



Old Oak Primary School Update – Friday 27th January 2023

Dear families,

MATHS WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Thank you to those parents who found time to attend the maths workshops for parents. These are held for you to understand better how to support your child at home. Please ask if you need support with the mathematics and your child.

TEACHERS – WEDNESDAY 1st INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Unless you have heard otherwise, the school is closed for children on Wednesday, 1st February next week. This is due to the members of the National Education Union striking over a number of issues. These are:

- the funding for schools
- the insufficient pay increases
- the recruitment and retention of teachers- keeping teachers in the profession

The BBC newsround have explored the issues about the strike this. You can find this here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7TJjhxzCXA>

Please recognise that the teachers have not taken this decision lightly and we hope that school funding will improve in the future.

COMING TO SCHOOL

There are a small number of families and their children who have very poor attendance (between 70-85%) and they are pulling down

the school's overall attendance percentage. This is a problem for us as the school is judged on this. We will contact families next week for a meeting where we look for solutions and improvement. This may involve Mr. Anwar Raihani, The Hammersmith & Fulham School Attendance Support Officer. It is possible in the future to use penalty notices to solve poor attendance but would hope that we can collaborate to avoid this.

ROYAL INSTITUTE MASTERCLASSES – MATHEMATICS

Three of our year 5 pupils have been lucky enough to be nominated to participate in The Royal Institute Masterclasses. These are a series of workshops which are led by maths enthusiasts from industry, academia and education. The Masterclasses aim to inspire young people in the beauty and wonder of mathematics and to develop a sense of enjoyment in the subject. They offer pupils in-depth investigations of topics in mathematics from beyond the normal primary curriculum. The three children enjoyed the puzzles they were challenged with during the first session last week. They were also suitably in awe of the impressive RI building – particularly the library!

SEESAW

The school uses the Seesaw app to assign homework and communicate with families. Seesaw has improved the homework provision we provide as activities can be assigned per individual child, other adults working with children can view and comment on their work, it allows for a variety of multimedia to be used and communication between home and school is quicker and more efficient. It is also far better for the environment and prepares the children for our technologically advanced world. It is the expectation that all pupils complete the tasks set on Seesaw. They can either do this directly on the app, or complete on paper and send the teacher a photograph of their achievements.

If you would like any help with Seesaw, Miss McCartney is running a parent workshop next **Friday 3rd January at 2.30pm in the lower hall.**

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL- SCHOOL MONEY

We hope everyone has now activated their *SchoolMoney* account and are able to use this for payments to school. Please be careful and do not activate twice and open 2 accounts.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

It is becoming clear that Gingko and Chestnut classes have the best attendance in the school. These classes are not special or extra healthy – the children and parents are just very good at getting to school every day. This should happen in all the classes, parents please take note.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 27th January – Football teams (girls and boys) play Wormholt Park School in the afternoon

Friday 27th January – reception class local walk in the afternoon

Monday 30th January – Chelsea Football Club working with year 3 on the Healthy Heroes initiative

Tuesday 31st January – Imperial College medical students in school to observe and plan a session with Year 5

Tuesday 31st January – football tournament for under 11 girls organised through QPRFC

Wednesday 1st February – school closed for strike action

Friday 3rd February - Football teams (girls and boys) play Miles Coverdale School in the afternoon

Have a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown