



# Newsletter

## 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear parents

A warm welcome back to the summer term!

No doubt you will have seen or heard the exciting developments on the back field. We are creating a new all weather mini sports pitch that will replace the 'astro' in the front playground for lunchtime sessions and also still for PE. The stage, which is used by many children for creative movement at break times, has finally got a roof solution so that even on damp days the surface will be safe for the children to play on. It also doubles up as an outdoor classroom to support all our outdoor learning. The stage is already finished and we hope the pitch will be completed within the next couple of weeks. We have used PE premium, a government grant which schools get to improve physical activity beyond the PE curriculum, to fund these projects. My thanks to school council for their ideas in planning this.

Time stood still at Osidge on Monday as part of our STEAM week (STEM + art!) activities. The children were exposed to some wonderful time-based activities including *guess who?* using younger photos of the teachers, some brilliant old class photographs and registers from Osidge many generations ago and even a life size Tardis to help with all the time travelling. We also had external providers giving the children some brilliant time-based workshops using technology. The week rounded off with a special assembly today. My huge thanks to Mrs Mahir and the STEAM team for their brilliant creativity.

It was lovely to have the opportunity to celebrate Eid together as a school community this afternoon. My huge thanks to everyone involved at the OSA with making this special event fun for everyone. Plans are getting underway for the summer fair. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Lyndsey.

It's Shakespeare's birthday next week and Y6 had a drama workshop from the Young Shakespeare Company this week to help keep his literature alive. It was a Midsummer Night's Dream this time. Lots of silliness and much hilarity amongst the children! Many thanks to John Lyon's charity for subsidising this event.

Talking of famous dead celebs, did you know Amy Winehouse went to Osidge School? If you happen to go and see the new film about her, you may just hear us get a namedrop! 😊

Have a lovely weekend!

Jen Brodtkin



### Radiant Gas & Electric

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#### Services Available

- Boiler service and repair
- Consumer unit replacement
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## Diary

### April 2024

- 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> **Book Fair After School**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Year 2 Parent Sharing Event 9.15am  
26<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Epping Forest  
29<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Swimming Lessons Start

### May 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year 1 Life Long Ago Workshop  
2<sup>nd</sup> **Polling Day School closed**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bend the Rules Day  
6<sup>th</sup> **Bank Holiday School Closed**

### May 2024

- 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs  
20<sup>th</sup> Secondary Transfer Meeting  
Year 5 Parents 6.15pm  
27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> **Half term**

### June 2024

- 29<sup>th</sup> Osidge Summer fair  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Inset Day School Closed**

### July 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year 3 London Zoo  
19<sup>th</sup> **Last day for Pupils**

## Free Event at Church End Library 4th May

An audience with award winning author Candy Gourlay discussing her book 'Wild Song' in association with the Children's Bookshop Muswell Hill.



Saturday 4 May from 11am-12.30pm in-person at Finchley Church End Library including a Q&A and book signing session.

Suitable for ages 10yrs+ and adults

Free tickets via the link or the QR code  
<https://barnet-libraries.played.co/>



  
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## 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](mailto: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.

**If we do not hear from you your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised.**

**A reminder that children's learning starts at 8.55  
The school gates are open from 8.45 your child will be marked  
as late once the register has been taken.**

STEAM Week - <https://www.osidgeschool.org/blog/steam-week/>

## Book Fair 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April

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### Payment at our Book Fair

- Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books
- You can pay online at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.travellingbooks.co.uk](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk) / pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
  - Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in **£5, £10, £15, £20** and **£25**. Go to [www.travellingbooks.co.uk/gifts-vouchers](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk/gifts-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
  - If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

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## UNIFORM REMINDER

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!

Children should **not** be wearing logo hoodies or zip up hoodies.

Thank you

# OSIDGE IN BLOOM!



Dear Parents/Carers,

This term we will be launching our annual 'Osidge in Bloom' competition. This will be an opportunity for year groups to design and grow their own unique class growing beds using a range of herbs, flowers and plants. To make this project a success, we'd love to have donations of small potted plants, vegetables and herbs. **Teachers will advise you about the types of things the class will be planting and your donations to the classrooms after the Easter break.**

Each year the group will be involved in the design process and the planting of their planter box. The winning entry will receive a special something and be awarded the title of the 'Best in Bloom' at the end of the summer term. The planters will be cared for and watered by each class over the summer term.

This is also a great way for pupils to observe changes over time in Science topics such as 'Plants and Living Things'. We look forward to learning more about plants and working on our scientific enquiry skills. Watch out for the new planting beds around the school as the term unfolds!

Jacqui Mahir

## 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

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# WONDER WALK



To celebrate our 50th anniversary we are excited to invite you to join us at our first ever **Wonder Walk**, taking place on

**Sunday 9 June  
2024**

# WONDER WALK

Join us on **Sunday 9 June** and take part in walking our accessible 5K or 10K routes around the surrounding areas of Chickenshed and help us reach our goal of raising a minimum of £40,000 through individual and team fundraising.

Help us raise vital funds to keep our doors open for another fifty years, and beyond!

**Start at:**

Chickenshed, 290 Chase Side, London N14 4PE

**Times:**

Meet from 9.30am, join in a lively warm-up at 10.45am, then head off on your walk at 11am

**Cost:**

£17.50 adults, £12.50 under 16s | Free to under 5s  
Registration fee includes T-shirt and goody bag\*  
\*Excludes under 5s free registration

**Sign up today!**



Chickenshed, 290 Chase Side,  
Sawthgate, London N14 4PE  
[www.chickenshed.org.uk](http://www.chickenshed.org.uk)  
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Local estate agents Martyn Gerrard sponsor our school for each  
board put up outside a house or maisonette. Our school receives  
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**Friday 3rd May**  
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