



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday 19th July, 2024

Dear families,

This is our last update for the academic year. We have had another wonderful time at Old Oak and would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people. We thank all the staff in the school, every single one, for the care and attention they show to the children every day. Your children are very lucky to have such a nurturing group of adults who go way above and beyond to help all the children whenever and in whatever way they need it. Most members of staff you see, but there are some who you don't and they are also so important to the school – from those in the kitchen to the premises staff. We also have our Governing Board who give up their time for free to oversee the school and are a huge support. Thank you to them as well, especially our Chair to the Governing Board, Dr. Graham Welch, who has been here for over 30 years!

Thank you to all the families who work with us. We appreciate the support and the positive feedback we get from you. Education is a partnership and we all have our responsibilities in your child's education.

Finally to the children themselves. We watch them go into class every day, each with their own story and journey ahead, and see them develop into mature and caring young people. They are a credit to you and the school. And finally our Year 6 children who will be leaving us next week. This year the group has been especially easy to work with. They have done well academically but are also very mature and supportive of the younger children. We wish them all luck in their next steps. We will post pictures of their performance and assembly next week.

A reminder that school finishes for the academic year on **Wednesday 24th July** at **1.30pm**. Children can come to school in non-uniform and bring a donation which will be put towards the school resources fund. We ask that Year 6 come to school in their uniform due to their Leaver's Assembly taking place.

FINAL FAREWELLS!

Just to say best wishes again to those members of staff leaving us at the end of the year. Thank you again Mrs. Brandt, Ms. Joshua and Hanefa who will all be starting new roles elsewhere after the summer. Best wishes to you all from the whole Old Oak family.

REMINDER - CHANGE OF TIMINGS FOR SCHOOL DAY

From September we are altering our school day slightly to meet the new Department for Education guidelines. From 2nd September, school will begin at **8.50am** and will finish at **3.20pm**. Gates will still open at **8.45am** as they do at the moment. The gate in early years will open at **8.50am** and again at **3.15pm** to allow families to walk from one gate to the other.

ALL CHILD (PREVIOUSLY NAMED WEST LONDON ZONE) CELEBRATION

The school is very fortunate to have worked with All Child for a number of years. Previously called West London Zone, this amazing organisation supports families in local communities by delivering in-school activities and opportunities through a team of trusted Link Workers. We have had a number of Link Workers over the years, however have most recently had the wonderful Emer who has been as asset to the school community. The programme has come to an end for now and the current set of students working with Emer graduated this week, with a celebration assembly and goodbye. We are very sorry to see Emer go and wish her all the best in her next school and we hope to work with All Child again in the future.



YEAR 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 3 performed an exciting production of their Power of Reading text 'Lob' on Wednesday. This story is based around the legend of the Green Man, a mythical creature with a love of nature. The class retold the story through drama, singing and movement and did a fantastic job. The audience loved it!



BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FROM SEPTEMBER

We will continue our breakfast club as usual in September. After school club will remain the same when we return after the holidays for the first 2 weeks. After that we will be improving our after school care offer and we will be offering a range of different clubs for children to enjoy. Please look out for more information in September.

SUMMER SIZZLE – COMMUNITY EVENT AFTER SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 24th JULY

There is a great event after school next Wednesday afternoon after school finishes. It will take place in and around the community centre until 4.pm. There will be visits from the Fire Brigade and the Police and the event will be fun but also help families stay safe with over the summer. **School finishes at 1.30pm on Wednesday.**

EXCITING SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT SHEPHERDS BUSH LIBRARY!

Join our colleagues at Shepherds Bush Library for a summer full of fun and learning! They have an array of free activities for families including:

- Zoolab - Meet and learn about fascinating animals
- Manga character design sessions – Get creative and design your own character.
- Writing workshops – Are you a budding writer? Join us and improve your writing skills creating stories and poems.
- STEM activities – Join our engaging science, technology, engineering sessions as we undertake mini projects.
- Interactive performances and author events– Enjoy captivating performances and author events that will entertain and educate.

Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY - TARGET 96% IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL

The attendance was again below our target across the school this week. As you have seen, we have provided a lot of information about attendance. Please read the letter from the local authority from the Director of Education about this at the end of the newsletter.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers play for families at 5.30pm
Wednesday 24th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly for families at 12.45pm
Wednesday 24th July	Last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm. Non uniform day
Monday 2nd September	School closed for staff training Uniform Shop – Open 10am-11am
Tuesday 3rd September	School begins again at 8.50am

Have a peaceful and restful weekend, and happy holiday when it arrives!

Mr Brown and Mrs Beardsworth

ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2024- A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Dear Parent/carers,

As we are at the start of a new team, I am writing to welcome you and your child back to school and to remind you of the importance of good school attendance. Firstly, if you are one of the majority of parents/carers who ensure your child attends school every day and on time, thank you and well done!

Being in school is the best way to:

- ensure your child achieves the best they can academically - one of the main reasons for children not doing as well as they can at school is non-attendance
- allows them to make friends and develop social skills
- keeps them safe during school hours – children not in school are more likely to be the victims of crime It is for all these reasons that continuing to ensure your child attends school regularly is a parents/carers legal responsibility.

Although we would like every child to attend 100%, we know there can be unavoidable reasons (e.g. ill health) for a child to be away from school so **‘good’ attendance is defined as above 96%, with no unauthorised absences.** School staff, working with the local authority, have a statutory responsibility to monitor the school attendance for all young people in the Borough.

Any absences from school can only be authorised by the head teacher and school staff have a duty to follow up every unauthorised absence.

Any child who attends school less than 90% (this could be as little as one day away from school per fortnight) is defined by the government as **‘persistently absent’** and has to be notified to the local authority. If a child’s attendance remains poor and parents/carers have not taken steps to improve it, they could receive a Penalty Notice fine of £160.

Advice regarding your legal responsibilities and Penalty Notices is available through the ACE team on 07741 985404. But our primary aim is to help you to ensure your child gets the education to which they are entitled.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school for whatever reason, support and guidance is available; contact your child's school as soon as possible to discuss the situation or talk to your social worker if you have one. You may also contact our Early Help service on 020 8 753 6600 where help and advice are available.

Yours sincerely

Peter Haylock

Director of Education and SEND

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

FIRST OFFENCE

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The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance



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JOIN OUR SUMMER BBQ FOR GAMES, MUSIC, AND SAFETY TIPS!

LET'S LEARN HOW TO STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER THIS SUMMER.

SEE YOU THERE!



EXPLORE



MUSIC



FUN X GAMES



FACEPAINT

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COLLEGE PARK AND OLD OAK POLICE DEPARTMENTS,
AS WELL AS THE LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE WITH A FIRE TRUCK, WILL BE PRESENT

WED 24TH JULY

1PM - 4PM

**OLD OAK COMMUNITY CENTRE
76 BRAYBROOK STREET, W12 0AP
LAWN AND GREEN AREA**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM - @THE.SORTIEPROJECT & @FOO_FRIENDSOFOLD OAK
OR EMAIL - JO@THESORTIEPROJECT.COM OR FOOFRIENDS@GMAIL.COM



METROPOLITAN
POLICE



Family
Champions

h&f
homelessness & support



Peabody

SORTIE





Exciting News!

Speak Up Drama Club is back next term!



DAY	START	FINISH	COST	TIME
Wednesday	25 TH SEPT	4 TH DEC	£70 10 week term (£7.00 p/hr)	3.30PM - 4.30PM

To enrol your child, please follow the link below:
<https://www.speakupdramaworkshops.co.uk/book-a-class/>

For any inquiries or more information contact us at info@speakupuk.co.uk

Payment Plan Available Please Get In Touch!



Speak Up Drama: A safe space for kids to unleash creativity, boost confidence, and shine bright!

All payments are non-refundable and we operate on a first come first serve basis.

