



Old Oak Primary School Update – Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear families,

VISIT FROM ATHLETE VICTORIA OHURUOGU- MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY



On Monday morning, we had a visit from Team GB sprinter Victoria Ohurogu. Along with her fellow athlete Fred, Victoria led all children from Reception to Year 6 through a circuit training session. She then led an inspirational assembly on her career and how, despite facing challenges, she has never given up on achieving her dreams. Thank you to all children who raised sponsor money for the event – this will be used to further improve the sports provision in school. Please hand any sponsorship money to the Front Desk. Fundraising prizes will be following shortly!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you for taking the effort to find a costume for World Book Day today. The children and staff look great. Each child has taken home a

voucher which allows them to choose a book for free from a number of outlets. Please ask your child where this is if you have not seen it.

Of course, World Book Day is lovely, but we really want the children to celebrate books throughout the year and read every day as part of their routine at home. Please support your child to do this.

KEEPING YOU CHILD SAFE AT OLD OAK – A PARENT SUMMARY

The Designated Lead for Safeguarding at Old Oak Primary School is:

- Ms Jude-Brandt

The deputy designated leads for safeguarding are:

- Mr. Brown
- Mrs. Beardsworth

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY. If you have a concern about a child please report it. You can contact the safeguarding lead's in school or contact Hammersmith and Fulham Children's Safeguarding Service : 02087536600 to speak with a social worker in confidence.

Why Is Safeguarding Important?

Safeguarding children and young people means protecting them from abuse or neglect, getting the right support in place as early as possible and creating an environment in which children feel safe and healthy. Old Oak Primary School is committed to providing a safe learning environment and safeguarding processes that promote the welfare of its pupils. The Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy provides clear direction to staff and others about expected behaviour when dealing with safeguarding issues to make sure they are handled sensitively and professionally. We will ensure you understand the schools statutory role to safeguard and promote the welfare of its pupils and this is the purpose of this summary.

Our School Commitment

- ❖ We create an environment where children feel secure and are encouraged to talk and are listened to
- ❖ We teach children the skills they need to stay safe
- ❖ We use safe recruitment practices
- ❖ We have clear procedures for identifying safeguarding concerns and making child protection referrals when we need to
- ❖ We monitor and support children on Child Protection or Child in Need plans and we attend relevant meetings and provide reports
- ❖ We raise awareness amongst staff of safeguarding issues and ensure staff are equipped to deal with concerns
- ❖ We work with parents and professionals by providing opportunities to talk, offering support and advice, and signposting to other services if extra support is needed
- ❖ We work closely with other professionals and agencies to make sure children are safeguarded and are getting the right services to help them achieve their potential

Dealing with Disclosures

If a child discloses they are being abused or feel unsafe, the member of staff will:

- ❖ Listen to what the child say's without displaying shock or disbelief and will accept what the child is saying. School staff will not investigate whether the disclosure is true or not, this is the responsibility of Children's Social Care
- ❖ Allow the child to talk freely

- ❖ Reassure the child but not make promises to keep secrets or to keep the information confidential as a referral to Children's Social Care may need to be made
- ❖ Reassure the child that what has happened is not their fault and that they were right to tell someone
- ❖ Not ask direct or leading questions but allow the child to tell their story
- ❖ Not criticise the alleged perpetrator
- ❖ Explain what will happen next and who will be told
- ❖ Make a formal record and pass this to the Designated Lead for Safeguarding

Referrals to Children's Social Care

A decision on whether or not to make a referral to Children's Social Care will be made by the Designated Lead for Safeguarding (DSL), or deputy DSL.

When there is doubt about whether the concerns raised meet the threshold for a Child Protection referral, the Designated Person/s may discuss the situation on a 'no names basis' with the relevant local authorities Children's Social Care duty team, for advice on how to proceed.

As a parent/carer you would be contacted, before a referral is made unless it was felt this would place your child at further risk of harm. If you did not agree to the referral but your child was still at risk of the harm, the referral would still go ahead.

Records

It is school policy to keep written records of Safeguarding concerns, which are documented as they arise. These records are kept securely in a separate file to a pupils education file only the Designated Persons have access to these files. We monitor any concerns we may

have and will discuss these with you unless it places the child at further risk of harm.

Confidentiality and Information Sharing

All information gathered by school staff about your child or your family is confidential and can only be shared with your consent, with one exception. Where a child is suffering harm or at risk of suffering harm we have a legal duty to share this information with Children's Social Care. Where a child is on a Child Protection Plan or where a Child Protection Investigation being undertaken, we must share any information requested about the child by Children's Social Care.

We have a legal duty to work with other agencies and professionals to make sure children are Safeguarded and are getting the right services to help them achieve their potential. We will always seek your consent to share information, with a view to working in partnership with yourself and other services.

Staff Training and Support

We are committed to making sure our staff are well equipped to deal with safeguarding issues. All staff are aware of the Child Protection and Safeguarding policy and have regular safeguarding training.

We also have a number of other policies in place to ensure our pupils are safeguarded. These relate to:

- ❖ Behaviour
- ❖ Special Educational Needs
- ❖ Health and Safety
- ❖ Safeguarding

These policies are available on request and can also be found on the school website under Policies.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH – POSSIBLE CHANGE OF DATE

We are hoping to change the date of the mother's day lunch to allow more parents to attend. We will get in touch early next week after we have confirmed with the kitchen.

Golden Sunburst (Nursery) and Peach (reception) classes will hold celebrations for their mothers on Friday 17th March. They will be in touch with EYFS parent's separately about this.

FRIENDS OF OLD OAK FILM NIGHT

After school on Friday 17th March, Friends of Old Oak (FOO) are organising a film night for the children of the school. Parents are encouraged to stay and discuss with the group the vision and future for the parent group. More details to follow.

ATTENDANCE

Both Olive and Chestnut class have an attendance of 94%. Well done to these classes. Chestnut class in particular has excellent attendance in key stage 2.

PUNCTUALITY

Aspen had only two marks and Olive only three lates. Thank you for being punctual.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 8th March – NEW Wormwood Scrubs playpark official opening

Friday 10th March – Year 5 visit the Saatchi Gallery

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day in school

Wednesday 22nd March – Mother's Day lunch (subject to change).

Have a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown