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NEWSLETTER



Oliver Goldsmith
Primary School

Friday 1st October

OFSTED: “Reading is a strength at Oliver Goldsmith School.” 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been lots happening in school this half term: Enrichment clubs have started with more next half term, Rock Steady Music company performed for the children in years 1 to 6 with workshops afterwards [letters about music lessons they offer are being sent home today], the South London gallery have started a project with some children from year 4 and all your children have been settling into their class routines really well.

We have parents/carers meetings on Tuesday 18th October after school, time slots will be offered to you all soon.

We would also like to invite parents and carers from Nursery to year 2 to join us for mornings of reading where you can come and join the children in class to share stories and read books together. After the reading sessions we will have refreshments and staff will be around to offer support on homework, children’s games and other educational resources. We have phonic workshops for parents/carers on the 6th of October for Nursery and Reception class parents and then the 13th of October for year 1 parents/carers. After the half term holiday we will be running a range of learning opportunities for adults. So please feel free to join us. Year 6 secondary application support is available for anyone who needs advice, please contact the school office for an appointment.

It has been lovely holding assemblies again with your children where I give out Headteacher awards, there are reading award assemblies, curriculum assemblies and singing assemblies. The children have been really engaged in the assemblies after a year and a half of not being able to have them.

I do enjoy celebrating with the children but I also have to at times ensure the children are following all the school rules. I appreciate your support in this as we want all the children to have good manners, self esteem and be co-operative with everyone in school.

In October we celebrate Black History Month and our curriculum provision reflects the many cultures we have in our school community, examples of the work we do will be on display at parents evening and there is a planned event being run by the PTA on the 4th of November. Invites will be sent out nearer the time. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards

Ms Murdoch

(Headteacher)

Dates for your diary



- Flu Immunisation 6th of October
- Phonic workshops 9th and 13th October
- Parents/Carers evening: Tuesday 18th October
- Half term holiday: 25th Oct. Children back on Monday 1st November.
- Celebration of Black Culture event 4th November

Poetry competition

We would like to invite you to write a poem based on a favourite memory from your family. It may be a visit to see family abroad, a story or song you heard from your grandparents, a traditional poem from your culture you want to share or adapt. It would be lovely to have the poems and share them in our assemblies and in the classes.

Have a go and bring in your poem after the half term holidays.

Fire Drill and Lockdown Drill

At school we practice what we have to do if there was a fire or if we had to do an intruder lockdown.

Fire drill: The children are shown how to line up quickly and quietly to walk down to the playground and line up away from the building. We did this last week and the children were fantastic.

All out safely and sensibly.

Lockdown: For this drill we have to stay in the classrooms in complete silence, close the doors and stay away from the door and windows. We have explained this to all the children and how important it is to be silent at times. We will be doing a quick trial of this drill next Tuesday.

If you happen to be in the school when we have one of these drills please follow the instructions given to you by a member of staff. We will make sure you are in a safe location with a member of staff.

Funky Phonics

Come to our Phonics
workshop on

Wednesday 6th October
9.00am

See how we teach children to read
through phonics.

Take away some resources to use
at home with your child.

Sign up by returning the slip
below.

From Mrs Naylor



I would like to come to the phonics workshop on
6th October at 9am

Name of child.....

Class

Name of parent

Interventions

Oliver Goldsmith school has many interventions, that the children take part in , everyday . These interventions support all our children in many ways. Some encourage sharing their own skills with their peers, some encourage small discussions and some celebrate successes. We also enjoy seeing children choose friends to work on different projects together.

Do always ask your class teacher to find out more about the wonderful activities your child participates in and what you can do at home to support your child with similar activities.

PTA Notice

If you would like to join the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA), please come and speak to Kamla or pick up a leaflet in the office.

The general goal of a PTA is to raise funds for the children and make lasting improvements their lives in the school and the surrounding community.

X tables challenge.

We are encouraging your children to keep practicing their x tables at home.

To help them, try and spend a few moments every day going through one or two.

It is fun and a great refresher for adults too!!!

Try mixing different x tables questions and add in some division questions .

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Notes from the Office: A reminder to all Parents/Carers:

Next Wednesday 6th October 2021, the Southwark Immunisation Team will be in school to deliver the Flu Nasal Spray to all children in Reception to Year 6.

Only children who's Parents/Carers have completed the online consent form will be administered the nasal spray, If you do not complete the form your child will not be immunized, so please ensure you complete this online consent form by going to:

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/southwark>

COVID is still around and now apart of our daily lives so please ensure you stick to using the entrances and exits designated for their child's year group. Lots of parents, for convenience are walking through the office entrance to gain access to the playgrounds and other parents coming in through the fire gates are then exiting through the office.

For absences we continue to ask that all parents either email or telephone in and only come into the main office if they have a pre-booked appointment. If we suddenly get cases if COVID then we will have to revert to parents not being allowed in the office.

We will be holding a

Celebration of Black Culture

on Thursday 4th November 2021

3.45-5.30pm.

This event will be ticketed on a first come, first served basis.

The event will be a showcase of black culture and we are hoping to have both local talent and parent participation as part of the show.

We know we have a vibrant & diverse school community ... SO... if you would like to take part in the event,

maybe to showcase a dance form your country/culture or maybe you would like to share some information about your country/culture or you may have some other ideas of how to celebrate black culture, please come and speak to Kamla or a member of the PTA, by the 15th October 2021 and we can discuss it with you.

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Celebration of Black Culture

**Oliver Goldsmith School
Upper Hall**

3.45PM-5.30PM

Come and Celebrate with us!



