



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday 10th May, 2024

Dear families,

We had the Maths Workshops in school on Thursday morning, and a visit from Zoolab and their unusual animals in Year 5 as well. In Nursery and Reception there was a visit from Clyde the Northern Pine snake so lots of wildlife in school this week!

Next week is the national SATs tests for the children in Year 6. They have worked so hard to be ready for this, you should be proud of their resilience and commitment. We wish them all well.

MATHS WORKSHOP

The children had a fantastic time playing maths games yesterday morning, thank you to all of you who attended. At Old Oak, we strive to make maths fun and accessible for all. We hope it gave you some ideas for maths games your child could play at home!



YEAR 3 TRIP TO HYDE PARK

Year 3 went on an exciting trip to Hyde Park today. They learnt about the life cycle of a plant, made their own Memory Boards and made biodegradable plant tops which they then planted seeds in and are taking home to watch grow. The sun shone and a fantastic time was had by all!



PYJAMARAMA – FRIDAY 17th MAY

Old Oak Primary School is set to host its own pyjama party as pupils raise money to get more children reading.

Old Oak Primary School is asking children to come in wearing their PJs on **May 17th**, as part of BookTrust's Pyjamarama fundraiser to help every child get a bedtime story.

We are getting ready to wear our finest PJs and grab our favourite book as we make our way into school to take part in Pyjamarama, BookTrust's annual fundraising celebration. Our pupils have lots of activities to look forward to on the day. They can expect to enjoy reading books together, making recipes from or about our favourite books and stories to snack on and completing book activities. This is to help them get excited about the books they read. We want to encourage families to make sharing stories together a regular and long-lasting part of family life.

Old Oak Primary School is asking children to bring in £1 to donate to BookTrust and take part in Pyjamarama.

BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity, and the money raised will be used to support children across the UK facing disadvantage, access books and reading support to ensure that every child gets a bedtime story.

Diana Gerald, Chief Executive of BookTrust said: "At BookTrust we know just how important it is to share stories with children as early as possible, and for families to continue reading together. Nurseries and schools play a critical role in getting children excited about books and stories while supporting them and their families to read together regularly and by choice. We're so grateful to all the schools and nurseries for supporting Pyjamarama and inspiring the next generation of readers. As well as a brilliant day of fun, the £1 donation to BookTrust will go towards helping us ensure all children can reap the lifechanging benefits of reading."

So on Friday 17th May, grab a book, put on your pyjamas and get ready for a day of reading fun at Old Oak Primary School. Don't forget your **£1 donation** and let's raise some money for BookTrust!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/support-us/pyjamarama/>

Enjoy! From Everyone at Old Oak

WHOOPING COUGH IN THE COMMUNITY

You might have seen current news reports about an increase in Whooping Cough.

"**Whooping cough** (pertussis) is a bacterial infection of the lungs and breathing tubes. It spreads very easily and can sometimes cause serious problems.

The first signs of whooping cough are similar to a cold, such as a runny nose and sore throat (a high temperature is uncommon).

Whooping cough is contagious from about 6 days after the start of the cold-like symptoms to 3 weeks after coughing starts"

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/whooping-cough/>

Action to be taken:

Parents should be advised to contact the child's GP for advice and possible treatment if they suspect whooping cough.

Recommended period to be kept away from school or nursery:

"48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment, or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment"

WICK COURT – SCHOOL JOURNEY IN DECEMBER 2024

I have spoken today to the children in Years 4 and 5 about the trip to the farm.

Please look at this with your child - <https://farmsforcitychildren.org/our-farms/visiting-wick-court/>

The whole trip costs around £300 for the week, this includes travel, accommodation and all the activities. We want to work with families to allow you to pay a little every month until December. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the children, they learn so much, and we would recommend that children go.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - MEDICATION CONSIDERATIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Please can all parents and carers read this carefully:

Medication requirements:-

- will only be accepted in their original containers
- must be in date
- if dispensed by a pharmacist must be in the name of the child
- if obtained over the counter (OTC) such as paracetamol or ibuprofen the medication must be age appropriate
- must be handed in and collected by an adult from reception. Please do not send medicine into school in your child's bag, this must be handed directly to a member of school staff. **Children must not bring in medication and will not be given medication to take home with them**

Whilst school can administer medication with parent/carer consent where medication administration times allow, if medication can be given at home please avoid sending medicines into school unnecessarily. **Please be aware that when handing in new prescription medication, you will be asked to complete a medication form including details of dosage and timing. This will be stored securely within your child's file.**

All parents and carers must provide the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs.

PLAYCENTRE – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

As we plan ahead for September 2024, we are looking at more cost effective ways to provide the playcentre after school club for the children at Old Oak. At the moment attendance is very low but we know a few parents really rely on the service. It would help us a lot if parents and carers were able to let the school know if you will need child care after school from September 2024. Please let Jo know at the main reception.

LAST 2 DAYS - YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES

A reminder that the deadline to order a Year 6 Leavers Hoodie is **12th May**. After this the hoodies will be sent to print and strictly no more orders can be placed after this date.

To place an order, please visit the following website:

<https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

Our School Unique ID is: J31973YR6

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY - TARGET 96% IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL

Willow class had the best attendance in the school with a wonderful 97% and Chestnut class had no lates at all this week. This is fantastic from both classes. Other classes had good attendance but for the school it remains below our target of 96%.

ACTIVITIES AT THE OLD OAK FAMILY HUB

Our colleagues at the Family Hub have asked us to promote the activity below.

Employment and Training Monthly Hub

Come along to our first session at the new Family Hub, all about employment opportunities and training hosted by Peabody and their Partners.

Organisations present on the day include:

Wates - development, building & property
Quinn London - construction services
Axis Europe - property services

Date: Monday 13th May 2024

Time: 14:00-15:30

Venue: Old Oak Family Hub, 76 Braybrook Street W12
0AP

Contact: events@mamahaven.org



*** DATES FOR THE DIARY***

Monday 13th May-Thursday 16th May: Year 6 SATS Week

Friday 17th May: Pyjamarama Day

Have a peaceful and restful weekend!

Mr Brown and Mrs Beardsworth

FREE GET SET PLAY MUSIC PROGRAMME



GET, SET, PLAY

Family music-making for all | SUMMER 2024



groove'n'play

FREE

GET, SET, PLAY

15, 22, 29 June and 6, 13, 20 July

10-11am, **Rugby Portobello Trust**
221 Walmer Road, W11 4EY

OR

1 - 2pm, **Old Oak Community Centre**
76 Braybrook Street, W12 0AP



The Royal College of Music and Groove n' Play invite you to join a new 6-week series of friendly and inspiring family music sessions.

Get, Set, Play is all about families trying new things together. Devised with family wellbeing in mind, this fun, innovative programme includes singing, playing the recorder, ukulele and percussion. We also have lots of interactive games, quizzes, and even dancing together! Research has shown that regular music-making can reduce stress and anxiety in both adults and children. We want to bring busy families together and inject a little sparkle into Saturdays in June and July, culminating in an exciting show, supported by live musicians at the Royal College of Music.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

After this 6-week introductory programme, children are eligible to apply for funded music lessons and/or choir opportunities with the Tri-borough Music Hub (subject to age/availability).

BOOKING INFORMATION

To join, please click [here](#) or email sparks@rcm.ac.uk for a link to our registration form.

