



Newsletter

24th February 2023

Dear parents

The children have been settling back into routines after the half term break. Y2 had a wonderful time exploring different sorts of creature in the *Furry and Scaly* workshop that was full of wonderful minibeasts including giant snails and enormous centipedes. This was to close their topic *Wriggle and Crawl*. On Friday Y5 were treated to an art workshop based on Japanese art to complement their English text *Alchemy Island*. My thanks to Frances from the Hampstead Art Group who generously comes in to run these for us.

I am delighted that Osidge has received an award in recognition of work that we do to support mental health and wellbeing of pupils and staff. A big thank you to Mrs Ostroff for leading on this.



Parents evening appointments are now available to book for Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March. Please see the email that went out for how to book. Appointments will be in person in the classrooms.

I know that many parents found our online safety workshop on Tuesday useful. A recording has been made which I encourage as many of you to watch so that you can support your child to stay safe online. Our tech team has advised that we are not able to make a link to the recording so please use the attachment in the email sent out.

On Thursday 2nd March come in dressed as a woodland animal for World Book Day. The best costumes are the ones children make themselves! We will be giving out the WBD tokens on Thursday so look out for those in book bags.

Remember there is lots to see about what is happening in school on our blog
<https://www.osidgeschool.org/news/blog/>

Have a lovely weekend!

Jen Brodkin

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, your child will be marked as late once the register has been taken

Diary

March 2023

2 nd	World Book Day & special lunch
8 th	RWI Meeting 9.10am Reception Parents
13 th	Freightliners Reception
13 th -15 th	Lightship Year 5D
15 th -17 th	Lightship Year 5M
17 th	Local Area Walk Year 1
21 st	Tower of London Year 2
20 th -24 th	Kingswood Year 6
28 th	Parents Evening
29 th	Parents Evening
30 th	Young Shakespeare Workshop Year 6

31st Last Day of Term

April 2023

17th	Start of Summer Term
19 th	parent Sharing Event 9.10am Year 1

May 2023

1st	Bank Holiday school closed
2 nd	Year 3 Swimming starts
4th	Polling Day school Closed
8th	Bank Holiday
9 th -12 th	SATS Year 6

Do you use instagram?

Please follow the new OSA instagram page
@osidge_school_association



OSA Dates For Your Diary

Friday 3 March	Playground sale
Monday 27 March	Break the Rules Day
Saturday 8 July	Summer Fair

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate this at Osidge.

We will be dressing up this year as Forest and Woodland Animals which links with the theme of our book choice this year. Please do not feel any pressure to buy a new outfit for the day. DIY costumes and face painting are welcome and can look just as good as a pre-bought outfit.

Your child will also receive a free £1 voucher to spend at participating retailers. This can be used to be a £1 World Book Day book or to take money off another book of your child's choice.

Pre-loved book sale

Please bring in your pre-loved books for OSA to sell to raise funds for the school.

Book collection point: Canteen entrance,
Thursday 2 March and Friday 3 March at drop off.





Osidge School is collecting for Southgate Mosque FOOD BANK



PLEASE help support local families

- Southgate Mosque Food Bank (opposite Barnet & Southgate College) is open every Monday 10am-12pm and everyone is welcome
- The Food Bank has only been open 2 months and is already serving around 70 local families each week!

Donations Needed

CUPBOARD FOOD & DRINK

- Cereal & porridge
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cooking sauce jars e.g. pasta & curry sauces
- Long-life UHT milk
- Sugar
- Salt
- Cooking Oil
- Biscuits & savoury snacks
- Tinned chickpeas, lentils, beans
- Tinned vegetables e.g. sweetcorn, peas
- Tinned soup & chopped tomatoes
- Tinned baked beans
- Tinned fish & Halal meat
- Tinned fruit, custard & rice pudding

(no chilled, fresh or frozen food please)

HOUSEHOLD

- Toiletries e.g. deodorant, toothpaste, shower gel, hand soap
- Cleaning products e.g. bleach, cleaning sprays, washing up liquid

Osidge School Donation Day - Friday 3rd March

Please leave any donations in the box outside the canteen
BEFORE or AFTER school
on Friday 3rd March
THANK YOU SO MUCH

Southgate House, High Street, Southgate, N14 6BN
(Durants School entrance, opposite Barnet & Southgate College)
t: 07709038211 | e: southgatemosquefoodbank@gmail.com



OSA Coffee Morning Dates

Come and join us for coffee.

Each date will focus on a different subject, more information will follow

Friday 17th March 2023

Friday 28th April 2023

Friday 9th June 2023

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



BARRET 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**

Raise money with a sponsored houseboard!

Raise money for the school by signing up for a Martyn Gerrard houseboard!

Martyn Gerrard pay the school £10 per board (rising to £15 per board when we hit 50 sign ups!).

Boards go up for a maximum of four weeks, twice a year.

Sign up by sending your name, address and telephone number to osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com

Thank you!



CALLING ALL OSIDGE PARENTS!

DO YOU LIVE IN A HOUSE OR MAISONETTE AND WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OSIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Osidge primary school are sponsored by Martyn Gerrard the local estate agent who support & help our school with vital fund raising events throughout the year including our Summer fairs, fireworks and Christmas events.

Every time we have a parent sign up, we get £10 per board per run but if we reach 50 parents sign up then we can get up to £15 per board donated to the Osidge school association.

For those that are able to support Osidge Primary school with a Sponsored Martyn Gerrard house board please contact the OSA team with your:

Name / House Address / Contact number / Email address

Thank you to Eliza
DF class
for donating a book
to the class library



Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal

Due to generous donations from local businesses and parents £2840 was raised for the earthquake appeal.

Thank you to you all for your support.

