

NEWSLETTER 13th OCTOBER 2023

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

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

I hope that this week has been good to you all and that you have been able to enjoy some of this unusual October sunshine. It has felt a bit more autumnal in the mornings, hasn't it? The staff have had a jam-packed day of training today where we have developed our knowledge of the Oasis Way – we are really excited to adapt this to the Shirley Park Way and to have you all involved in the making of it.

We have been continuing to celebrate Black History Month. The theme for this year is 'Celebrating Our Sisters'. It is important to celebrate the inspirational black women throughout history who have had such an impact on our lives. A true inspiration of mine is Michelle Obama and a quote that has stuck with me is, 'With an education ... you have everything you need to rise above all of the noise and fulfil every last one of your dreams.' This is what I endeavour to achieve for all of our children at Shirley Park.

It was wonderful to see the array of hats on Tuesday. It was a day to remember to take care of ourselves and the importance of positive mental wellbeing.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Ms Evry

Weekly Updates

Office News

To report report your childs 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

Thank you for all of your wonderful donations this year. We have been overwhelmed with your generosity. It was lovely to be a part of the celebrations this week and to join in with the singing. Donations received at the Lower School will go to the Night Watch and donations to the Middle School will go to our Essentials cupboard.

We are continuously seeing nut products included in our childrens lunchboxes. We have children and staff with NUT allergies. Please be mindful of the items that you send in for lunch. A nut allergy can be airborne as well as ingested. Some of our staff and children do have the airborne allergies and by not adhering to this you are putting them all at risk.

A nut allergy develops when the body's immune system becomes over-sensitive to a protein in a nut. Being exposed to the nut causes an allergic reaction. Nut allergies are becoming more common and can be very serious.



The most common nut allergies are cashew, walnut, hazelnut and pistachio. In the U.S. the most common nut allergy is cashew, followed by walnut. In the U.K. the most common nut allergy is hazelnut. Smaller quantities, cashew and pistachio allergies can cause severe reactions as compared to other tree nuts.

This week we have had Nutella, peanut butter sandwiches, nutella sticks and chicken satay kebabs sent in. Any child who has a peanut product in their packed lunch will have this confiscated and offered a school dinner instead.

Lets work together and keep our allergens SAFE!

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.

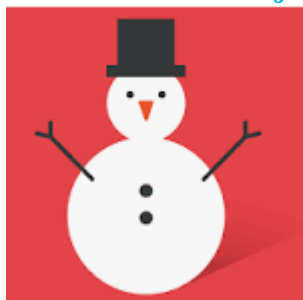
If you are interested, please do join us. Susan Moore is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86265026432?pwd=xKZX47qjjicvq4s5D9AXTqYGWJnVEG.1>

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Festive Card Design

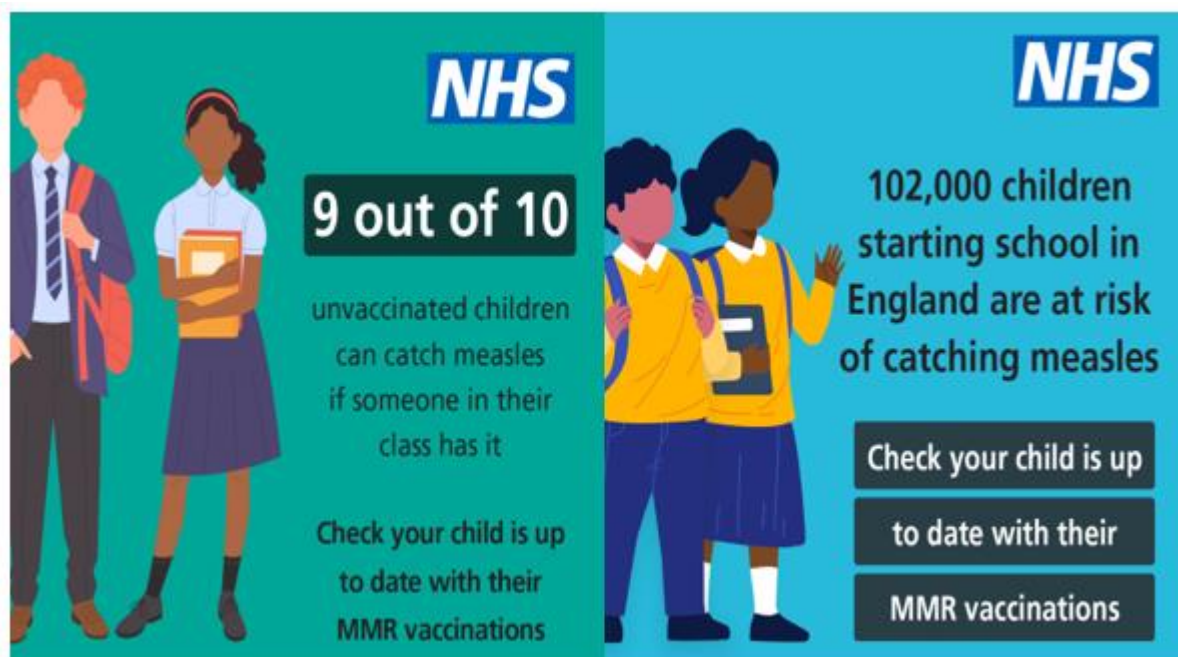


We are delighted to share with you that the civic mayors office would like all the primary schools in Croydon to design his festive card this year. Last year, we got so close but lets try and win it this year. Please help your child to design a card on an A4 sheet of paper with no text to be handed to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



We are acknowledging World Menopause Day on the 18th October amongst staff. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the menopause and the support options available for improving health and wellbeing.

Has your child been vaccinated – contact your GP to get further information or to book an appointment



NHS

9 out of 10 unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

NHS

102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

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Attendance Winners



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Attendance Winners

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

This week's winners are Ayah – Willow, Deian – Apricot Class, Tyler - Oak Class.

The next week's winner could be you!

Parents Evening

The booking system has now closed, however if you have not made an appointment your child's class teacher will be in contact with you to book you in. The teacher/parent relationship is vital for children to make great progress.

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.



Nursery News

We have had a lovely week in Nursery. The children have continued to settle back into the nursery routines and have enjoyed exploring more about their families. The children also received an exciting email from our Phonic Fairy who came to visit our classroom when we weren't there, and she left her magical fairy dust on our books to read. We hope to have more magical visits from Phonic Fairy in the coming days.

Next week, in literacy we will be reading the story 'Our Class is A Family' by Shannon Olsen. We know that family can be classed as the people who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile, and who love you no matter what. In phonics, we will explore more about environmental sounds. In numeracy we will practice using the positional language and explore the understanding of position through words alone – for example, "The bag is under the table," – with no pointing.

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:

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 Oct: Last day of Autumn Term 1, Normal finish time across all phases

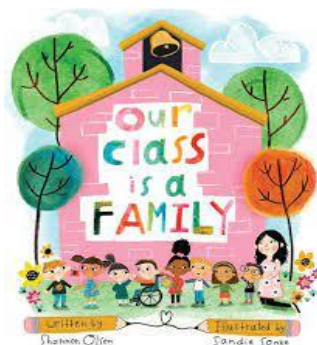
Mon 30th Oct: School reopens to all students

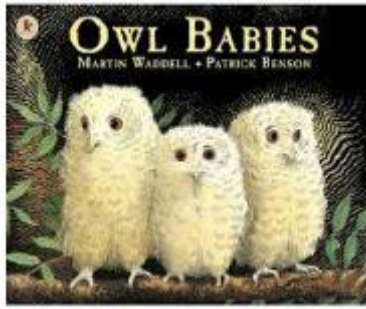
If you would like to contribute to our 50p fund, please place your contribution in the yellow box or hand it over to any of the members of Nursery team.

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 made giant iguana pets for our classrooms, had our fruit hidden by cheeky monkeys and painted using dirt!

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 'Owl Babies', we will be discussing the story and thinking about different describing words. In topic we will be focusing on songs and rhymes and having a go at body percussion! Does your child have a favourite nursery rhyme, can they sing them to you over the weekend? In Numeracy we will continue to focus on numbers below 10.

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Mon 30th Oct: School reopens to all students

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

We've had a brilliant week in Year 1. The children have worked hard to produce some excellent work. It was lovely to see so many children in their hats for World Mental Health Day. Thank you for all your donations to support this worthy cause.

Next week, in our English lessons, we will continue to write our poems about ourselves using rhyming and rhythm. In maths, we will be revising our number bonds to 10, and in science, we will be learning about our sense of taste. For our geography lesson, we will be going on a walk around our local area, and in computing, we will be producing pictograms on Purple Mash.

We would like to remind you that next week we have parents evening on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. These are now face to face meetings and will take place at the school. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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.

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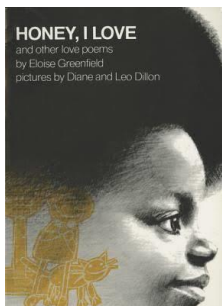
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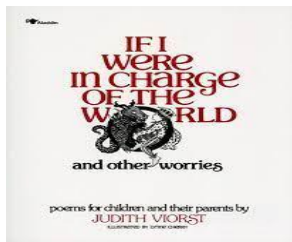
Wed 18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

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Year 2

The year 2 would like to thank our outstanding pupils for all their magnificent hard work and for being such positive, inspiring role models. Next week in English pupils will be developing their poem writing skills. In maths, pupils will be further enhancing their addition and subtraction skills. In music pupils will be learning how to identify the similarities and differences of music in India. Our PE sessions this week focus on fitness and object control. This month 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.

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

Key Dates:

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Year 3

We've had a lovely time in Year 3 this week! The children have worked incredibly hard to complete the final copy of their stories and they were proud of the results - as were we! Next week, in our writing lessons, we will be planning and writing poems about ourselves. In maths, we will be adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers, and in science, we will be completing a task to discover what we have learnt about the human body this half term. They also enjoyed learning about different black musicians during our history lesson which is a continuation to Black History Month. In geography, we will be learning more about the culture in Uganda.

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

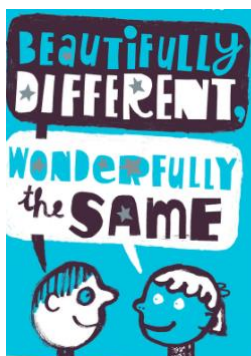
Pine: Monday & Thursday

Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

Key dates:

Mon 12th Oct: Harvest Festival Assembly
Mon 16th Oct: Individual Photos (Middle School)
Mon 16th: Chestnut & Birch class local walk
Tues 17th Oct: Individual Photos (Lower School)
Tues 17th Oct: Pine & Hawthorn class local walk
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)
Mon 30th Oct: School reopens to all students
Have a lovely weekend!





Year 4

I hope you have had a good week. Please make sure you have signed up to parents evening. We would love the opportunity to tell you how your children have settled in. Our local trips are next week if you would like to volunteer-please contact our class teacher. Next week In English, we will continue to learn about Poetry by editing the poems we did last week and learning to perform them in front of the class. In Maths, we will continue to learn addition and subtraction numbers and focus on problem solving. 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. As part of black history month, next week we will be learning about Wangari Matthai. 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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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 great week. We have started a new book And Still I Rise by Maya Angelou, which also fits in well with Black History Month. The children have been learning about Celebrating Black Women In British History, which they have found very interesting and empowering. In Maths we are working on rounding numbers and using the inverse to check the calculation. 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. In History we have been looking at the timeline of events which will cover our learning for the coming year.

Please can I-pads be 100% charged and ready for learning each day.

The PE lessons for each class are as follows:

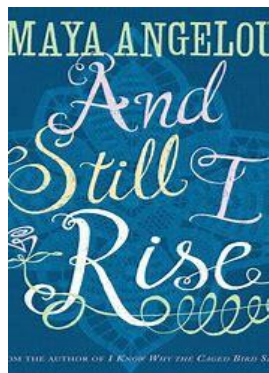
Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor)
Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor)
Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

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

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Year 6

Thank you to everyone who took part in Happy Hat day- in class we discussed mental health day and how we can look after our mental health. This week, year 6 have finished their narratives in English and moved on to exploring a free verse poem about our ambitions and dreams. Next week, we will begin to write our own. In maths, we have been learning how to multiply 3-digit numbers by 2- digit numbers. Next week, we will begin to learn how to use bus stop method to divide. We will be reading Finn McCool and answering questions on the myth. Next week, we will be finishing off our themes for this half term before we move on to new ones after half term. The children will also continue to celebrate Black History Month. We will create art and music and look at important historical figures.

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.

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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)

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The Orchard

This week, we read '**Leaf**', written by **Sandra Dieckmann**. This is a beautiful story which looks at a creature who appears from nowhere and is perceived to be a monster who is dangerous, feared and scary with an unusual habit. Over a long period of time of watching him, the other animals pluck up the courage to eventually talk to him whereby they find out he is nothing like they thought. Instead, he is sad and lonely having drifted away from his family. This is about perception, emotions and friendships.

Next week, we will read the book '**The Sandwich Swap**' written by **Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan**, a story about two best school friends and the ups and downs of their friendship and how the consequences not only affect them but those around them.

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)

Mon 30th Oct: School reopens to all students

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