



## Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear families,

We hope everyone had a good half term break and managed to rest. The children have coped with the weather very well this week. Please see below for news of our Black History Month Celebration on Wednesday evening. Thanks to everyone who helped organise the event, particularly the members of The Friends of Old Oak (FOOO) who gave up their time to make the event the success that it was.

Thank you for all the food you have brought in for the harvest festival for those in need in the community. We will distribute this next week.

Best wishes to all the children who will visit the farm at Wick Court next week. The children leave on Monday and return Friday lunchtime. It is always a great experience for them all to see a working farm in action and learn about themselves and how they cope away from home.

### **\*BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION\***

On Wednesday, the school community came together to celebrate Black History at our party. There was delicious food, drumming, dancing and many came in traditional dress. Thank you everyone for coming and special thanks to FOOO for organising and to those who provided food and drink.

The raffle was won by JOSEPHINE. Please collect your prize from the school office next week.

Please see the end of the newsletter for a photo collage of the event.

### **\*LIFE BUS IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK\***

The Life Bus comes to the school every year at about this time. Each class across the school will have a session based around health and well-being, run by Sarah our link worker from SCARF. This is a special time to really focus on the children's personal and emotional well-being and they always take a lot from the sessions.

### **\*MAGIC BREAKFAST\***



We are working with our partners at Magic Breakfast to provide good healthy food for children before school. As well as a healthy breakfast, there are different, calming activities which prepare the children for their learning later in the day. This is now held in the main hall of the school.

### **\* ISREAL AND OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY APPEAL\***

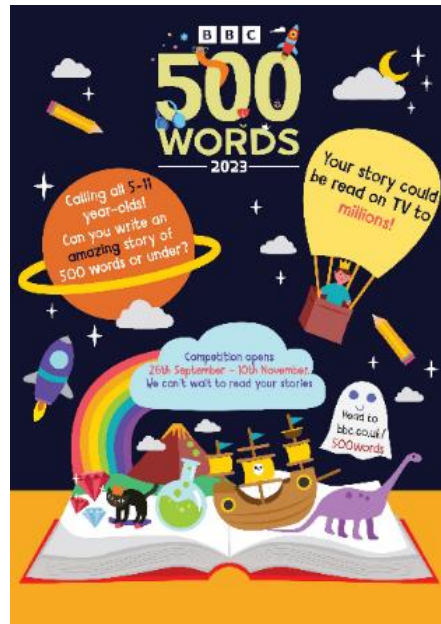
Today we had a non-uniform day to raise money for the Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory Appeal. This was the idea of Ikran in Year 6 who saw the conflict and devastation on television and wanted to help. Together we have raised over £200, with donations still coming in. We will share the final total raised next week. The school is so proud of Ikran for her empathy and willingness to help those in need – what a fantastic role model she is. All money donated will be handed to the British Red Cross and used as part of their work in the region.

### **\*POPPY APPEAL\***

The school is supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies, badges and wrist bands can be purchased from the gates at the end of the day.

## **\*FINAL REMINDER - 500 WORDS WRITING COMPETITION\***

We have so many wonderful writers in the school. This is your last chance to enter this competition- it closes on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Just get the story written down and send it off. More details here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>



## **\*DATES FOR THE DIARY\***

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – children travel to Wick Court farm for the week

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – the Life Bus is visiting the school

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Aspen class visit the Wallace Collection

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Sock Day against bullying and discrimination

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying Week

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need – *'Be Spotacular'*

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent/Carer Meetings

Have a peaceful and restful weekend!

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr Brown

# BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

