



#### DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION VISITOR TO SCHOOL – THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

On Thursday the school was visited by Christine Flowers who works at the Department for Education and Fran Matthews from the Arts Council to see the work we do in school for music and the performing arts. We discussed the school music curriculum, the instruments we learn – recorder, ukulele and drums – and the school band and the school choir. Every class in key stage 1 and key stage 2 has a lesson a week with a specialist teacher. We also spoke about our partnership with the Tri-Borough Music Hub. The visitors observed a music lesson with year 3 and year 4. They left Old Oak impressed by the music teaching, musical skills and the politeness of the children! Thank you to everyone involved in making the morning so successful.

#### PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all the families who have made a real effort to get their child to school on time, every day. It is so important the children value school. Please continue to get your child to the gate for 8.45am.

#### CARS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Please do not stop in the middle of the road to drop off your child. There are plenty of parking spaces around the school that you can use. We have to keep the children safe at all times and it is extremely dangerous for children to run between cars to cross the road to school. There has not been an accident and we want to keep it that way. Please park around at a parking space to drop off your child.

#### SCHOOL LIFE –

Every parent knows how busy Old Oak is and how hard we work to give children the best possible experience at school. The teachers work hard with the children on the reading, writing and maths but also look out for chances to try something new or meet new people. This week alone we have had the visitors from the Department for Education and had our regular Bubble and Squeak stall outside school. Today we have children learning about lots of different reptiles in one part of the school. While our Year 6 children have completed a Design and Technology day with specialists and have learnt about 3D printing and plastic polymer! We want everyone to leave Old Oak with lots of memories and these events will stay with them for a long time.

#### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER IN SCHOOL

On 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October, the school photographer is in school to take photos of the children. She is happy to take family portraits on both mornings from 8.15am to 8.45am. Please come to school early if you would like a family photo with elder or younger children who do not attend Old Oak.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

30<sup>th</sup> October – First day back at school. School begins again at 8.55am. Gates open at 8.45am  
30<sup>th</sup> October - The Life Bus is in school for the week talking with the children about staying safe and healthy  
30<sup>th</sup> October – the school photographer is in for photos in Key Stage 2  
31<sup>st</sup> October – the school photographer is taking photos in Key Stage 1  
1<sup>st</sup> November – Maple class assembly  
1<sup>st</sup> November – a visitor showing fossils is in school with Key Stage 2

