



Old Oak Primary School Update – Friday 10th March 2023

Dear families,

WORMWOOD SCRUBS PLAYPARK OPENING



On Tuesday afternoon, members of the Pupil Council and 'Positive Change' officially opened the new playpark in Wormwood Scrubs. 'Positive Change' are a group of children who have worked with Citizens UK and West London Zone to make positive changes in the local area. The group had the idea of improving the scrubs and wrote to local councillors asking for support. They were successful in securing funding for the new zip line and trampoline and now the park is ready for everyone to enjoy. The official opening was attended by local councillors, contractors and many other significant people from the local area. It has helped improve the wonderful open space we have in the local community – well done to all children involved for making such a difference!



INDUSTRIAL ACTION – STRIKE ON WEDNESDAY 15th AND THURSDAY 16th MARCH

With the coming industrial action by members of the National Education Union, the school will be closed for the 15th and 16th March. With the staff available on those days, it is not possible to keep the school open and fulfil our safeguarding and health and safety responsibilities.

Those children receiving free school meals will receive a double packed lunch on Tuesday to take home with them for the 2 days.

If anything changes we will let you know, but it seems unlikely at this stage.

OLD OAK SCIENCE WEEK

Next week we will be celebrating British Science Week 2023. The focus for Old Oak Science Week is 'Living Things'. Each class will have a different animal focus including fish, minibeasts, mammals, birds and humans. To engage and excite the children about their Science learning, we are lucky enough to have a variety of visitors (both human and non - human) coming into school. On Monday, Chester and Mabel (our canine friends) will be visiting Years 3 and 4 to understand that features of mammals. On Tuesday, the company Zoolab will be bringing in a variety of animals for the children to observe and learn about. There will also be representatives from WellHome, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Urbanwise and Imperial College leading sessions with different classes. For Year 4 and Year 5, this will mean trips across to the scrubs to build shelters for mammals or bird watch with the RSPB. There is such a good range of activities this year, we hope the children will come away from Science Week with a real enthusiasm for the subject. Many thanks to all our school partners for supporting us with this, and to Ms. Crane and Ms. Khalil for organising the week.

FRIDAY 17th MARCH - RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 17th March, we encourage children to wear red spots and bring a donation to charity to celebrate Red Nose Day. We will be selling red noses in school next week for those children who would like to purchase one. All the money raised will be forwarded to the charity and help vulnerable children both in the UK and across the world.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH – TUESDAY, 21st MARCH

We look forward to seeing those who have signed up for a lunch on **Tuesday 21st March**. More details about timings will come to you early next week.

Golden Sunburst (Nursery) and Peach (reception) classes will hold celebrations for their mothers on Friday 17th March. They have been in touch with EYFS parents separately about this.

REMINDER - FRIENDS OF OLD OAK FILM NIGHT

After school on Friday 17th March, Friends of Old Oak (FOO) are organising a film night for the children of the school. Parents are encouraged to stay and discuss with the group the vision and future for the parent group. More details to follow.

ATTENDANCE

Olive class have fantastic attendance of 97%. This is wonderful for this time of the year and thank you to all the families for your support. Aspen class also have excellent attendance with 95%. This is also very good.

PUNCTUALITY

This has got worse recently and there are more children arriving late every day. Please realise that learning starts as soon as the children have hung up their coats and late arrivals are a disturbance to all.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March – Science Week activities across the school

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March – School closed due to industrial action

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day in school and Science Week activities across the school

Friday 17th March – Mother's Day events in the nursery and reception classes

Tuesday 21st March – Mother's Day lunch (subject to change).

Have a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown