



Newsletter

23rd February 2024

Dear Parents

Welcome back to spring term 2. I hope you had a restful half term break.

Going out today with this newsletter is an update from the Chair of Governors about where we are with the academisation process. Please see the separate letter.

This week some of the children had some exciting and unusual encounters with animals. Y2 had a *furry and scaly* workshop where they had the opportunity to touch and hold snakes, stroke rabbits and feed a very hungry duck while getting close up to some wonderful big creepy crawlies. Meanwhile up in Y6 they were busy dissecting pig's hearts as part of their learning about the cardiovascular system. Some very special and memorable experiences for the children with science at the core of it.

Well done to our netball team who won their match against St Marys this week!

A reminder please to pay for any outstanding payments for trips/workshops etc as soon as possible. Like any business, the school does rely on cashflow to ensure it can pay its bills.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Have a good weekend

Jen Brodkin

Diary

February 2024

28th Year 5 Parent Sharing Event 9.15am
29th Whole Class Photos
(wear school uniform)

March 2024

6th Year 6 SATS Talk 9.05am
8th World Book Day
11th Reception Freightliners
11th-13th 5M Lightship Residential
13th-15th 5R Lightship Residential
14th Year 1 Local Walk
18th Reception Art Exhibition
20th Year 3 Chocolate Workshop
20th Year 4 Sea Life Centre
21st Year 2 Tower of London
25th-28th Year 6 Kingswood Residential
27th Year 1 Parent Sharing Event 9.15am

April 2024

22nd -25th **Book Fair After School**
26th Year 5 Epping Forest
29th - 12th April **Easter Break**

May 2024

1st Year 1 Life Long Ago Workshop
6th **Bank Holiday School Closed**
2nd **Polling Day School closed**
27th -31st **Half term**

June 2024

3rd **Inset Day School Closed**

July 2024

19th **Last day for Pupils**

Bookings for instrumental music tuition for the Summer term 2024 are now open.

This is for piano, drums and string instruments only.

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

<https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>

Existing parents please wait until you receive information from BEAT notifying you how to pay for next term.

The deadline for new students to enrol is **midnight on Monday 18th March.**



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If you are interested in your child having guitar or singing lessons please contact Toby by email tobyhampton8@gmail.com

If you interested in your child having woodwind or recorder lessons please contact Jan by email janteresamcneill@live.co.uk



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Services Available

- Boiler service and repair
- Consumer unit replacement
- Electric fault repair
- Gas safety certificates
- Electric conditional certificates

A Reminder from Mrs Owen to label children's coats, all uniform, lunch boxes and water bottles.

She has a lot of unnamed items that can't be returned!

A reminder that all medication should be taken to the school office and a 'Request to Administer Medication' form completed.

Thank you

Thank you to Maisie DF for donating
A book to the school library



Year 2's Furry and Scaly workshop –

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/year-2s-furry-and-scaly-workshop/>

Cosy Up With a Book

for

World Book Day at Osidge Primary



on



Friday 8th March 2024



We are inviting all pupils to come to school in their **pyjamas** or **onesies** with their **favourite book** on **Friday 8th March 2024!** It's an opportunity to share the books they love and cosy-up to read. There will be additional reading activities that day as part of our aim to continue to develop a love of reading for all.



We will also be hosting a Book Fair in the Lower Hall, after school between Monday 22nd April to Thursday 25th April 2024, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Reminders will be sent closer to the date.

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**BOOK
DAY**

Healthy Habits 3 - Reducing Sugar

Why we should reduce sugar

<https://drdina.ca/how-sugar-affects-childrens-brains/#:~:text=High%20levels%20of%20sugar%20can%20also%20impact%20neurotransmitters%20responsible%20for,as%20much%20as%20you%20can>

Top tips to reduce sugar

<https://savekidsfromsugar.co.uk/tips/simple-ways-reduce-sugar/>

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/information-support/heart-matters-magazine/nutrition/sugar-salt-and-fat/how-to-cut-back-on-sugar-without-noticing>

A great podcast about nutrition health

<https://zoe.com/learn/category/podcasts>

or search zoe podcasts on google podcasts/spotify etc

Money Worries? Could You Be Missing Out On Financial Support?

Nationally, it is believed that people are missing out on billions of pounds of benefits they are eligible for simply because they didn't know and haven't made a claim.

Thanks to the [Barnet Financial Calculator](#) the council is now able to help residents find out if they are missing out.

Our award-winning calculator asks users to complete a short and simple self-assessment which then tells them exactly what they are eligible for as well as one-click access to then proceed and make those claims. It is also now immediately available via a Google Translate plug-in, in over 100 languages. But even if you aren't eligible for benefits but are finding monthly bills a struggle, through our Money Adviser Network, we could help you.

If you are in problem debt, we can put you in touch with free, confidential and personalised debt advice through our partnership with the Money and Pensions Service.

And if you would prefer to meet someone face to face, why not come along to one of our outreach sessions – running every Tuesday from 10am to 12.30pm at Chipping Barnet Library and every Thursday from 10am to 12.30pm at Burnt Oak Library.

Don't suffer in silence – we are here to help.

Find all the links you need and more at www.barnet.gov.uk/costofliving

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