



## Old Oak Primary School Update – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear families,

### Old Oak School Library Official Opening!



The library was officially opened by Mandy Charles from Shepherds Bush library. She said some lovely words at the ceremony, we would like to share with you.

*Thank you for asking me to come along and open the school library today, I was truly honoured and always feel a part of the Old Oak family when I visit. Congratulations, you have done a fantastic job on the library. It is a welcoming space and I love the encouraging posters around the library where books are recommended.*

*Do you know what my job is? It might surprise you, but I have been a detective, a dancer, a dragon, and an astronaut. Just by reading a book I have become so many characters and I have had so many adventures.*

*Children's author Malorie Blackman once said that she would never have become an author if she didn't visit her local library as a child.*

*Another children's author David Walliams said 'I used to go to the library every*

*couple of weeks with my mum and dad and get out books like 'Stig of the Dump' and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' The author added: "My son is five and a half, and when we read together, it's the most magical time."*

*In our libraries you can borrow books, audio books, you can learn a language like Spanish, we have under 5's sessions where children hear stories and sing along to nursery rhymes. We have art clubs, a Chatterbooks Book Club, Lego Club amongst many others. We have homework help available in person or online. During school holidays we have lots of events and activities to keep you busy. We have books online in English and in other languages. There is so many books available should you wish to relax or learn.*

*As a child I used to go to my local library every week and I was always surprised at all the different authors and titles available.*

*Please use your school library or your local library as this is a free resource that not everyone is lucky enough to have. Embrace a lifelong love of reading and learning. When you open a book you take a step into a new journey.*

*I am delighted to be here with you today for the opening of your school library. Thank you for inviting me to share in this moment.*

#### **\*KEY STAGE 1 – ROAD SAFETY TRAINING\***

The theatre company 'The Riot Act' came into school to present a road safety training titled 'Muffin don't get squished'.

The children really enjoyed the show, where puppets helped them to learn and remember how to stay safe near roads. The children also sang a song to remember the key message '**Stop, Look and Listen**' when crossing the road. Please talk to your child about the song and stress the dangers on the road.



### **\*FREE SCHOOL MEALS\***

We sent a form for Free School Meals this week. Could you please complete and return as soon as you can. Please complete this form even if you are not entitled to Free School Meals or if your child is on packed lunch. We need to do a full school check on this. If you have not received the form you can collect one from reception.

### **\*PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL- SCHOOL MONEY\***

Please act on the activation email for *School /Money* to set up your new account. Anyone that needs help with this please contact the main reception and we can arrange support for you.

### **\*ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY\***

In key stage 1 **GINKGO** class had 97% attendance and no lates at all. Well done for this.

In key stage 2 **CHESTNUT** and **MAGNOLIA** classes both had attendance of 95%. Magnolia had only one late.

### **\*DATES FOR THE DIARY\***

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 attend the *Into University* Programme

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January** –Chelsea Football Club Healthy Schools Programme begin weekly sessions with Year 3

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January** – Holland Park Opera are coming in to work with Years 4 and 5

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 visit the Science Museum

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 visit Southbank University

Have a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown