



## Old Oak Primary School Update – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear families,

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating this weekend!



We recently wrote about the work that the children had done to improve the facilities on Wormwood Scrubs. They have now been mentioned in an article in the Hammersmith and Fulham online update.

It is a wonderful example of the children making change happen. It is something that we are very proud of and proof that young people can make the world a better place. Please click on the link for the full article.

[Wormwood Scrubs: New and improved, ready for Spring | LBHF](#)

### **\*FOREST THURSDAYS\***

On Thursday a group of nursery children went to the scrubs with Amy and Mrs Smart. We used sticks as beaters and logs as drums and we made music as we banged and scraped and sang! We noticed the different sounds created with different types of sticks. We also stopped to listen to the beautiful bird song and other environmental sounds.



**\*REMINDER - CONTINUING INDUSTRIAL ACTION – 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL and 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY\***

There has been no agreement between the unions and the government over pay and school funding and so the following dates have been planned for further strike action: **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. Please be aware that the school will be closed on these dates. A letter/email was sent to all families this week about the arrangements for this day. Due to the approach of SATS, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Beardsworth will teach the year 6 classes on these days.

**\*PARENT MEETINGS – MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> and WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL\***

We hope you have all signed up to see your child/children's teachers next week. This is a chance for you to find out about your child's learning and progress. Please contact your teacher if you do not have an appointment.

**A child's education is a partnership between family and school.** There are very simple things you can do as parents to support this. These include:

1. Talk to your child as much as you can. Ask questions about their day. What was the best thing you did at school today? Tell me about your IPC topic?
2. Discuss numbers you meet out and about in day-to-day life – in the kitchen, on the walk to school, shopping etc. Find some more information about these on the website here:  
<https://www.oldoakprimary.co.uk/learning/mathematics>
3. Spend time with your child on an activity – making things, building lego, playing games.
4. READ WITH AND TO YOUR CHILD AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN.

## **\*KING CHARLES III - CORONATION CELEBRATIONS IN SCHOOL\***

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, the school will celebrate the king's coronation in school with activities/events and a picnic lunch together with staff. On this one occasion, for the picnic, we ask for any donations of crisps and pieces of fruit which we can share with others.

There is also a competition for children to create their own crown at home. Each class will vote for their favourite crown on the day. If you can help with this, it is a great way to spend time with your child on an activity.

## **\*INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS – FRIDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> MAY\***

The school photographer will be in on this day to take photos of the children individually.

## **\*ATTENDANCE\***

Thank you to the many children and families who attend school regularly. There are so many of you and this is evident in the children's progress and well-being. However, we will continue to work with families whose children are still missing too much school with attendance below 90%.

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

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – parent meetings across the school from nursery to Year 6

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Into-University visit Year 5 all day with support from Zoolab

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Governors Curriculum and Achievement Committee meeting at 5.00pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – school partially closed due to strike action. See above.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – bank holiday

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - school partially closed due to strike action. See above.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Coronation Party in school

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – individual photographs of the children

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank holiday for the King's Coronation

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 sit their SATS (national tests)

Have a peaceful and restful weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown