

## Newsletter 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

#### Dear parents

On Monday we held our termly governor engagement day. The focus of the session was phonics, early reading and early years. During the visit governors had a chance to hear from senior leaders and to go into classes to see first-hand the work that we do. The feedback was positive with one governor commenting that they could see the improvement from a few years ago when their child was in those younger years groups. We are always looking to enhance the provision that we have on offer and the teachers work really hard to make a difference to the children's daily learning diet. The information from the visit forms part of our improvement cycle and supports the work that the governors to do.

If you are interested in joining the governing committee, we have a vacancy for a parent governor. More information will be shared next half term about the application process.

It was National Numeracy Day on Wednesday and at Osidge there was lots of thinking about how we use money in real life. Our curriculum is designed to help children make sense of their learning so it connects to real life and this was a perfect opportunity for the children to think about money in shops, work places, budget planning etc. Having consideration for how they might use numbers in their future jobs is also a thinking piece happening this week. My thanks to Ms Bartellas for organising this. We are working closely with National Numeracy to support some further maths initiatives at school.

Talking of maths - a big congratulations to our Y4 children who have made it into the MTC cup final (multiplication/timestables challenge). Out of 800 schools we are really proud to have made it this far. The finals are today and we will let you know how we get on. Well done to everyone for their speedy timestables work!

It was lovely to hear the choir perform in assemblies this week. They performed some songs they had been rehearsing at lunchtimes with Ms Leptos. For some of the children it was their first performance with the choir. We hope to be able to have further choir concerts with parents coming along in the future.

Remember to get your circus tickets for 7<sup>th</sup> June. We also have a competition running for the children - see later in the newsletter - and rainbow day for raffle prizes on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Have a lovely half term break!

Jen Brodkin



# Sustainable Fashion Competition!



Theme: Make fashion Sustainable.

Create a wearable item of clothing using reused or recycled materials.

Show your creativity, environmental awareness, and innovation by designing a fashion item using eco-friendly or recycled materials.

## **How to Enter:**

Create your fashion piece at home

Explain how you made it and the materials you used

Participate in the sustainable fashion show wearing your item

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## **Number Heroes Competition!**

As part of National Numeracy day in May, we would like to invite you to take part in our Number Heroes competition!

<u>Download a Number Heroes worksheet</u> (link below) or grab a piece of paper. Create a picture of yourself doing your dream job or hobby – you can draw, paint, collage, use a computer, or use any other way you'd like to create your picture!

Tell us how you will use numbers in your dream job or hobby. Don't forget to add your first name, last initial, and age!

Ask a grown-up to <u>upload your picture through our online</u> form https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/number-heroes-competition#form, before 23:59 on 11 June 2025.

If you win we will contact your grown-up on or before 1 July 2025 (if this is in your school holidays, please make sure we can reach you!)

Download a worksheet

## **Circus Creative Writing Competition**

As part of our count down to the circus, we would like you to take part in our creative writing competition!

Create a circus-inspired story, diary entry or poem over the half term holiday and bring it into school by Tuesday, 3rd June.

Competition details:

The theme is: 'At the circus, I saw...'

There are three Categories: Story, Diary Entry, Poem (you can enter more than one category).

**Equipment needed:** A4 lined paper, pen or pencil, ruler, rubber.

**Maximum length:** Entries should be no longer than one page of A4 (no minimum length).

Closing date: Tuesday, 3rd June.

Mrs Brodkin will select a winner in each category to be announced inside the Big Top! Winners will receive a prize.

Need help to get started?

Check out BBC Bitesize which has helpful videos about creative writing (navigate to the different year groups and select 'English' <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a>)

Tickets for the OSA Summer Raffle Prize Draw are now available to buy at <a href="https://osidge.charityhive.co.uk/">https://osidge.charityhive.co.uk/</a> until Sunday, 15 June!

It takes just one minute to register on the Charity Hive website, where you can see the full list of fantastic prizes!

A big thank you to the parent and staff community who have donated our top prizes!

**Top prize** - A family ticket for a fantastic day out at London Zoo donated by Steven and Gino from local estate agent Talbies Residential.

**Second prize** - £75 cash donated by local electrician Kiernan Day of WKD Electrical Specialists Ltd.

**Third prize** - £50 voucher donated by Year 4 parent Mauro for the wonderful Palm Court Brasserie in Covent Garden.

**Fourth prize** - A birthday party decoration from event specialist and Year 1 parent Rolanta of Blissful Bloom Decor.

And many more prizes to win including vouchers for Smiths Schoolwear, Smyths Toys, Creams Southgate, and Rainbow Softplay. Also up for grabs are our rainbow hampers!

## **Online Safety Newsletter Summer 1**

https://www.osidgeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Summer-1.docx.pdf



## Join the Southgate Children's Literature Festival Team!

The Southgate Children's Literature Festival is taking place on Saturday, July 12th, 2025, bringing a wonderful celebration of stories, creativity and community to various venues along Chase Side, including the Halo Theatre, The Southgate Club and St. Andrew's church.

To make the event truly special, we're looking for volunteers—whether you're a parent, a friend, or someone aged 16 and over, we'd love to have you involved!

Volunteers will play a key role in assisting authors and performers with their events, helping guests navigate the festival, and ensuring everything runs smoothly.

Whether you can spare an hour or the whole day, your support will make a huge difference!

Volunteers receive training, snacks and drinks, and the chance to be part of the festival community – oh and you get to see the shows for free. Want to be part of something special? Get in touch at <a href="mailto:info@southgatekidslitfest.org">info@southgatekidslitfest.org</a>—we'd love to have you on board!

<u>www.southgatekidslitfest.org</u> Instagram: southgatekidslitfest



## Got uniform and books that your kids have grown out of?

The OSA is collecting pre-loved Osidge School uniform and books for a summer playground sale. Please bring in items (good, clean condition only please) until May half term and leave in the clear box by the canteen. Thank you.

#### **Parent Support Group**

Our next parent support group will take place on Friday 20th June at 2pm 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 time we will be looking at anxiety, what can cause anxiety and some strategies to help support children when they are feeling anxious.

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

Anita Ponti Learning Mentor



## **Diary**

May 2025 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
June 2025	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Creative Writing Deadline
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Hyde Park Trip
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rainbow day
$7^{th}$	Circus Returns to Osidge
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Junior Citizen Workshop
20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Support Group
27 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for fashion Competeition
July 2025	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 London Zoo
18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Pupils 1.30 finish







NON UNIFORM DAY AND RAFFLE DONATIONS

COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR (WEAR AN ITEM OF CLOTHING OR ACCESSORY) IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION OF AN ITEM TOWARDS OUR RAINBOW RAFFLE HAMPERS.

BRING IN ANY NEW, UNOPENED GROCERY OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (EXAMPLES BELOW). IT JUST HAS TO BE IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR! DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED BY YOUR CLASS TEACHER. WE'LL USE YOUR DONATIONS TO MAKE RAINBOW HAMPERS FOR OUR SUMMER RAFFLE!

Reception - Red Year 1 - Orange Year 2 - Yellow Year 3 - Green Year 4 - Blue Year 5 - Purple Year 6 - Pink



## Rainbow Day - Thursday 5th June Non-Uniform and Raffle Donations Day

As we count down to the Circus and Summer Raffle, we are asking children to come into school on Thursday, 5th June in their own clothes or an accessory in a particular colour (their 'class colour') in exchange for a voluntary donation of a grocery or household item packaged in the same colour.

Donations of items will be collected by your child's class teacher at the start of the day. These will be used to create colourful rainbow raffle hampers for our summer raffle.

Class colours are:

Reception: RED Year 4: BLUE
Year 1: ORANGE Year 5: PURPLE
Year 2: YELLOW Year 6: PINK

Year 3: GREEN

Grocery or household items should be new and unopened and can include items like snacks foods, canned or bottled drinks, preserves, cereals, condiments, toiletries, stationery (no nuts, no fresh/frozen items). See the flyer for inspiration.



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### **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=GHS27DHyli0

#### **NHS** guidance

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

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

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.

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- 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

## 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

Monday 3.15 - 4.20 Reception - Yr6

Spanish Club – 07848 837924

Email: daniel@olespanish.net

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 - Yr6

Minichef - 07946 507119

Email: saritakapur14@gmail.com

Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr4 - Yr6

Crotchet Club - 07432 423571

Email: dontmakemeplush@gmail.com

Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr3 - Yr6

RoboThink (coding) – 07888 871387

Email: bookings@stem-club.co.uk

Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15 Y1-Y6

Abacus Maths Club 07824067068

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15 Rec - Yr2

RoboThink Stem Club - 07888 871387

Email: bookings@stem-club.co.uk

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 - Yr6

French Club- 07587159327

Email: <a href="mailto:lmen3354@hotmail.co.uk">lmen3354@hotmail.co.uk</a>

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.30

Dare to Dance - 07469 731 801

Email: d2dcompanycic@gmail.com

Thursday 3.15 – 4.30 Rec – Y2

Art Club 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 - Yr6

Minichef - 07946 507119

Email: <a href="mailto:saritakapur14@qmail.com">saritakapur14@qmail.com</a>

Friday 3.20 - 4.30 Y3-Y6

Art Club Year 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Friday 3.15 – 4.15 Y1-Y6

Abacus Maths Club 07824067068

Saturday 10.00 - 1.00

Stage Coach - 07435782533

Email: <a href="mailto:southqate@stagecoach.co.uk">southqate@stagecoach.co.uk</a>