



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday 14th October 2022



Dear families,

You will have noticed the 100 years centenary signs around the school. There is one on the wall in the key stage 1 playground. These were done with the children and will stay there for many years to come. Thank you to all the children who contributed to this project and Lydia who co-ordinated the work. We have attached a photo of the sign to this update.

Our next headteacher's coffee morning will take place next **Wednesday 19th October at 9.00am**. Please come to the main reception.

BLACK HISTORY EVENTS THIS WEEK

The children have had a wonderful time celebrating Black History Month so far. Each class has been learning about a significant Person of Colour and it has been fantastic to hear how interested the children have been about these role models. Year 5 did an informative assembly on Wednesday based on the story of a local hero Kiyon Prince. Each class has also been studying a text linked to Black History Month, which they have hugely enjoyed. In addition to this we have had a range of workshops run by parents. Thank you to Naomi, Jo and Ashwaaq who have come and read stories and talked to the children about their heritage. Also thank you to Tash and Jo, who ran a wonderful T-Shirt printing session this week for the older children. Please see the photos attached. It has been so inspiring to see the children motivated and excited to learn about Black History and share their own experiences. We are welcoming more parent visitors next week, along with a steel pan workshop and our fantastic party on Friday 21st at 1.30pm. We hope to see you all there. More details to follow early next week.

ATTENDANCE

We have 95 children who still have 100% attendance. Well done to all of those children and families. There are several children who have a much lower percentage because they returned to school a week late and have therefore missed at least 5 days. We will not allow any holidays during school time and will work with the local authority to fine families who do this. We have spoken this week to the children about incentives to improve attendance and also coming to school on time, with some surprises for the classes with the best attendance and punctuality!

REMINDERS

- ***BLACK HISTORY MONTH PARTY***

We are looking for volunteers to provide food/drink for our Black History Party on 21.10.22.

- Traditional dishes
- Juices
- Fruit
- Snacks

Please note that due to allergies homemade food does need to be clearly labelled.

We cannot allow any nut products in school. Please bring any donations to school in the morning of 21.10.22. Thank you and see you at the party!

- ***ON-GOING PROBLEMS WITH PAY 360***

We continue to accept cash payments through the school office for any additional service from the school, including Breakfast Club, playcentre after school, uniform and school lunches.

- ***COLLECTION FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL ***

This is the final week for you to bring in food for the harvest festival. We will share the food in the community after half term.

- ***INVENTION ROOMS -AGENTS OF CHANGE***

Our partners at Imperial College are looking forward to seeing you at the Agents of Change Networking Event on the **19th of October (6-8pm)** at The Invention Rooms

BOOK OF WEEK – 5+ YEAR OLDS

A recommended book this week is *The Mega Magic Teacher Swap* by Rochelle Humes and Rachel Suzanne. The review says: "*The charming sequel to The Mega Magic Hair Swap, Humes's tale of starting a new school year is a great guide to embracing big changes in young lives.*" Available at Shepherds Bush library, on Kindle or to listen to on Audible, or costs £ 6.99 in bookshops.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown

