



Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday 5th July, 2024

Dear families,

It's been another busy week at Old Oak, as is always the way towards the end of the school year. We've had a wonderful assembly from Reception Peach class and Year 6 have been extremely busy practising for the Leaver's Play later this month, along with visiting their new high schools.

*** STAFF CHANGES***

We are sadly losing staff this year who feel that at this stage in their career it is time to try new challenges.

Mrs. Joshua has been at the school for a long, long time and is ready for a new chapter in her career. She is moving to a school in Brook Green and wants to experience new things. On behalf of the many children she has taught over the years, we say a big thank you to her and wish her well.

Mrs. Brandt is also moving away – in fact she is moving country. Mrs. Brandt has found a similar role in a school in Dubai and will be moving there in August. Again on behalf of all the children and parents she has supported over her time here, we say thank you and all the best.

Michaela in reception class is leaving us today to prepare for the arrival of her baby in a couple of weeks. She has happily come into work for so long but now it is time to look after herself. We look forward to good news later this month.

Hanefa is also leaving us at the end of the term. Hanefa has supported in key stage 1 and has been an invaluable help with the children she has worked with.

SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners of the Science Week poster competition who have created colourful and education posters about sustainability and caring for the planet. During Science Week, each class studied the book '10 Things I Can Do to Help My World', and used this as a stimulus for their artwork. Each winner received a certificate and a personalised pen made from natural materials. The posters will be displayed in the Reception area and can also be viewed on the school Instagram.



RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

Reception Peach class assembly this week was a wonderful performance of the traditional tale 'The Enormous Turnip'. The class retold the story using reading, acting and singing, along with colourful masks. The audience loved watching this popular story and well done to reception for working so hard.



SPORTS DAY CERTIFICATES

Today in our sharing assembly we gave the children their sports day certificates to those children who had done well and particular events. There were awards for sprinting, high and long jump, sack race and many more. Well done to every child as they all tried so hard on the day.

PARENTS REPORTING ABSENCE

We have a lot of children off today. The absence follows trends in absence data from across the country.

Firstly, it can be a problem if children miss school on a Friday. It is unclear whether the children are ill or the family have gone away. Families are not allowed to go away in term time, the government expects the school holidays to be used for family holidays.

It is also unusual for all the children to be ill at the same time. Our experience shows that one child comes back from school feeling unwell and over the course of a week, the brothers and sisters may catch the same illness. But not at the same time.

Finally, parents have a duty to call the school to inform us of the reason for the absence. If you do not do this several times, then it becomes a safeguarding issue and could be seen as parental neglect. All our attendance data is scrutinised by the government and we are asked questions about particular families who have attendance below 94% and there are trends in their absence – for example, absence on the same days every week, all the family away at the same time, the same reason for the absence. It is so important that we all work together to get children in school as often as possible.

*** END OF YEAR REPORTS ***

The class teachers have been busy writing each child's school report and these will be distributed to families next Wednesday, 10th July. Please read and keep the report safely. If you have any questions about the information there, contact your

child's teacher. Year 6 reports will go out slightly later on Friday 12th July due to SATS results being released on Tuesday next week.

YEAR 1 OLIVE CLASS ASSEMBLY – WEDNESDAY 10th JULY

Olive class assembly will take place on Wednesday morning at 10.10am in the lower hall.

REMINDER - COMPUTER GAMES AND CHILDREN

Children are mentioning across the school that they are playing games which are NOT designed for children of this age. Please monitor what your children watch and play. They often play rough games linked to what they play on the computers, tablets or phones. These games are designed to be played by older children.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY - TARGET 96% IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL

This week **MAGNOLIA** Class have the best attendance in the school – 96%, our school target! Well done to the children and families in Year 4. Olive class had the fewest lates – only 2 across the whole week.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 9th July	Year 6 SATS results published
Wednesday 10th July	Year 1 class assembly at 10.10am
Wednesday 10th July	End of Year Reports distributed (EYFS – Year 5)
Thursday 11th July	Into University visit Year 6
Friday 12th July	End of Year Reports distributed (Year 6)
Wednesday 17th July	Year 3 class assembly at 10.10am
Tuesday 23rd July	Year 6 Leaver's Play for families at 5.30pm
Wednesday 24th July	Last day of term: school finishes 1.30pm

Have a peaceful and restful weekend!

Mr Brown and Mrs Beardsworth



GET, SET, PLAY

Family music-making for all | SUMMER 2024



groove'n'play

FREE

GET, SET, PLAY

15, 22, 29 June and 6, 13, 20 July

10-11am, Rugby Portobello Trust
221 Walmer Road, W11 4EY

OR

1-2pm, Old Oak Community Centre
76 Braybrook Street, W12 0AP



The Royal College of Music and Groove n' Play invite you to join a new 6-week series of friendly and inspiring family music sessions.

Get, Set, Play is all about families trying new things together. Devised with family wellbeing in mind, this fun, innovative programme includes singing, playing the recorder, ukulele and percussion. We also have lots of interactive games, quizzes, and even dancing together! Research has shown that regular music-making can reduce stress and anxiety in both adults and children. We want to bring busy families together and inject a little sparkle into Saturdays in June and July, culminating in an exciting show, supported by live musicians at the Royal College of Music.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

After this 6-week introductory programme, children are eligible to apply for funded music lessons and/or choir opportunities with the Tri-borough Music Hub (subject to age/availability).

BOOKING INFORMATION

To join, please click [here](#) or email sparks@rcm.ac.uk for a link to our registration form.



