



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 4th October 2024

Dear families,

As the weather has improved, classes have managed to enjoy the local community. Year 1 went to the Scrubs for an Autumn walk and the early years have been exploring the soil. Hopefully the rain will stop and allow us to get out with the children more before it gets too cold and the days shorten. Of course we go out whatever the weather, but a little sunshine helps.

RECEPTION CLASS OPEN MORNINGS SEPTEMBER 2025

We are holding some open mornings for parents in our nursery or other families in the community who would like to visit the school in preparation for September 2025. This is a chance to get to know the school and see what makes Old Oak the special place it is. These will take place on Tuesday 15th at 9.15am and Thursday 17th October at 1.30pm. Please let any friends or family know these dates as any family is welcome on these tours.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

As usual at this time of the year, we are gathering food to share in our community for the harvest festival. Please bring in any tins of food, packets of pasta, rice, biscuits or any other packet goods which will keep for some time. We usually have two or three tables of food so please consider helping out again this year. At the end of the month we will share this with families around the East Acton.

SUDS PLANTERS



You may have seen the new planters we have had installed in our Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds recently. These SuDS planters are Sustainable Drainage Systems, which collect rain water, rather than leaving it to flow into the drains and sewers and potentially overloading the system. Therefore they are environmentally friendly while also looking great. It is thanks to our eco group, the 'Old Oak Climate Champions', that the planters were possible. The group campaigned to the local council and were successful in securing funding and getting the planters installed. They hope to expand the project to the Early Years playground in the very near future.

ATTENDANCE – OUR TARGET IS 96% FOR THE SCHOOL

The attendance figures for the top classes is good again this week. In key stage 1, **Acacia Class** achieved **96%**, and in key stage 2, **Willow class** achieved **97%**. This is exactly what your children need- to be in school as often as possible. Well done to those classes.

PUNCTUALITY– Acacia class also had the best punctuality in key stage 1, with 6 late children. In key stage 2, Magnolia class also had 6.

READING WITH CHILDREN AT HOME:

We shared with you last week some information about the importance of reading at home. We have included two more results of the research which show you how reading can help your child, and your relationship with your child.

- *Children who regularly read for pleasure have better self-esteem and emotional regulation, with lower levels of emotional and behavioural challenges such as anxiety and aggression than those who don't.*

- *Reading is associated with improved interpersonal and social skills, helping children form meaningful relationships*

For more information go to:

[booktrusts-benefits-of-reading-june-2024.pdf](#)



BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

We are currently celebrating Black History Month, which is always an important event in the school calendar. Each year group will be studying a significant person of colour and producing a piece of art work for the school.

There are a wide range of books and stories you may want to enjoy with your child at home. A list of these can be found here:

[Best Children's Books: Black History \(booksfortopics.com\)](#)

BLACK HISTORY PARTY – WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 3.30-4.40pm:

We will be celebrating Black History with a party, to showcase the artwork the children produce, combined with music, dance, traditional dress and food. We would be grateful for any food donations. If you are able to make something to share, please drop this at school on the morning of the 22nd Oct, with ingredients clearly labelled. Please note we can accept no nut dishes due to allergies. It would be fantastic if you could share a little about the traditions of the dish and the country where it originates. Children can come to school on the 22nd dressed in either party clothes or traditional dress.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: It is now available the first **FRIDAY of EVERY MONTH.**

For photos of the week, please check the school's Instagram page.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown

Find us at:



Instagram

@oldoakprimaryschool



www.oldoakprimary.co.uk

Black History Party

Tuesday 22nd October

3.30 – 4.30pm

You can wear
traditional dress or
party clothes!

Join us for music,
food, face painting
and dancing!

Join us to celebrate Black History Month!

Everyone welcome!



If any families are able to donate traditional food dishes this would be much appreciated. These can be dropped to school on the morning of the party, with ingredients clearly labelled. Please note we cannot accept nut dishes.





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Love writing stories?
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SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER
SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
13:00 - 14:00

Please register your interest at the desk or
by calling us on 0208 753 3842

Games Club

At Shepherds Bush Library

Every Wednesday

16:15 - 17:15



Come along and join in the fun
For ages 7 - 11