

Dear parents

The summer solstice is upon us which sadly means the days will be getting shorter from now on! But a countdown to the end of term feels very much still in the distance as we work to pack in as much as we can in the last few weeks of school.

Reception performed a joyful show on Wednesday morning which was a showcase celebration of all their learning this year. It is always great to see how much progress the children make with their independence and confidence and moments like these help to capture that. My huge thanks to our fantastic Reception team for preparing the children so well.

On Thursday Y5 had a visit from the local community police who shared some important messages with the children about being safe while out and about, as well as ensuring they were clear on the law around online conduct and appropriate behaviour now that they are older.

Just one more week until the summer fair 29th June 12-3.30pm. Please get involved – see OSA messages for how to do that.

Staffing:

I will be letting you know new class details in a couple of weeks but I thought I would let you know in advance some changes happening as it is a particularly unusual year for us.

We have 3 members of staff retiring:

Mrs Littleford has been a teacher at Osidge since she started her career over 30 years ago. While she has spent the last few years in Y6, she has taught throughout during her career here. She has been committed to ensuring a wide range of sports opportunities for the children and we know she will be enjoying many hours in retirement playing tennis which is her passion.

Mrs Jenkins has been a teacher here for 18 years, mostly in the younger years and has had a large role in mentoring new and trainee teachers over the years. She has been a calm and steady influence on the staff and children over the years and I am sure is looking forward to more travel in retirement out of school time.

Mrs Grethe has been a teaching assistant here for 25 years. Many of you will also know her from breakfast club which she has run for many years. Retirement for her means spending time with her growing brood of grandchildren and no doubt having a few more hours in bed each morning.

Other leavers:

We are also sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Blackburn who is leaving London to move nearer family in Nottingham. She has blossomed as a teacher since starting here 5 years ago. We wish her well in her new role in leadership at her new school.

My huge thanks to all of them for all their care, energy, creativity and commitment to ensuring the children at Osidge have had wonderful experiences. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all well for the future.

I am excited about the new appointments that we have made and will share those with you when we confirm the classes for next year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jen Brodtkin

Diary

June 2024

29th Osidge Summer fair

July 2024

1st Year 3 London Zoo

2nd Year 1 Show 9.15

3rd Summer Concert

4th School Closed General Election

July 2024

9th Year 6 Show 9.30am

10th Year 6 Show 9.30am

12th Parent Support Group

17th Year 6 Leavers 2pm

17th Year 6 BBQ after school

19th **Last day for Pupils**

The OSA are excited to invite everyone to the Osidge Summer Fair.

Please save the date in your diaries. **Saturday, 29 June, 12-3.30pm!**

The theme is **Olympic Osidge!**

Planning is in now full swing but **we need your help to make it all happen!**



ICE POP SWAP!

MONDAY, 17TH JUNE

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR SUMMER FAIR
TOMBOLA/RAFFLE HAMPER
DONATION NEXT MONDAY AND GET AN
ICE POP FOR YOUR KIDS IN
EXCHANGE!



DROP OFF - BRING YOUR
DONATIONS TO THE CANTEEN OR
SCHOOL OFFICE. GET A ICE POP
VOUCHER.

PICK UP - SWAP VOUCHER FOR
ICE POPS FOR YOUR KIDS (IN
THE FRONT PLAYGROUND).

Summer Fair Competitions

As part of this year's Summer Fair, we're asking the children to get creative and showcase their skills by entering one or more of our competitions.

The competition categories all have a sporty theme:

1. Create a Lego sculpture of a sporty scene eg football match, track & field event (Please limit size to one baseboard).
2. Design a poster advertising a sports event of your choice (Max A3 size). Use paint, pens, pencils or collage.
3. Make a junk model of an Olympic Torch with empty household packaging (eg. cereal box, toilet roll). Decorate it to make it unique!

Children should make their entries at home and bring them to school on Friday, 28 June.

All entries will be judged by Mrs Brodtkin on the day of the fair and the winners of each category announced

Volunteer!

The Summer Fair is now just 3 weeks away! We need volunteers to run stalls and help with fair activities. Volunteering is good fun and is a great way of getting to know other parents. To sign up, fill in the form via this link:



The screenshot shows a Google Form titled "Summer Fair volunteers". The form text reads: "The Summer Fair is taking place on Saturday 23rd June but we need help from school parents & carers to make it happen. Volunteering at school Fair is a great way to meet & get to know other people's parents. If you can help, please fill in the form below to provide your: Name, Email, Telephone no. The school you'd like to volunteer on. The time that you can volunteer." Below this text are fields for "Your name", "Your email", and "Your phone". At the bottom of the form, it says "forms.gle".

Donate a raffle prize!

Our Summer raffle will run alongside the fair. Please email osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com to donate a prize. You can donate an item, a service or a voucher of your choosing.

Bring in a donation for the tombola and raffle hampers!

We need your help with donations of **new, unopened and in-date** items for Summer Fair tombola and four themed raffle hampers we are making. The themed raffle hampers are - 'family movie night', 'art & crafts', 'parent pamper' and 'book worm'.

This means we're asking each year group to bring something different! Please check against your year group.

Reception: Packets or tins of sweets

Year 1: Packets of popcorn or crisps

Year 2: Boxes or tins of biscuits

Year 3: Arts & craft activity packs, colouring pens or pencils

Year 4: Bottles of soft drink and/or wine

Year 5: Children's books and magazines

Year 6: 'Smellies' incl. Bath bubbles/bath bombs/shower gel 🛁

Please drop off your donations at the canteen or office on Monday, 17th June.

Enter the summer fair competition!

As part of this year's Summer Fun Day, we're asking the children to get creative and showcase their skills by entering one or more of the competitions being judged on the day by Mrs Brodtkin. Children should make their competition entries at home in advance and bring them in on the day of the fair. We'll share details of the competition categories in next week's newsletter!

The Great Osidge Summer Fair Bake Off

Are you a parent or pupil/carer who loves to bake?

If the answer is yes, enter the Great Osidge Summer Fair Bake Off!

To enter, simply bring your baked item to the cake stall by 12.30pm on the day of the fair. Judging takes place soon after. This competition is open to all to enter (including older siblings).

There are two categories:

- 1) Parents and carers
- 2) Pupils and siblings (u18)



All bakes are welcome eg. cake, cupcakes, cake pop, traybake, fridge cake. Please no nuts. Cakes will then be sold to raise money for the school.

If you would like to bake for the stall, but do not want to enter the competition, we are also welcoming all other donations of homemade bakes to be brought to the cake stall as close to the start of the fair as possible.

Tombola / Raffle Hamper donations

Thank you to everyone who responded to our call for donations. You outdid yourselves and OSA committee are grateful for support from across the years!

The only thing we could do we some more of is bottles (soft drink or alcoholic)

If anyone has any at home they're happy to part with, please bring them

in to the school office next week.

Also if you brought something in but your child/ren didn't receive their ice pop, there will be another chance to pick it up on Monday after school.



Tokens Sales

From Monday, OSA volunteers will be in the front playground selling entry tickets and tokens for the fair. Up until next Friday, we're selling tokens at a special 'early bird' price:

£20 for 24 tokens

£10 for 12 tokens

£5 for 6 tokens



You can also beat the queues and buy your adult entry wristband for the fair which costs £1. Kids go free!

Draw with Rob Biddulph



Saturday 6 July
11am - 1pm
Finchley Church End Library

Meet Rob and draw along in this live session. Rob will be answering your questions and signing copies of his book.

Age guidance: 5+

Booking required. Scan the QR code below or visit <https://barnet-libraries.played.co/> to book.



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Parent Support Group

Our next **parent support group** will take place on **Friday 12th July at 9am** in the Canteen. 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 focusing on learning effective ways to communicate with children

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



Discovery Day - relaxed opening at the Crick, King's Cross 20 July 09.30 – 10.30 FREE

Book through Eventbrite

Join us for a relaxed opening of Discovery Day, for families who require a quieter and calmer environment to experience our festival of pop-up science fun. This free ticketed provides an opportunity to explore and enjoy different activities inside the crick before we open for the day – from the super signallers challenge, to cooking up stem cell potions and so much more.

Your free ticket includes access to the activities from 9.30-10.30, as well as an relaxed Science Magic show from 10.30-11.00.

Our relaxed opening is suitable for individuals or families with members who have sensory processing differences, autistic spectrum conditions or other sensory needs.

Book free tickets : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovery-day-relaxed-opening-tickets-925066578037>

Doctor Bike Sessions

Dr Bike sessions will be run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free.

Please the attached information for location of sessions.



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