



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 20th October 2023

Dear families,

We have had a wonderful month celebrating Black History in school. Each class studied a book by a black author and learned about a significant person. Each of the classes then created a display in the lower hall showcasing their learning. They look fabulous and you are welcome to enjoy these at the party. Today we had a great assembly from Year 5 where we heard poems inspired by author Joseph Coelho, songs by Bob Marley and research the children had done about black role models who had inspired them. Well done Year 5, it was fantastic! Our football teams have taken part in the Hammersmith and Fulham Autumn football competition - both boys and girls played with flair and respect. Our visits to the library at Shepherds Bush begin today with Magnolia class.

Next week is half term and we wish you all a relaxing and peaceful time. Please remember that the school reopens on Tuesday 31st October. The school is closed to children on Monday 30th October.

We apologise for the issues we have had with the school phones this week. These will be rectified over the half term. After initial delays we are now installing a new system which will be up and running next week.

We often speak about the importance of reading. Adults share books they are reading with the children too. So it was lovely to be shown the poem below which says so much in only a few words. Thank you and well done to the child in Year 6 who wrote it!

Afternoon Read

As I absorb myself in another world,
As I approach the unknown,
As I detach myself from reality,
As I walk through a world of worlds,
Happiness overtakes me.

BLACK HISTORY WORKSHOP

We hope all the families who attended the workshop on Tuesday enjoyed hearing from author Ella Philips. Ella read her story “*My Grandma’s Magic Recipes*” and then led an art workshop, while hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed by all!



YEAR 4 BLACK HISTORY WORKSHOP AT SHEPHERDS BUSH LIBRARY



Year 4 had a fantastic time at Shepherd’s Bush Library today taking part in a workshop for Black History Month. Many of the children left saying they would like to join the library as they had such a fantastic time.

If you would like to join the library and enjoy the space with your family the link is here: [Membership and joining | LBHF](#)

BLACK HISTORY PARTY – WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

We are looking forward to our Black History Party on Wednesday 1st November from 3.30-5.00pm, in collaboration with Friends of Old Oak (FOOO). We are still looking for volunteers to cook some traditional dishes: if this is something you could help with, please contact FOOO at foofriends@gmail.com for more information. There are fantastic adult and child hampers filled with goodies to win. You can buy tickets from FOOO volunteers wearing orange t-shirts around the school gates

OLD OAK CLIMATE CHAMPIONS LAUNCH

On Tuesday, a group of Year 5 and 6 children named Old Oak Climate Champions presented to local councillor Alex Sanderson, members of West London Zone, members of Citizens UK and other local allies and residents. The purpose of their meeting was to launch their campaign to provide better bus routes, bin and recycling facilities and planters for the local area. The group has secured support from the local council – watch this space as you will soon see their ideas come to life! Well done to the group for their inspirational work in making East Acton a better place for all of the community.



BRINGING AND PICKING UP CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

We will not allow any child to go home with an older sibling unless they are 14 years old and above. This rule also applies to ex-pupils that staff know but are nevertheless under the age of 14. We will also not allow Old Oak children to leave with ex-pupils who have come with a larger group of friends. These children cannot be distracted from looking after the younger sibling.

HARVEST FESTIVAL- FINAL CALL

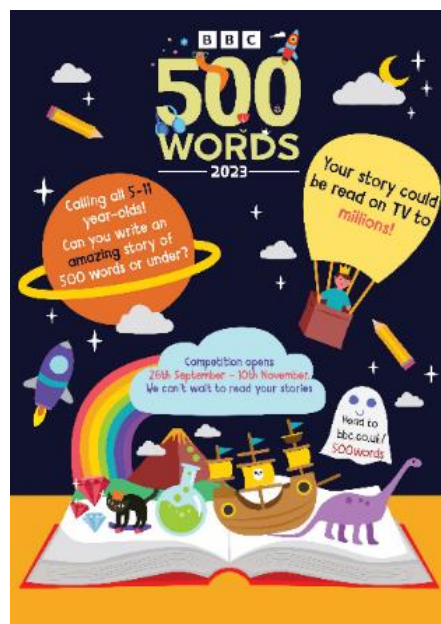
We are still collecting for harvest festival. **Please bring in any tins, pasta, biscuits, rice and any other foodstuffs.** We will share these with families in need in the local area in November.

POPPY APPEAL

The school is supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies, badges and wrist bands can be purchased from the gates after the half term break.

500 WORDS WRITING COMPETITION

Please remember you can always enter this competition until 10th November. More details here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



UNIFORM/BELONGINGS REMINDER

Please ensure your child's jumper and coat/jacket is clearly marked with their name on. Also, if your child comes home with another child's jumper/cardigan/coat and you know it isn't your child's – please return to school the following day.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

We hope everyone has a relaxing half term and the children enjoys the well-earned break. If you are looking for some fun and FREE family activities, please see the attached flyers below. We will see everyone back at school on Tuesday 31st October at normal time.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 30th October – school closed for staff development

Tuesday 31st October – school begins at the normal time

Tuesday 31st October – multi-sports tournament for children in years 5 and 6

Wednesday 1st November – Black History Party after school in the lower hall

Monday 6th – Friday 10th November – children travel to Wick Court farm for the week

Monday 6th – Tuesday 7th November – the Life Bus is visiting the school

Friday 10th November – Aspen class visit the Wallace Collection

Have a peaceful and restful weekend and half term!

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr Brown

FREE HALF TERM NATURE CRAFT

Free seasonal play and natural
craft activities for children age 2-11

Tuesday 24th 10am-12pm
at Old Oak Community
Centre.

Thursday 26th October
10am-12pm
at Phoenix Farm in White
City, Bloemfontein Road
(next to the Janet Adegoke
Leisure Centre, W12 7DB).

All sessions are open to
Peabody residents and are **FREE!**

For more info please email
bookings@hcga.org.uk or message
07890 514 050. We would also like to
hear from you with any suggestions for
future gardening and nature workshop
ideas! No booking required, just turn up!

To register your details
to find out about future
workshops please scan
the QR code opposite:



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OCTOBER

HALF-TERM

AT SHEPHERDS BUSH LIBRARY

23 - 29 OCT '23



CHILDREN EVENTS

STEM ACTIVITY

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY-ENGINEERING-MATH

MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 14:00 - 15:00



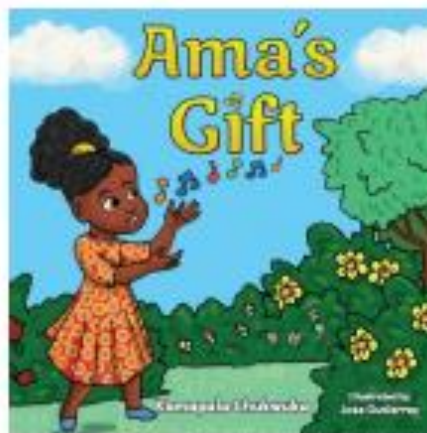
COME AND JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
BEING AN ENGINEER, BUILDING BRIDGES,
CONSTRUCTION TUNNELS AND BUILD YOUR
VERY OWN BUG HOTEL!

TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT
THE LIBRARY VIA EMAIL
SHEPHERDSBUSHLIBRARY@LBHF.GOV.UK OR
CALL ON 0208 753 3842

IN CONVERSATION WITH KAMAPALA

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 14:30

JOIN CHILDREN'S AUTHOR KAMAPALA AS SHE TALKS ABOUT HER AFRICAN
HERITAGE, THE DIVERSITY IN HER BOOKS AND PERFORMS A READING.





CHILDREN CRAFT EVENTS

AUTUMN TREES

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 15:45 - 16:45

JOIN THE CRAFT TEAM TO CREATE YOUR OWN AUTUMN TREES

FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 - 10

POP ART!

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 14:30 - 15:30

JOIN US FOR OUR LAST BLACK HISTORY MONTH THEMED CRAFT WHERE WE WILL BE SPENDING THE AFTERNOON CREATING PIECES OF ART RELATING TO BARACK OBAMA, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND MANY MORE.

FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 - 11

HALLOWEEN CRAFT EVENTS



PUMPKIN CRAFT
THURSDAY 26 OCT
2:30 - 3:30

HALLOWEEN
COLOURING
TUESDAY 31 OCT
3:45 - 4:45

CALLING FANS OF WITCHES, PUMPKINS AND
GHOST TO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN

OUR CRAFT EVENTS ARE SUITABLE FOR
CHILDREN AGED 3 - 11

OTHER EVENTS



AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 11AM

HAVE YOU TRIED AFRICAN DRUMMING BEFORE? COME AND EXPERIENCE A LIFE-CHANGING WORKSHOP, LEARN SOME TRADITIONAL RHYTHMS AND SONGS AND PLAY IN SYNC WITH YOUR FELLOW DRUMMERS.

ALL AGES WELCOME!



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STOP MOTION

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 13:30 - 14:30

JOIN THE DISCOVERY THREE TEAM FOR THIS EXCITING DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP. BRING LEGO TO LIFE; BUILD A SETTING AND CHARACTERS AND CREATE YOUR OWN SHORT FILM!

(CHILDREN ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN TOYS ALONG)



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