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NEWSLETTER



Oliver Goldsmith
Primary School



Friday 9th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short but busy term and the children have produced some beautiful work relating to their topics, the year 6 children had their trip to the British Museum and will be attending the Natural History museum next half term. We also have Southwark Music working with us next half term and they will be teaching Year 3 to play the ukelele, performance dates will be posted on the school website.

Bikeability are working with year 4 this week to develop confidence and ability in cycling and the children are really enjoying working with the coaches to develop their skills. Year 5 have been working hard with Millwall to develop their understanding of health and fitness and will continue after half term, followed by year 6.

ESOL classes have been going well with a wide range of parents attending to support each other to learn English. Parent coffee mornings have also continued on a Thursday with our Art Therapist Eloise who explores a range of themes around parenting and mental wellbeing, please feel free to drop in any week there is no need to book.

I wish you all a lovely and restful half term and I will see you when school returns on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards,

Miss Thangarajah

Dates for your diary

- ◆ Monday 19th February—Southwark Music Ukulele lessons for year 3
- ◆ Wednesday 21st February —Year 6 trip to The Natural History Museum
- ◆ Wednesday 21st February—year 4 cooking with the South London Gallery
- ◆ Thursday 14th March—Millwall project starts with year 6 (6 weeks)
- ◆ ESOL classes **every Wednesday** morning at 9:15 am.
- ◆ Parent Coffee mornings **every Thursday** at 9am in the community room.
- ◆ AIR—adults in to read (EYFS and KS1) **every Friday** at 8:45 –9:15
- ◆ 28th March—Last day of term school closes at 2pm

There are some free activities for children to engage in over the half term please see the flyers below. For more information on Thrive—to—25 or Southwark’s local offer, please click the link below.

[Thrive-to-25: Southwark’s Short Breaks Innovation Programme](#) | [Southwark Local Offer](#)

Thrive-to-25: Southwark’s Short Breaks Innovation Programme

Thrive-to-25 is Southwark’s Short Breaks Innovation Programme, funded by the Department for Education.

This programme of work aims to improve short breaks and other forms of support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their families. Southwark Council is working with a wide range of partners to deliver the programme from 1st April 2023 to end March 2025.

The programme has 4 key areas of activity, developed in partnership with parents and professionals to address current gaps in provision.

For more information visit www.localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/care/thrive-to-25

Key areas of activity:

Under 8s*

SENsational Play sessions have been rolled out across the borough by our Children & Family Centres in collaboration with Cherry Garden School. SENsational Play sessions are fun FREE sessions for children with additional needs or disabilities and their parents and carers. There is a combination of ‘stay & play’ and ‘short break’ sessions so families can

- have fun with their child
- meet other families with SEND children
- get information and support on topics such as communication, sleeping and eating, positive behaviour and Autism
- take a break at selected sessions.

There are now 11 regular sessions delivered from 8 different locations.

For more information visit the [SENsational webpage](#).

* Term-time sessions focus on 0-8s but holiday sessions are available for up to 11s!

Higher support needs

We are working with a number of providers to improve access to short breaks for children with higher support needs, particularly during school holidays.

This may include children and young people that require more support to meet their health needs, personal care needs or to support communication and behaviour.

This includes working with existing providers to see how we can support them to be more inclusive of children with a broader range of needs, as well as piloting new provision with some specialist providers.

We are working with our social care teams and special schools to identify children and young people that may need a higher level of support in order to access holiday schemes.



SENsational Stay & Play

Free February Half Term Fun for Autistic Children aged 5-11

Delivered in partnership with Southwark Autism Support Team

- Have fun with your child through a range of activities, including arts and craft, games, food play
- Capoeira sessions [More Info](#)
- Meet other families
- Get advice and support on a range of topics including; communication, behaviour, and toileting

Thursday 15th February 2024 10-3pm
Dulwich Wood Children’s Centre
Lyll Avenue, London SE21 8QS

Places are limited, please register your interest via:
<https://forms.office.com/e/1uHcNtR8mh>
Or scan QR code

Sessions provided by Southwark C&F centres in collaboration with Cherry Garden School




It's Good To Talk

Parent coffee morning every Thursday at 9:00 in the school community room.

Just wait in the main playground and the doors will open.

Each week we will focus on different themes linked to parenting and children and adult wellbeing. Our Art Therapist will be there to create supportive conversations over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit! Everybody is welcome, no need to book, we look forward to seeing you all!



Oliver Goldsmith PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENGLISH CLASS
Learn English, make friends

STARTING: Wednesday 10th January
9:15 AM – 11:15 AM

WHERE? Florence Tristan Conference Room,
2nd Floor, Oliver Goldsmith Primary School,
83 Peckham Road, London, SE5 8UH

For more information and to sign up contact
Anne at anne@efalondon.org or 07871593757



Free Family learning activities 2024

Things to do this half term!

Spring into Spring

Arts & Crafts, Fun with Maths, Coding for fun, Storytelling, Sewing, Embroidery, Pottery, Songs, Stay and play and more!

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th February 2024
1.00pm – 3.30pm
@ Thomas Callon Centre
Alpha Street, London SE15 4NX
Book a place now - call 020 7358 2100
For more information email patricia.thomas@southwark.gov.uk



AIR

Adults in to read

We are launching our adults in to read sessions on **Friday mornings**

This will be for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2.

This will run **every Friday** and gives you an opportunity to share a range of stories with the children in the classroom. No need to book just wait in the playground at drop off time and an adult will bring you to the classroom.

At Oliver Goldsmith we feel reading is important and developing a love for books increases children’s desire to read for pleasure, so come along and enjoy a story!