



Oasis Academy Shirley Park Primary Newsletter

PUPIL VOICE

A newsletter by pupils for pupils

Goodbye Mrs. Botley by Logan Cameron



At the time of writing this article, it is with a heavy heart that we, as a school community, say goodbye to Mrs. Botley. She has been our head teacher, mentor, and leader and will be missed. We had the pleasure this term of having Mrs. Botley be our lighthouse, and it was only fitting that she was considering how much she has been a role model for our school.

When I asked her how she felt about being our lighthouse, she said, "I was proud and excited when I learned that I was the Lighthouse, especially because everybody had kept it secret from me and that, included the staff and the children and when I listened to all the children speaking on the video, it made me very emotional about leaving, but also very proud of the wonderful children and staff and children."

I was curious how she found out she was the lighthouse this term, and she said, "Everybody at school was very cheeky. Miss Evry told me I had a very important meeting with Mr. Brown, and when I joined the team meeting, the whole school had also joined. Miss. Evry said sorry for tricking me, but she had to get me to this meeting, and that's when she told me that I was the Lighthouse for Half term".

Mrs. Botley, the students at Oasis Academy Shirley Park want to tell you a great big thank you for everything you have done for us, for making our school a better place to be, for guiding us through COVID, and for spending time with us if we felt sad or lonely. We will miss you. We know you will come back and visit the school, but I hope that past pupils will also get to meet you.

Thank you for everything, Mrs. Botley! Good luck in your new adventure while spending lots of time with your family.



THINGS COMING UP TO BE AWARE OF

Wednesday 6th September 2023: School reopens for all pupils.

Friday 13th October 2023: Inset day, school is closed.

Friday 21st October 2023: Break up for half-term.

All about PGL

By Pjeter Marku

When we were going to Kingswood activities centre, I was a bit late because I had a football tournament and missed the coach. I met all my friends and saw my roommate. He was ready to go to his room and excited to meet me. As we arrived at our rooms, we unpacked all our stuff. We stayed in our rooms for about an hour and participated in mini-Olympics. I was the best at the chicken dance. My group won the Olympics, and we celebrated.

I had trouble sleeping the first night, probably because I was too excited, but eventually, I managed to rest. The following two days, we did many fun activities such as THE LEAP OF FAITH, Archery, Fencing, swinging from ropes, Ziplining, creating bonfires to roast marshmallows, and so much more.

In between activities, we ate like royalty and played football.

PGL was pretty good because we got to spend more time with our friends, see the teachers play games with us that they can't usually play in school, and stay up later than usual.

I recommend going to PGL when you reach Year 6; it will be an unforgettable experience.



Shakespeare Rocks!

By Ava Wilson

Year Six was proud to put on our play 'Shakespeare Rocks.' We want to thank the students and teachers for the incredible amount of time and dedication they put into all the rehearsals and everything we need for this. Our dress rehearsal was nerve-racking, but we were happy to put it on. The teachers and children gave us valuable advice that helped us on our two show nights.

Performing in front of our families, friends, and teachers was beyond anything I have experienced, but I am so glad I got to do it.

This play was a funny and lively show about William Shakespeare's life as a play writer at the global theatre. All the children did well, the songs were catchy, and I had fun doing this final project with my friends and teachers!

Although the rehearsals were long and grueling, we got there. We hope you enjoyed it; it has left a great memory in our hearts.

A great big well done to all the other year groups for their work on their Showoasis performances. I hope you had just as much fun as we did!

Croydon Stands Tall

by Jamie Hung



Recently, you may have noticed a giraffe in our school! This has been part of a larger project under Croydon Stands Tall. This project involved many schools, community groups, and local artists. While most of the schools were given their giraffe by the project, there was also a competition for anyone interested in designing a giraffe. Thirty lucky winners were chosen and given money to spend on supplies they could use to paint and create an enormous giraffe. Thirty schools and communities were given a smaller giraffe to design - our school being one of them.

Our school was given a model giraffe that was looked after by one of our year 6 teachers, Miss Robinson, who set up a competition in which students could produce designs for the giraffe. There were a lot of entries that mini SLT got to judge. It was a difficult decision, but finally, one was chosen. The design focused on critically endangered animals, including a tiger, an elephant, and other creatures at risk of extinction.

It was now time to prepare and decorate the giraffe! It was sanded and wiped down, and then spots were drawn onto it. We drew the endangered creatures over the spots in pencil, remembering that they needed to be the centre of attention. We had decided on making each animal unique and exciting and so thought of painting each animal one colour with darker and lighter shades for the shaded parts. Once we had finished the design, we were ready to paint to make it vibrant and colourful with high-quality paints. Many people helped with the painting stage, with a special shout out to Savannah and Nariah in Year 6, who helped paint all the animals and made them stand out.

Year 7s, 8s, and 9s from the Upper School also came over to help. They each painted a few unique designs inside every spot on the giraffe, and the result looked terrific with a beige base for the sections between the spots. Afterward, the head was painted to look real with help from year 6's Miss Smith. Finally, a gloss coat was painted over in layers to protect it, and before it was sent off to go on display, a tag was made that stated the name of our school.

After weeks of hard work and many people helping, the giraffe will finally be displayed with 59 other giraffes in Croydon. You can follow the trail around Croydon from 21st August to 27th October. You can use a special map and app to navigate the trail. At the end of October, the giraffes will be auctioned off at a special event to raise money for the homelessness charity Crisis Skylight Croydon. I'm sure people are excited to see our giraffe on display and that everyone enjoyed participating in this project.



Some of the many patterns designed by the children. We can't show the whole giraffe until it is shown on display in August.

Girls Sports this term by Olivia Keane

The girl's athletics team has had an exhilarating end of the year. This year's athletics set a place at the Croydon sports arena.

The relay team won the top three, getting them into the finals. Sadly, they did not win finals, but Teijah (Yr. 6 Acer class) stated, "I was happy that I was even fast enough to get into the team." Amelia (Yr. 6 Redwood class) said, "I was happy but nervous about the finals." Also, our school is proud to have Tenaya (Yr. 4 Laurel class) in our school especially considering that she won a 75-meter race, declaring her the fastest Yr. 4 girl in Croydon. Teyana exclaimed, "I am proud of myself for achieving all my goals." Now onto football!

You may already know this, but the girl's football team has won a football match 9-0 against John Wood School taking home a league trophy for our precious school. This year we have had the most girls try out for football ever! This is one of the first times we have had enough girls to create a girls' football team, not to mention the girls' athletics team.

To finish this year off, our school has won a new Nike football kit. A fantastic year for the girls!

Boys Sports this term by Michael Heaton

This term, the boys' football team did exceptionally well. We nearly finished the league, but our last match was postponed, leading us to miss our three points in time. The league said we could not get our three points, so we came second 1st but 2nd; however, we were robbed!

One of our teammates, Logan, said, "Although we lost the game, we technically won the title!"

One of our leading goal scorers, Pjeter, said, "I was sad when we lost, but I know we tried our best."

Meanwhile, Godwin emotionally stated, "The satisfaction of almost winning the league was bittersweet."

We are all proud of ourselves. Some of the Year 6 boys from the team are leaving, but we know some of the boys we leave behind will make us proud. We wish you all luck and hope you can bring the title home for our school!

Year 4-6, come and join our team

*If you would like to join the newspaper club, please Mr Rampersad for more information.
It is every Wednesday in Laurel class, Middle School from 12:00pm-12.25pm.*



What would you like us to write about?

If you have anything you would like us to write about that has happened over the Autumn Term, please tell your class teachers and they will pass it on to Rampersad...

Message from Miss Charles, Miss Howard, Mrs. Downton, and Mr. Sharp...

Miss Charles says I wish you all the best. Next Year, Reception children become Year 1 children. The staff in Reception will miss you so much, but they will still come and visit, and so will I. Have the best summer holidays and see you in September. I hope you enjoy the sunshine!

Miss Howard says, what a fantastic term it has been! The children across years 1,2, and 3 have worked incredibly hard and adopted those Oasis habits. Year 1 enjoyed their visit to Llyods Park and wrote some excellent recounts of their day. Year 2 had an unforgettable experience at the Shrek Museum, even with the hiccup of the trams! And in year three, I had lots of fun exploring different foods this term and made some juicy fruit salads. It has been lovely to watch them all grow throughout the year, and I hope they continue to be inspired and strive to reach their goals. Have a lovely summer break, and make lots of memories!

Mr Sharp says, To all students in Years 4-6. I hope you all have a safe, happy, and enjoyable summer break. Year 6, I will you all the luck in the world as you go on to your secondary. Please come back and visit us. Years 4 and 5, see you in September, when you will see Years 5 and 6!

Mrs. Downton says The Orchard has had a busy time over the last few weeks. We had an incredible coffee morning with lots of parents attending. The children all performed magnificently in their own class Showasis events. We were so impressed with the singing and speaking that all the children did. Finally, we were all treated to Olive Class, putting on a drama show with Salihah and Izzy leading the way. What a fantastic job everyone has done. We are so proud of all our Orchard children have achieved this term.

Goodbye Year 6s by Mr. Sharp

We say farewell and good luck to our lovely Year 6's. You did a great job taking on the challenge of the SATs. We hope you have enjoyed the activities at the end of the year and wish you a great summer break and a start to secondary school well in September.

Remember to come and visit us to let us know how you are getting on.

You are all part of the Oasis family, even if you are not attending our high school.

Thank you, Newspaper Club, By Mr. Rampersad

I want to thank the Newspaper Club for their hard work this year. The team has done so much hard work, from working outside school hours to interviewing teachers in their own time and using their literacy skills to write outstanding articles.

I have had so much fun working with them. I wish you all luck in the future.

