



Old Oak Primary School Update – Friday 17th March 2023

Dear families,

OLD OAK SCIENCE WEEK



We have been celebrating British Science Week 2023 in school. The focus for Old Oak Science Week was 'Living Things'. Each class has had different visits from experts in their field who have shared their passion and knowledge for their 'Living Things'.

The children loved meeting the Zoolab animals – including a tarantula, millipede, snake and a giant snail – and many were more than happy to hold and touch them; Colleagues from Imperial College discussed the human heart with the children in Year 6; Year 5

studied birds and learnt about the Big Schools Winterwatch, going birdwatching; Years 3 and 4 learnt about mammals and looked at shelters for mammals; Key stage 1 have learnt about minibeasts and early years have looked after the Year 1 fish for the week, learning how to care for them.

There have also been art and design and technology lessons related to Science Week – Chestnut class for example made clay mammals and Olive class their own minibeasts.

We think the week has been a motivating experience for the children and many thanks to all our partners who helped make this happen.

RAMADAN 2023

We are aware that you and your family will be observing Ramadan, the month of fasting from next week. While we respect the religious and cultural beliefs of everyone at the school, we do not expect children under Year 5 to fast during this period. A letter for those families who may consider fasting will be sent home today for you to sign.

RED NOSE DAY

It was a colourful day in school today with children wearing red for Comic Relief. Thank you for your donations. 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 BREAKFASTS IN NURSERY AND RECEPTION ***

Thank you to all the mothers who found time to attend the today in Golden Sunburst (Nursery) and Peach (reception). The children were excited and really enjoyed seeing you in the class. We are grateful for your support.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

We look forward to seeing all who have signed up for the school Mother's Day lunch on **Tuesday 21st March**. A text has been sent with timings – please come at the allotted time to Front Desk. Here you can collect your ticket and then collect your child from the lower hall who will lead you to the lunch room. Please note that sign up closed on 13.3.23 as the kitchen has to order the food in advance.

FOREST FRIDAYS

We are beginning our Forest Friday visits in Golden Sunburst class. Families are invited to stay for an additional hour on Fridays to join their child in outdoor learning on the Scrubs. This will begin next week.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD IS UP TO DATE WITH THEIR IMMUNISATIONS INCLUDING M.M.R. - A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Dear parents and carers,

There have been recent cases of measles in London, so it's important to make sure your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations, to protect them from infectious diseases.

Your children's 12-month vaccinations and "pre-school booster" (given between 3 years 4 months, and 5 years - can be given later if you've missed it) are the best way to protect your child from measles and other infectious diseases.

Check your child's 'red book' or online records, and contact your GP practice if your child isn't up to date or if you just want to have a chat about childhood vaccinations. NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Dr. N Lang

ATTENDANCE

Aspen class have fantastic attendance of 98% this week. This is again very good for this time of the year and thank you again.

Gingko class also have excellent attendance with 95%. This is also very good.

PUNCTUALITY

From next week, we will monitor those children arriving late and contact families individually to see if we can improve this.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 20th March – Old Oak EYEC Mother's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 21st March – Mother's Day lunch

Have a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown