

Newsletter 21st April 2023

Dear parents

A very warm welcome back to the summer term! The sun has been teasing us this week, hinting of some warmth and the children have certainly all been enjoying being out on the back field which we have re-opened for the summer season. It really is joyous watching them enjoying the space, running and playing freely.

It was lovely to welcome Y1 parents into school this week for their sharing event. The children delighted us with their ukulele playing and poetry recital. Then it was into classrooms to teach the parents some maths! A huge thank you to the teachers involved.

Attendance: Getting 90% in a test would be good but with only 90% attendance your child misses around 4 weeks of school – that's 100 lessons! This has a big impact on your child's learning, progress and friendships. It also hugely affects their resilience and research shows low attendance impacts on future employment opportunities. Good attendance is 95% or higher. Please make every effort to ensure your child is at school every day.

We were really excited this week to give each class the opportunity to plant something by the pond in the nature garden to make it lush and green now that the structural work is completed. We look forward to seeing the plants blossom and grow in the coming months. The teachers also spent time in the nature garden, as part of our weekly professional development meeting, where we shared and discussed opportunities to develop cross-curricular outdoor learning opportunities.

Have you seen the latest copy of our Osidge Science Journal, written by children for children? It is all about space and packed full of brilliant facts and figures, puzzles and more. A huge thank you to the Y5&6 children for all their work on it. A copy can be found here: https://www.osidgeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Science-Journal-Space-1st-Edition-2023.pdf

Wishing families Eid Mubarak! I hope you have lovely celebrations. We are looking forward to our Eid celebrations in school next week.

Have a good 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

If you do not usually have school lunch but would like to on 27th April please let the school office know by Monday 24th April If your child has lunch already you do not need to inform the office.



Diary

April 2023

24th Year 2 Parents SATs Meeting 9.10am

24th -27th Book Fair

27th Eid School Lunch 28th OSA Coffee Morning

28th Epping Forest Trip Year 5

May 2023

1st Bank Holiday school closed

2nd Year 3 Swimming starts

5th Coronation lunch & dressing up

8th Bank Holiday 9th–12th SATS Year 6

17th Night at Osidge Year 3 23rd Grovelands Park Year 3 May 2023

26th Parent Support Group

29th - 2nd June Half Term school closed

June 2023

9th OSA Coffee Morning

July 2023

8th Summer Fair

14th parent Support Group

21st Last day of Term



To celebrate the King's Coronation there will be a special lunch.

If you do not usually have school lunch but would like to on 5th May please let the school office know by

Tuesday 2nd May

If your child has lunch already you do not need to inform the office.





Osidge Celebrates the King's Coronation



In the week leading up to the King's Coronation, children will be taking part in various fun activities to celebrate this historic occasion.

Non-uniform - On Friday 5th May, we are asking children to wear their most 'Royal' outfits - Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses, guests at a Royal Coronation.



Emergency Alerts- National Test 23rd April

If your child has a mobile phone, please ensure that you have explained this to them so that they don't get a fright.

You can say that it is a way to get messages to everyone quickly eg like in Covid when we had to isolate.

The Government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live, enabling people to be contacted through their mobile phone in the event of there being a danger to life near to where they are, for example severe flooding or fire in their area. If that were to happen near you, your mobile phone or tablet will receive an alert with advice about how to stay safe.

The Government plans to test the system by sending a national test alarm to all smartphones that use 4G and 5G phone networks, at 3pm on Sunday 23 April 2023.

On that day, compatible mobile phones across the UK will sound the alarm – a siren and vibration, lasting for up to 10 seconds.

The emergency alert will appear on your device's home screen and you will need to acknowledge it before you can use other features on the phone. It will however just be a test, so other than to acknowledge it, you do not need to take any further action.

It's important to note that the alarm will sound even if your phone is on silent. If you're a victim of domestic abuse and you're worried that this could put you or someone you know in danger because they have a hidden phone, or you're concerned for someone else's safety, please watch this video from Refuge to find out how to turn the alert off.

After School Clubs Please contact the club organisers directly to book a place for your child



Monday 3.20 - 4.30 Years 1 - 6

Woody's Football – 07961 437202 www.woodyssportsacademy.com

Monday 3.20 - 4.30 Reception – Year 6

Spanish Club – 07848 837924 Email: daniel@olespanish.net



Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30

Years 2 - 6

Streetz Ahead - 07956 987387

https://streetz-ahead.class4kids.co.uk/term/9



Wednesday 3.25 - 4.25

Years 2 - 6

French Club- 07587159327

Email: lmen3354@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 3.15 – 4.25

Years 1 - 6

Gymnastics - 07375 890633

Email: skoolofskillz@outlook.com

Thursday 3.15 – 4.25

Years 1 - 6

Karate - 07375 890633

Email: skoolofskillz@outlook.com



Thursday 3.15 - 4.30

Art Club (Rec – Year 2) 07921845330 Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Friday 3.20 - 4.30

Art Club Year (3- Year 6) 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk



Book Fair

The Book Fair will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday After school 3.15 - 4 in the lower hall. It will operate as a cashless system again.





