

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to this half term! It is always a fun and busy one and we look forward to opportunities to sharing the children's learning with you.

The wet and windy weather this week didn't stop the children's excitement this week around Hallowe'en and fireworks' night. Marking these annual events helps to structure the yearly cycle and bring small moments of joy now that the evenings are darker and the weather wetter and colder, limiting some other opportunities. I always encourage the children to find creative outlets at home and this time of year is perfect to start to remind them of toys and activities they like to do that does not involve a screen!

Y5 were taken back in time on Tuesday with a fantastic Roman workshop full of curious artefacts that were used in day-to-day Roman life. It is always interesting to reflect on how far we have progressed, but yet how little has changed...

A reminder please to **label all uniform** so that we can return lost property to their owner.

Our value this half term is responsibility. Do feel free to set up some responsibilities at home for children like encouraging them to help set or clear the dinner table so that they get into good habits. Talking of which, our new healthy habits feature is about teeth. Take a moment to have a look.

Enjoy the weekend!  
Jen Brodtkin

### ***Healthy Habits - Teeth***

Did you know that one in 5 children have untreated cavities in their teeth?  
That's 20%. Or 6 children in each class!

Dental treatment is free for children in the UK.  
Register with a local dentist to get your child's teeth checked.

Dr Ranj explains all!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHS27DHyl0>

NHS guidance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Qa2K1CC3Hw>



## Diary

### November 2023

- 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Antbullying Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> Odd Sock Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Fire of London Workshop
- 17<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Music Festival
- 21<sup>st</sup> Parents Evening (more information to follow)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Parents Evening (more information to follow)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Year 6 RAF Museum
- 29<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Volcanoes & Earthquakes Workshop

### December 2023

- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- 11<sup>th</sup> Chickenshed Reception
- 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Support Group 9.25am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Chickenshed Reception
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Christmas Show 9.25am
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Last Day of Term- Normal Finish Time**

### January 2024

- 8<sup>th</sup> **Beginning of Term**
- 16<sup>th</sup> RAF Museum Year 1

Well done to all pupils who stood for the School Council Elections. It's wonderful to see so many children wanting to take on responsibilities and support their school.



Congratulations to our new School Council Representatives!



### School Council Representatives

October 2023 – July 2024

Year 1	Michelle 1B	Aren 1J
Year 2	Fox 2F	Dimitris 2L
Year 3	George 3B	Ozan K 3Y
Year 4	Mario 4B	Imaan 4T
Year 5	Ari 5M	Abdul 5R

### Children In Need 17<sup>th</sup> November- Wear something spotty and bring in a £1



## Parent Sharing

Our next parent support group will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 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 discussing the Zones of Regulation.** The Zones is a whole school strategy used to teach children about self-regulation by categorising all the different ways we feel into four concrete coloured zones. The Zones framework provides strategies to teach pupils to become more aware of and independent in controlling their emotions and impulses.

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



## Medication



A reminder that all medication must be brought to the school office for Mrs Owen to administer. That includes over the counter medicine, creams, eye drops and lozenges.

Please do not put them in your child's school bag.

Thank you



Thank you to Julia for donating books to the school library



Our 'Wear Something Green' fundraising event on the final day of school before the half term holiday raised £342!

That means 342 trees will be planted thanks to Osidge Primary as part of JUST ONE Tree's reforestation campaign.

## Osidge Winter Fair will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

You can get involved by –

- Donating a raffle prize
- Hiring a market stall
- Sponsoring the event for a small fee in return for advertising (parent or family business)
- Volunteering at the event

Get in touch with the OSA

Email [osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com) or Call 07766 262161

## Odd Sock Day



With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
we are holding

**ODD SOCKS DAY** on  
**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

#OddSocksDay  
#AntiBullyingWeek



Dear Parents/Carers,  
**WOOHOO... MONDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS  
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

### WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

**Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!** To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

### WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



## Instrumental Tuition

**If you would like your child to learn an instrument at school we have teachers visiting school from Barnet Education Arts Trust as well as independent music teachers.**

Please contact:

Jane Mc Neill by email [janeteresamcneill@live.co.uk](mailto:janeteresamcneill@live.co.uk) for flute, recorder and clarinet lessons.

Toby Hampton by email [tobyhampton8@gmail.com](mailto:tobyhampton8@gmail.com) for guitar and singing lessons

**All other instrument lessons can be booked through BEAT on the email below:**

Bookings for instrumental music tuition for the Spring term 2024 are now open through BEAT. If your child has not been having lessons at school please register and apply using the link below <https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/>

Any **existing parents** please wait until you receive information from BEAT. You **do not** need to **re-enrol**.



The deadline for new students to enrol is **midnight on Monday 4th December**.



HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU SIGN UP!

# HELP US MAKE IT 50!

Have you signed up to the Martyn Gerrard Houseboard Scheme?

Local estate agents Martyn Gerrard sponsor our school for each board put up outside a house or maisonette. Our school receives £10 per board, rising to £15 per board if 50 properties sign up.

**ANY FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER IN NORTH LONDON CAN TAKE PART!**  
Boards go up twice a year for a maximum of four weeks each time.

Sign up before **Friday 17th November** using the link below  
<https://tinyurl.com/houseboard>

