

NEWSLETTER 6th OCTOBER 2023

Curriculum Theme: Who am I and who and who am I becoming?

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

This week we have started our celebration for Black History Month.

Black History Month is an opportunity to continue to take action to tackle discrimination and racism in our communities. We are looking forward to

sharing the children's work during parent's evening, where it will be displayed in the school halls for you to take a look at.

Parent's evening bookings closes on Wednesday, please make sure that you have signed up for a time to meet your child's class teacher, hear how they have settled into the new academic year and how we can work as a partnership to support your children with their education.

Please remember that Friday 13th October is an INSET day. As a staff we will be joining colleagues from across the Oasis Trust to continue to grow our understanding of our Oasis Way to Inclusive Practice. We will be developing this over the coming year, and we will be looking for parent feedback on new policies once we have refined them.

Have a lovely weekend,
Ms Evry

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER



Weekly Updates

Office News

To report your child's absence/lateness or if you have a general enquiry. Please email primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org. We find that this is a quicker and more efficient way to get through to us especially during our busy periods.

Harvest Reminder

For Harvest this year, we are going to equally share our donations with Croydon Night Watch and our Essentials Cupboard. Donations received at the Lower School will go to the Night Watch and donations to the Middle School will go to our Essentials cupboard. You are welcome to donate to both or one. The choice is yours 😊.

Well Done

We are delighted to let you know that we collected a total of £600 towards Libya & Morocco. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Thanks again for donating

We're sending it straight to Oasis UK so you'll be making a difference very soon.



A word from Oasis UK

Festive Card Design



We are delighted to share with you that the civic mayors office would like all the primary schools in Croydon to design his festive card this year. Last year, we got so close but lets try and win it this year. Please help your child to design a card on an **A4 sheet of paper with no text** to be handed to Ms Sinclair by 20th October. The theme is "Multi-Cultural Community". We cannot wait to see your designs.

SEND NEWS:

Do you think that your child may be neurodivergent?

Do you think they may be masking their difficulties?

Our school EP will be offering a parent workshop **Making Sense of Masking** on Monday 16th October

1.45-2.30pm.

This will be via Zoom – link below.

If you are interested, please do join us.

Susan Moore is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86265026432?pwd=xKZX47qjjicvq4s5D9AXTqYGwJnVEG.1>

Meeting ID: 862 6502 6432

Passcode: 882931

Happy Hat Day



National Mental Health

Tuesday 10th October

Happy Hat day is a wonderful way to pull together and show everyone that Mental health can be talked about safely in our schools. All we ask is that you donate £1 and to wear a hat for the day. All funds will go towards mental health work supporting families and young people.

Attendance Winners



Each week we have a prize draw for children who have had 100% attendance for the week.

This week's winners are Toby - Cherry Class, Sophia - Pine Class and Jamal - Rowan Class.

The next week's winner could be you!



The Gift of Reading through The Children's Book Project

Did you know that across London and the UK 1 in 4 disadvantaged children own fewer than 10 books, whilst 1 in 8 have none at all? This has an impact not only on academic outcomes but also on wellbeing, emotional development and sense of self as a reader.

The Children's Book Project directly tackles this 'book gap' and gifts donated books to targeted communities across the Capital.

We are pleased to announce that we are amongst 90 schools in London chosen to take part in their discovery programme this year. Together we aim to bring the love of reading to the forefront and increase book ownership within our school community.

The programme enables us to gift two new or gently used books to our students each term, totalling 6 books per child for the year. This is an amazing opportunity and we are looking forward to hosting a variety of pop up events for our children to browse and select books to keep. More information on this to follow. If you would like to find out more about the charity, please take a look at their website: <https://childrensbookproject.co.uk/>

Parents Evening

A letter has been sent to you all via our online platform with information about our upcoming Parent Evenings. To make this easier you can scan the QR code to book your appointment.



The letter is also attached, which contains lots more information.

Secondary School
Applications:
Have you applied

Reminder: The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. If you need any help with this, please contact your year 6 class teacher who will be happy to guide you through this.



The Wellbeing Team

The MHST are running another set of Online Parent/Carer Webinars during the Autumn term. See attached.

Here are the dates (we also plan to run the same ones in the Spring term at the 5pm time slot):

Helping your Child's Behaviour (Primary age)	Wed 1st Nov 1pm
Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries	Wed 8th Nov 1pm
Looking After Yourself for Parents	Wed 15th Nov 1pm
Introduction to Autism	Wed 22nd Nov 1pm
Introduction to ADHD	Wed 29th Nov 1pm

OTR will also be running the following workshops:

Self-Harm Support for Parents/Carers	Wed 11 th and 18 th Oct 6:30pm
Support for Parents/Carers of Young People who Struggle to get to School	Wed 15 th Nov 6:15pm
Self-Harm Support for Parents/Carers	Wed 5 th and 12 th Dec 6:30pm

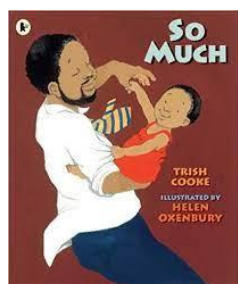
Here are also the direct links:

Eventbrite Sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mhst-parent-webinars-2674189?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

OTR's Self Harm and EBSA Workshops: <https://www.talkofftherecord.org/sutton/support-for-parents-carers/>

These workshops will be offered online and parents can sign up via Eventbrite. Parents will have their cameras and mics off and there is no expectation for them to speak or interact with each other, however we will have a chat box open. The workshops will be psychoeducational based, with some tips and strategies.

Nursery News



We have had a wonderful week, and I would like to thank you all for joining our Nursery workshop meeting this week. Next week, we will be focusing on our families by reading the story 'So much!' by Trish Cooke. This loving family story will encourage our children to talk more freely about their family. This week in phonics; we will introduce children to 'The Phonic Fairy' and we should be expecting a surprise visit to our classroom by her. We will also continue to learn and sing nursery rhymes such as 'Tommy Thumb.'

We would like to encourage parents to sing this nursery rhyme with their children and talk about their family and friends around them.

Lunches: We are a nut free school; therefore, we ask that anything that may contain nuts is not included in their lunch. Thank you in advance. Also, please remember to ensure that food such as grapes are sliced in half as children are at a high risk of choking on them.

Weather: As we are approaching more wet and windy weather, please ensure that all children are coming into school with a labelled coat and appropriate footwear. We love to explore our outside learning area whatever the weather!

50p contribution: We would like to invite you to support our 50p contribution club. This collection enables us to provide lots of extra resources for our children for example, play dough ingredients, cereal, cooking ingredients and things such as rice, pasta or shaving foam for the sensory play area and celebrations.

Key dates:

Tues 10th Oct: Happy Hat Day for World Mental Health

Fri 13th Oct: Oasis Trust INSET Day (TBC) Academy closed to all students

Tuesday 17th October: Individual Photos (Lower School)

Tues 17th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Weds 18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Friday 20th October: Last day of Autumn Term 1, Normal finish time across all phases

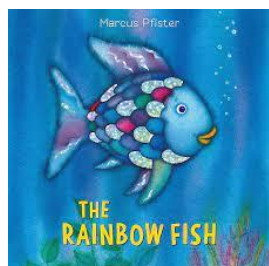
If you would like to contribute to our 50p fund, please place your contribution in the yellow box or hand it over to any of the members of Nursery team.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and water bottles are labelled, this will support the staff to ensure nothing is lost or given to the wrong child. This is especially important at the beginning of a school year.

If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below:

spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org

Reception News



We have had a lovely week in Reception, the children have been so excited to see what sound and activity our Phonic Fairy has left us each day! We have had tea party's and became pirates for the day! Over the weekend you may want to recap the sounds we have learned with your child to support their learning; these can be found on ClassDojo. We wonder what the Fairy will bring next week!

In Literacy next week our focus story will be 'The Rainbow Fish', we will be thinking about and discussing how the Rainbow Fish felt when the other fish did not want to play with him and discussing how we can be kind friends. In topic we will continue to focus on 'Houses and Homes', looking at our school community. In Numeracy we will continue to focus on numbers below 10.

This month we are celebrating Black History Month. Next week we will be looking at our family photos and looking at what makes us special and unique. Please could you send a family photo to your child's class teacher on ClassDojo for them to use during the lesson.

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Weds 18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish time)

If you need to contact the reception team, you can do so by emailing us at- SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org

Have a wonderful weekend

Year 1

It's been a lovely week in Year 1. The children have all worked really hard to complete their first story in our writing lesson and took time to edit them afterwards. They have also made some fantastic African masks in our Art lesson. We are really proud of them all. Next week, in our English lessons, we will be reading a poem called 'By Myself' by Eloise Greenfield and then learning about the features of a poem. In maths, we will be adding and subtracting numbers within 10, and in geography, we will be learning about our local area in preparation for our trip. For Black History Month, we will be learning about the watch maker, William Adoasi and finding out how his business gives back to charity. We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in our assemblies on Thursday 12th October. It would be appreciated if you could donate non-perishable foods such as: soups, canned meat and fish, canned fruit and vegetables, toiletries, rice, pasta, tea, and cereals. The donations will go to Nightwatch, who will share the donations out to vulnerable people in the community.

Year 1 PE Days

Apricot Class: Monday and Wednesday

Damson Class: Tuesday and Friday

Mulberry Class: Thursday and Friday.

Please could the children come to school in their P.E kits on those days.

Key Dates:

Tues 10th Oct: Happy Hat Day for World Mental Health

Thu 12th Oct: Year 1 Harvest Festival

Fri 13th Oct: Oasis Inset Day – School closed for all children.

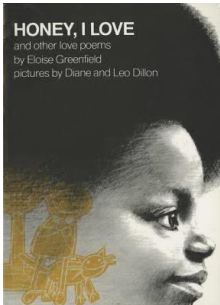
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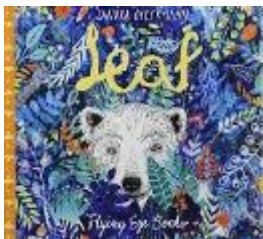
Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish)

Have a lovely weekend!



Year 2

The year 2 team would like to say a huge well done to all our pupils for having another great week. Next week in English pupils will be writing their own meeting narrative. In maths, we will be learning how to skip in our 2's, 5's and 10's. In history, pupils will be learning how to place specific events related to our academy onto a timeline. During the month of October pupils will be celebrating Black history and next week pupils will be learning about what Black history month is and to understand that everyone is unique and special. In Science pupils will be learning about animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults in music pupils will be exploring other people's preferences genre. Our PE sessions this week focus on fitness and object control. We will also be celebrating Harvest Festival in our assemblies on Thursday 12th October. It would be



appreciated if you could donate non-perishable foods such as: soups, canned meat and fish, canned fruit and vegetables, toiletries, rice, pasta, tea, and cereals. The donations will go to Night watch, who will share the donations out to vulnerable people in the community.

PE: Ash/Holly Tuesday and Thursday
Elm/Cedar Monday and Wednesday

Key Dates:

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Mon 16th Oct: Individual Photos (Middle School)

Tues 17th Oct: Individual Photos (Lower School)

Tues 17th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Wed 18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish time)



Year 3

It's been a lovely week in Year 3. Next week, in our writing lessons, we will be planning and writing poems about ourselves. In maths, we will be adding and subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers with exchangers, and in science, we will be learning how nutrition helps to grow and develop a healthy body. As it is Black History Month, we have integrated this within our lessons. Throughout the month they will be learning about different important black role models in history. In geography, we will be comparing Uganda to Croydon and discussing the similarities and differences between the two places, and in History, we will be looking at artefacts that tell us more about life in Croydon in the past.

PE days: Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct P.E. uniform in line with our school's policy on their P.E. days.

Chestnut: Monday & Wednesday

Hawthorn: Tuesday & Thursday

Pine: Monday & Thursday

Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

Key dates:

Wed 12th Oct: Harvest Festival assembly (Lower school)

Mon 16th Oct: Individual Photos (Middle School)

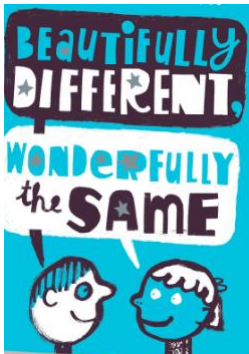
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Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish)

Have a lovely weekend!



Year 4

We hope you have had a good week. It was nice to meet some families at the Year 4 Basic Skills Meeting this week. A power point will be sent out in due course for any families that have missed it.

Next week In English, we will continue exploring poetry. We will be planning and writing our own poem based on the works of Joseph Coelho. In Maths, we will start learning how to add and subtract numbers up to 4-digit numbers. Previous messages from last week include, in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication tests in May, please encourage your child to go on tt rockstars and learn their times table daily.

We have 2 local trips planned (see dates below). We are looking for volunteers to support our classes on both trips. If you are available, please contact your child's class teacher.

PE

Please ensure that the children come into school with the correct kit. PE kit is: *Black shorts or joggers; Plain white t-shirt; Purple school jumper; Plain white t-shirt; trainers*

PE Days:

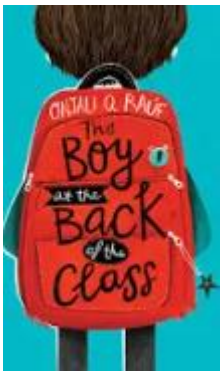
Laurel Class-Monday and Tuesday
Cypress Class- Wednesday and Thursday
Rowan Class-Tuesday and Thursday
Hazel Class-Monday and Wednesday
We hope you have a restful weekend.

Key Dates:

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Thu 12th Oct: Harvest Festival
Fri 13th Oct: Inset Day (school closed to all pupils)
Mon 16th Oct: Individual Photos (Middle School)
Tues 17th Oct: Individual Photos (Lower School)
Tues 17th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)
Wed 18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)
Thu 19th Oct: South Norwood Country Park Trip (1.45-3pm)
Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish time)

Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant week of learning. We have continued reading our class read aloud 'The boy at the back of the class' and we've continued looking into what means to be a refugee or migrant and what are the difference between them. In Maths we have started a new unit in addition and multiplication. In science we have been investigating the question - What comes first the chicken or the egg? In geography we have continued looking at the country of Belgium and its landmarks and in history we have been learning about early civilisations and have now also introduced our black history topics, for week 1 it was political issues and we have engaged in some wonderful debates. Please can I-pads be 100% charged and ready for learning each day.



The PE lessons for each class are as follows:

Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor)
Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor)
Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

REMINDER: PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black joggers or shorts and school sweatshirt.

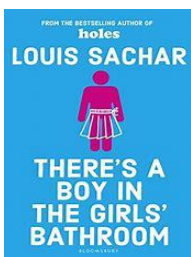
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Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish time)

Year 6

This week, year 6 have been enjoying writing a narrative about our class book; *There's a boy in the girl's bathroom*. We will continue reading the book together but next week, we will also be reading a free verse poem and having a go at writing our own. In maths, we will be learning how to multiply 3-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. In Geography, we will be learning about Oasis' work in Kyrgyzstan. In Spanish, we will be role playing a visit to the doctors and using all the vocabulary we have learnt so far. This week, we have welcomed Black History Month. Our celebrations of Black History Month will be held throughout the next few weeks. Our Heritage Week is coming up, but the children will also be enjoying activities in their welcome time, art and many other subjects.



Reminder: The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. If you need any help with this, please contact your class teacher who will guide you through this.

We have seen a good improvement in school uniforms and PE kits, but please can you continue to ensure that children are following the rules for these.

Key dates:

Mon 9th Oct: Y6 Heights & Weights Check

Tues 10th Oct: Y6 Heights & Weights Check

Tues 10th Oct: Happy Hat Day for World Mental Health

Friday 13th Oct: Inset Day (school closed to all pupils)

16th Oct: Individual Photos (Middle School)

17th Oct: Individual Photos (Lower School)

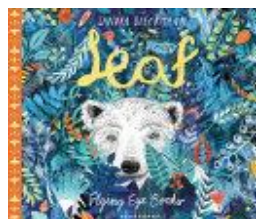
17th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish)

We would like to give you notice that our Open Evening is on Thursday 21st of September at 6pm. There is no need to book, please just come along.

Have a great weekend!



The Orchard

This week, we read ***The Day You Begin*, by Jacqueline Woodson**. There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat. The children enjoyed analysing this story and sharing their thoughts.

Next week, we will read the book ***"Leaf"* written by Sandra Dieckmann**. When a polar bear arrives unexpectedly in the woods, the animals fear and avoid him, suspecting him to be dangerous - and his habit of collecting leaves only adds to their distrust. Then one day, they watch as he attempts to fly over the water with wings made of colorful leaves...just trying to go home.

In maths, we are learning about place value, addition and subtraction and in PSHE we have been talking about bullying.

Theme: Who am I and who am I becoming.

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Thursday

Christmas:

There will be a local Christmas Fair, on Saturday 2nd December, at St Luke's Church, 10am to 3pm in the church hall on Spring Lane.

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Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish time)

Sat 2nd Dec: Christmas Fair at St. Lukes

Wed 6th Dec: Coffee Morning in the Orchard

Remember:- Should you need to contact us, you can contact the Inclusion Team by email through:

SPA.Inclusion.STF@oasisshirleypark.org

