today we got together as a school to celebrate and share the children's wonderful work from *Creators' Day*. Each year group was given a value and designed a cape for their superhero based on the qualities we would expect to see of someone showing *care, respect, honesty, responsibility, determination and appreciation*. I have been a lovely having this opportunity to reinforce and remind the children (and ourselves) that it is displaying these values that will stand us in good stead in whatever we do in life. The superheroes will be going up on display around the school building soon.

We also sang our new school song – which the children wrote lyrics for with Mr Lewis. It was so lovely to hear all their voices singing the song together in assembly. We will be finding opportunities to sing the song together, often and of course to share it with you all. My huge thanks to the *creators' day* staff team – Mrs Bottiglieri, Mr Lewis, Ms Torma, Miss Davis, Mrs Bartellas, Mrs Littleford, Mrs Norman and Mr Bunyan for his jigsaw cutting skills!

A massive well done and thank you to the OSA for the fantastic £3000 raised at the Winter Wonderland. All monies raised are going towards our nature garden refurbishment. In fact, worth sharing that as part of our community outreach work Osidge staff met with some local nurseries and schools to explore ways in which we can collaborate and how Osidge can support their settings with outdoor learning opportunities.

Football in school: children should not be bringing in hard leather/fake leather balls as they cause injuries and break windows! We have 'school approved' balls in schools that look like they are like one you can buy on the high street but are designed to be safer in the playground.

Well done to the netball, who took part in the Barnet netball tournament. See the box for the full report.

Can you help?

Do you have any old digital cameras (and wires!) – see the box in the newsletter for how you can help us?

Do you collect scrap metal/run a recycling company? We have old tables and chairs which we have been trying to recycle but no one seems to want them! We really would like to clear these usefully. Please be in touch with Chris Andrea asap if you are interested.

Remember that if you shop online through Amazon Smile or Easyfundraising and mention Osidge School we get a percentage of what you buy. Find out more below...

Have a lovely weekend

Jen Brodtkin

Shopping online? Support the school by signing up to Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile.

Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows us to shop directly at our favourite online stores via the links on the easyfundraising website and raise a donation for the school once a purchase is made.

Sign up at [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

Remember to select Osidge School Association as your chosen charity.

If you shop on the Amazon website or app, you can also sign up for Amazon Smile.

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of all eligible purchases to the school at no cost to you.

Register at smile.amazon.co.uk and select Osidge School Association as your cause of choice!

Diary

February 2023

8 th	Greek Day 2.30pm Year
8 th	Superhero Day Year 1
9 th	Parent Sharing Event 9.10am Year 5
10 th	Parent Support Group
13th - 17th	Half Term School Closed
22 nd	RWI Parent Workshop 9.10am Reception
23 rd	Furry & Scaly Workshop Year 2

March 2023

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

April 2023

17th Start of Summer Term

May 2023

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

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.



On Wednesday, 14 year 6 children took part in the Barnet Netball Tournament. They played a number of group games against other schools with one team winning their group to progress to the semi-finals.

Unfortunately they lost this match in a close fought game.

Well done to all those that played.

Below is a link for the newsletter from Chinese New Year

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/chinese-new-year-2/>



Thank you to Linaya Class 1J for donating a book for the class library

Parent Support Group

Our next parent support group will take place on Friday 10th 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 time we will be having a guest speaker called Helen from Home-start. She will be discussing home support, thinking about the challenges families face. Please see the attached poster for more information about the services they offer.

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



FOOD BANK

All welcome

Southgate Mosque Food Bank warmly welcomes ALL guests who need to use the food bank in the Southgate and surrounding area

WE ARE OPEN EVERY

MONDAY 10AM - 12PM

THERE IS NO NEED FOR A VOUCHER OR REFERRAL.
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