

Newsletter

13th December 2024

Dear parents

Our learning mentor Sharon Gordon-Kaye is retiring and so next week will be her last at Osidge. Mrs Gordon-Kaye has a long personal history with Osidge, having grown up locally and brought up her children in the area as well. She has been a huge source of support to many children, initially as a teaching assistant and laterally as our learning mentor. Her influence and expertise will leave a lasting legacy on many of the staff as well as the families that she has worked with over the years. I am sure you will join me in wishing her good health and contentment in her retirement. Ensuring that we have continued support for the children's mental wellbeing is a priority and we will let you know more details in the spring term.

Our Y5 mini-mentors were out in the playground this week. This very lovely initiative nurtures the older children's development of resilience and leadership as they support and mentor younger children. The mentors are supervised and our adults of course, continue to be involved with anything more significant.

On Tuesday Y3 had a wild trip to the Natural History Museum to celebrate the end of their topic *Tremors*. Then on Thursday Y6 had the chance to share their learning from their WW2 topic at their parent sharing event. These kinds of moments are a special time for the children to make connections by engaging with their learning in a different context so that they know more and remember more.

A huge well done to the girls' football team this week who won both their matches. Great teamwork! More details in the sport report.

We are excited to be sharing some collaborations with Ashmole Academy. Y6 were treated to a beautiful musical performance on Tuesday, a mix of instruments and voice telling a Christmas tale of some students from Y7-10. It was great to see some ex-Osidge pupils amongst the singers and a wonderful opportunity for our Y6 to get a flavour of some of the extra-curricular activities on offer next year. We are also working with the Trust on a literacy project planned for the summer term which our children will have the chance to participate in. These local opportunities for enrichment and collaboration amongst staff are a lovely example of the benefits from being part of a local trust.

My huge thanks to our OSA team for the *gift for someone special* event this week. It was great to see some 'new' parents being involved and supporting the process. Thank you for your generous donations to the 'shop' and for supporting with the fundraising too. I do hope that the children have not brought back home your donation!!

Wednesday's Christmas lunch was a chance to enjoy the meal with some festive, and maybe slightly out-of-tune, singing from the staff *rockin' around the canteen...*

A reminder that we finish at 1.30 next Friday 20th. There is no after school club.

Have a lovely weekend

Jen Brodkin



Diary

December 2024

- 17th Year 2 Winter Show 9.15
18th Year 3 Parent Sharing Event
18th Dragonfly Chickenshed Trip

20th **Last Day of Term 1.30 finish**

January 2025

- 7th **First Day Back for Pupils**
14th Year 1 RAF Museum Trip

February 2025

- 13th Year 2 Furry & Scaley Workshop
17th -21st **Half Term**

March 2025

- 10th – 12th 5M Lightship Residential
12th – 14th 5J Lightship Residential
18th Year 2 Tower of London
24th – 28th Year 6 Kingswood Residential

April 2025

- 4th **Last Day of Term 1.30 finish**
7th – 21st **Easter Break**

May 2025

- 5th **Bank Holiday School**
26th – 30th **Half Term**

June 2025

- 7th Circus Returns to Osidge

For Parents - The ABC Checklist

With Christmas just around the corner, the holiday period is a great time to take stock of the devices they have (plus any new Xmas devices) and ensure they are set up correctly with any parental features you feel are appropriate for your child.

One frustrating issue is that the available features and how you set devices up differ, so to help parents Internet Matters have really good, non-techie guides which you can follow as part of their ABC Checklist. ABC stands for:

- A - Activate parental controls.
- B - Balance screen time.
- C - Check and chat.

You can find a full explanation, set up guides and advice using the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/abc-online-safety-checklist/>

Donations

As part of our Osidge School values and PSHE learning, Year 2 will be collecting and organising donations of goods to help people in need. We are collecting tinned potatoes and vegetables, jams or spreads, shampoo or shower gel and small jars of coffee. Year 2 have created posters to tell you more about this! We would appreciate donations from any year groups! Please bring in your donations to the Year 2 area by Monday 16th December 2024.

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Donation-Posters-2nd-Decemeber-.pdf>

Thank you,



Healthy Habits - Teeth

Did you know that poor dental hygiene is the #1 reason children are admitted to hospital?

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.

Children should brush for 2 minutes every day. Best if you supervise them to teach them how to do it properly.

Dr Ranj explains all!

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

NHS guidance

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

<https://www.dentalhealth.org/oral-health-top-tips>



SARACENS FOUNDATION

JUNIOR HUB - DANCE CLASS!
FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
AGED 8-14
MONDAY 4:45PM-5:30PM
STONEX STADIUM, BARNET

Please email clarefloyd@saracens.net or call 07984590397 for more information!

Reminders

Please label all items of clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes & bags so that if they are found we can get them back to your child

Medication

A reminder from Mrs Owen that any medication must be labelled and brought into the school office where you will need to sign a form giving us permission to administer it.

This includes throat lozenges, creams and any medication that you buy over the counter without a prescription.

Thank you



Our Services:

- BUS Grant application
- Heat Pumps
- Solar Panels
- Battery storage
- Fire Risk Assessment
- Fire Safety Management
- Gas Safety Certificate
- EPC
- EICR

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Talbies estate agents are excited to propose a collaboration that could benefit Osidge Primary School and its community.

For every property sold / rented through an affiliation with the School, we will donate 10% of our commission directly to the school's PTA. This partnership not only helps families and staff find their ideal homes but also contributes to the school's development and programs.

Here's how it works:

- Anyone who mentions Osidge Primary School when listing, purchasing or renting a property with Talbies will be part of this program
- Those listing their property benefit from reduced special rates
- After the sale / letting is complete, 10% of our earned commission will be donated to Osidge Primary School

So whether you are thinking about selling / letting your property or looking for a property to buy / rent; working with Talbies will mean working towards providing additional funds for your children and pupils

Thank you for considering this opportunity to strengthen our community while supporting Osidge Primary School

Easy Fundraising



Sports Report

2 girls football matches. Both wins (5-0 against Danegrove and 2-0 against Churchill). Girls going through to the next round against St Teresa's.

A Change for Life Winter multi-skills event for years 1&2.

Osidge children from Years 1&2 joined other Barnet schools at Stone Stadium in a multi skills Change 4 Life Festival.

They enjoyed participating in a variety of activities including skittles, new age curling, speed stacking, parachute and boccia

Osidge Blog

Don't forget to look at this week's Blog for all the sporting and school events.

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/news/blog/>



After School Clubs

Please call the organisers of the clubs to book a place

Monday 3.15 - 4.30 Yr1 – Yr6

Woody's Football – 07961 437202

www.woodyssportsacademy.com

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Martial Arts – 07453281552

Email: nsgclubs@gmail.com

Monday 3.15 - 4.20 Reception – Yr6

Spanish Club – 07848 837924

Email: daniel@olespanish.net

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20

Magical Maths – 07734733240

Website: www.magicalmathsclub.com

Monday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Gymnastics Club – 07453281552

Email: nsgclubs@gmail.com

Thursday 3.15 – 4.30

Art Club (Rec – Year 2) 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Cheerleading – 07453281552

Email: nsgclubs@gmail.com

Thursday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Drama Club – 07453281552

Email: nsgclubs@gmail.com

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Minichief – 07946 507119

Email: saritakapur14@gmail.com

Thursday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Minichief – 07946 507119

Email: saritakapur14@gmail.com

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr4 – Yr6

Crotchet Club – 07432 423571

Email: dontmakemeplush@gmail.com

Friday 3.20 – 4.30

Art Club Year (3- Year 6) 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr3 – Yr6

RoboThink (coding) – 07480 776101

Email: hornsey@robotthink.co.uk

Friday 5.00 – 8.00

Stage Coach – 07435782533

Email: southgate@stagecoach.co.uk

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

French Club- 07587159327

Email: Imen3354@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 10.00 – 1.00

Stage Coach – 07435782533

Email: southgate@stagecoach.co.uk

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.30

Dare to Dance - 07469 731 801

Email: d2dcompanycic@gmail.com

