

Newsletter: 20th March 2026

As always, it's been another busy week at Osidge. In Monday's assembly, I was joined by my usual studio guests, including our Reader in Residence and the Year 6 Values Detectives. In addition, Mrs Bushra and Mrs Layla were with us to speak about the significance of Eid for Muslims and explained the meaning of Ramadan in an engaging and accessible way. We would also like to wish a very happy Eid to all those in our community who are celebrating today.

We had a rocking start to Tuesday with the Rocksteady concert! It has been wonderful to see how the musicians have developed since the Autumn term, with real growth in their confidence, skills and stage presence. It was particularly lovely to see them performing together as bands. Thank you to Peter, from Rocksteady, for teaching the groups each week, and to Mrs Ruschil for organising Tuesday's concert.

More music news this week, with developments in our new Music Space well underway - I'll give a full update next term. Our Lower Choir also featured in the local news recently, with coverage of the Pocket Park Concert (which took place at the start of the month):

https://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/southgate/news_feed/osidge-lower-school-choir-at-the-pocket-park-2

Tuesday afternoon saw some lovely joint learning, with Year 6 children supporting Year 3 pupils in understanding how to stay healthy, including the importance of regular exercise and a balanced diet.

We gathered together on Thursday morning for a special assembly to mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Thank you to Mrs Suleyman, who spoke to the children about how everyone's brain works in different ways, and how these differences make each individual unique, valued and important within our community.

This morning, we were treated to a special visit by pro-footballer Harry Kyprianou who led some sessions with our Y6 football teams and shared a little about his career in the KS2 Assembly. There was certainly a lot of Dr Determination demonstrated in his journey to success. Thank you to Mrs Peradigou who organised the visit.

I have several individual and group successes to share. A couple of weekends ago, Osidge had two teams take part in a chess tournament. The Year 1 & 2 players (Maksim, Mikey, Enrik and Kai Yi) came 20th out of 47 teams. Our Year 3-6 players (Zavian, John, Andrew, Sebastian, Demetris and Lillian) came 33rd out of 81 teams. Well done to all who took part and for their commitment to the weekly Chess Club at school.

Another well done to some of our Year 6 pupils who progressed to the Bonus Round of the National Primary Maths Challenge. Congratulations to Anton and Philip, who both achieved Bronze level, and to Yusuf, who achieved Silver

Remember to keep checking our blog and Instagram for news and photos:

<https://www.osidgeschool.org/news/blog/> and @osidge_school

Results are also in from the Autumn term *Brighten Your Bag* Road Safety competition. Well done to Hayat (Year 2), whose design came 3rd in the whole borough of Barnet! This is what the judges said: *The 3rd place design impressed the judging panel with its creative use of colour contrast and road-safety symbols. The imagery is eye-catching and communicates safe travel behaviours in a way that is both fun and educational. The pupil demonstrated a strong understanding of how visual cues can encourage awareness among both walkers and drivers. The design's balance of creativity and clear safety messaging made it a strong contender in this year's campaign*



You may remember the Young Poet Laureate competition that many of our pupils entered, alongside thousands of other London children. I am immensely proud to share that Musawer (Year 4) is one of only 20 children shortlisted for the London region. His poem will be included in the competition anthology, and he will take part in the final stage of the competition next month. A huge well done, Musawer, and the very best of luck.

Thank you for attending the Parents' Evening consultations this week. These are important opportunities to discuss your child's progress, celebrate achievements and identify next steps. Working in partnership between home and school is key to ensuring every child thrives and we greatly appreciate your continued support.

I hope to see many of you at the OSA's Annual General Meeting on Monday (6.30pm). Just a reminder that next Friday is the last day of term and will be a half-day, with school finishing at 1.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Chrisanthy Dyer

Headteacher

On Friday, Harry Kyprianou, a professional footballer and former Football League One player for Southend United and Maidstone United, joined us to coach some of our Year 6 boys and girls. The children were excited to learn new football skills and were inspired during assembly as they listened to Harry's journey to becoming a professional footballer.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents who attended this morning's workshop on managing anxiety in children, led by Sian from Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS). It was a valuable and informative session, and we hope you found the strategies and guidance helpful in supporting your children. We are pleased to share that Sian will be running additional workshops during the summer term, so please keep an eye out for upcoming dates and opportunities to attend.

Sarah Ostroff

OSIDGE NEWS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2026

23 rd	OSA AGM 6.30pm
23 rd -27 th	Year 6 Residential
25 th	Year 4 Parent Sharing Event 9.10
26 th	Year 2 parent Sharing Event 9.15
27 th	Last Day of Term – 1.30 Finish

April 2026

13 th	Staff Training- School Closed
14 th	First Day Back for Pupils
17 th	Year 2 Tower of London Trip
24 th	Year 6 Drama in the Woods Trip
29 th	Year 1 Life Long Ago Workshop
30 th	Year 5 Epping Forest Trip
30 th	Year 4 Sleeping Bells TBC

May 2026

4 th	Bank Holiday School Closed
7 th	Polling Day School Closed
8 th	Year 2 Hyde Park Trip
18 th	Year 3 Chocolate Workshop
25 th - 29 th	Half Term

June 2026

23 rd	Year 4 Bank of England Trip
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July 2026

17 th	Last day of School- Finish 1.30
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Osidge In Bloom



We will launch our annual 'Osidge in Bloom' competition next term. Classes will design and grow their unique class 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 'Best in Bloom' at the end of the summer term.

Each class will care for and water the planters over the summer term.

Osidge in Bloom is also an excellent 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 improving our scientific enquiry skills.

Watch out for the new planting beds around the school as the term unfolds!



Workshop for parents/carers and children and young people

Saturday 25th April 2026, 1.30 – 4.30pm

Finchley Arts Depot, 5 Nether St, London N12 0GA

ADHD in the 21st Century

Barnet's Inclusion Advisory Team are pleased to present an in-person workshop for; Children (aged 10-18 years old) attending a Barnet School & their Parents/Carers.

Please sign up for a space on the workshop here:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Ec1uwH125m> (please note limited spaces and a maximum of 2 child & 2 adult spaces per family). Places will be offered on a first come first served basis and confirmation of space will be emailed to you.

Presenting...

The Barnet Inclusion Advisory Team and Barnet Parent Carer Forum

Andrew Whitehouse and Isaac Whitehouse

TEDx Speaker Andrew Whitehouse is a specialist in neurological diversity and provides interventions for professionals, parents and young people with Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia and related conditions.

Rachel McKensie

Youth Sports Trust, Athlete Mentor Rachael Mackenzie is a former professional boxer and Thai boxer who is also an ABA England Boxing Silver Medallist and World Thai Boxing Champion. Research and evidence led, the Youth Sport Trust explores the power of sport and physical activity in transforming the health, happiness and wellbeing of children and young people.

Munur Shah

Founder of Rebel Therapies and & Author of 'Screen Addict'. Munur Shah, experienced firsthand the challenges of screen and mobile phone addiction within his own family. Determined to make a change, he dedicated years to researching the root causes of screen, mobile phone and online gaming addiction, and its profound impact on our emotions, thoughts and behaviours. His insights not only transformed his life but inspired him to help others break free from the grip of intrusive technologies.

Panel Q&A



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Join us for the OSA Annual General Meeting (AGM)!

Monday 23rd March, 6:30pm

Meet in front of the school office

All parents and carers (and children) welcome!

The OSA AGM is a great opportunity to hear about everything the OSA has achieved over the past year and how the funds raised are being used to support the school and pupils.

We will also talk about plans for the year ahead. Whether you'd like to get more involved, share ideas, or simply find out more about what the OSA does, we'd love to see you there.

At the meeting, we will also be inviting people to put themselves forward for key committee roles including Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, so please do come along if you are interested in getting more involved.

The AGM is also a chance to meet other parents, ask questions, and learn how you can support future events and activities – big or small, every bit of help makes a difference!

We hope you can join us!

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

Monday-Friday- various activities

Foundation Sports – 07761 082998

See flyer attachment for email address

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Minichief – 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 Yr1 – Yr6

Piano Buddies

Email: bookings@arteach.co.uk

Tuesday 3.20 - 4.30 Yr2 – Yr6

Design Club

bilenzeremariam@gmail.com

07493 345650

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

French Club- 07587159327

Email : Imen3354@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 3.15 – 4.30 Rec – Y2

Art Club 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 – Yr6

Minichief – 07946 507119

Email: saritakapur14@gmail.com

Thursday 3.15 – 4.15 Y1-Y6

Abacus Maths Club

07824067068

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: southgate@stagecoach.co.uk



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

Barnet's Local Area SEND and AP Partnership Annual Survey for Parents and Carers 2026

Aims of the survey:

- To hear from parents and carers of young people in Barnet with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or in alternative provision (AP).
- To help services in your local area understand what is working well and how we can improve support for children and young people.
- Redistributing this survey on an annual basis will help to identify whether responses to your suggestions for improvement have been effective.

*The survey will be open until Friday 24th of April
Thank you for taking the time to share your valuable feedback*

[Click here for a link to the survey.](#)

Or scan the QR code



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Big Walk and Wheel 2026

We are taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge aimed to build children's physical activity and reduce air pollution.

The challenge runs from **16 – 27 March 2026**. We challenge you to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

We hope you enjoy the challenge!

