

NEWSLETTER 15th December 2023

Habit:
Curriculum Theme:

Joyful
Human Rights Chunk



A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

Wow, I am certainly in the festive spirit after this week. Thank you to everyone who attended the Nursery Sing-a-longs, the Reception Nativity, Carol Concerts at the St Lukes. It was so lovely to see the joy on the children's faces. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did.

This week we also welcomed visitors from Oasis. I was so proud to show who we are at Shirley Park. The children spoke confidently about their learning and shared what they enjoyed about school. One of the visitors commented 'Behaviour at Shirley Park Primary is stunning where incidents are dealt with effectively with compassion. This cannot be faked'. You can only imagine the smile on my face, for someone external could see what I see day in day out.

We will have another busy week next week with achievement assemblies, Christmas Dinner, own clothes day and parties.

Have a restful weekend,

Ms Evry

Our Houses

Please see below our four house teams. They are all named after birds as a symbol of the school community helping them to fly. With each house they have a house colour. Next to each house is the classes linked to that house. The class will travel through the school as the same house. Throughout the year there will be colour days so please do look out for these.

Kookaburra House (Yellow)	Beech, Elm, Pear, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hazel, Chestnut
Skylark House (Blue)	Cypress, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Oak, Pine, Damson, Ash, Alder
Firecrest House (Red)	Rowan, Apple, Birch, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Acer, Apricot, Cedar, Maple
Hummingbird House (Green)	Laurel, Mulberry, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hawthorn, Redwood, Holly, Lilac, Cherry

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.

Free School Meal & Holiday Activity Vouchers

This is to let you know that all parents entitled to receive free school meal vouchers will be sent these on Monday. The holiday activity vouchers have already been sent, if you have not received yours and you are entitled to this also, please email Ms Sinclair at the following address primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org.

Term Dates 2024-25

We are happy to share with you our term dates for the next academic year. They have been included as an addition. We thank you for your patience whilst we finalised them.



Monday-Friday: 9am-8pm

Weekends: 10am-3pm

Email the team on info@prisonersfamilies.org

Or fill in a contact form and request a call back at prisonersfamilies.org.

Do you have a family member or loved one in prison?
Do you need confidential support?

We have staff members with lead responsibility who may be able to help you: Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Clarke at our Lower school or Ms Eves at the middle school.



The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, funded by the Department for Education, offers free holiday club spaces during Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays to children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. It's open to children living in Croydon or attending Croydon schools and includes:

- A daily healthy meal
- Daily physical activity sessions
- Various activities suitable for different ages and abilities
- Opportunities to learn about healthy eating and nutrition

If you are eligible for Free School Meals, you would have received your voucher already. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms Sinclair on primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org or scroll to the bottom of the page to read the letter for more information.

Festive Dinner & Class Parties

This is to remind you that we have the above on the last day of term (20/12/2023). We would be most grateful if you could send in donations for the parties, but please can you check the labels as we are a nut free school. Children can wear their own clothes on this day.

Parent Survey

As some of you may be aware from April 2024 the existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support. The changes are being introduced gradually to ensure that providers can meet the needs of more families.

Croydon Early Years team are conducting a survey to find out what the uptake of the new funded hours will be from April. They have asked us to share the link below so that you can complete the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vj5BqSBWFe>

We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

EDI

Over the past few weeks, we have been looking at ways to discuss the conflicts that are occurring across the world. Oasis started an initiative beginning this month that we're calling 'Stop Hate Build Peace'. We hope this 'Stop Hate Build Peace' initiative in the run up to Christmas will give us a way to respond together, through the lens of our ethos and 9 habits, and to play our part in our own communities to bridge difference and build peace. On Friday 15th December, many of our children were able to watch an Oasis-wide 'peace vigil' where discussions of peace and tolerance are embraced through our 9-habits.

Attendance News



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

This week's winners are Sanaa – Sycamore Class, Zayne – Pear Class, Muhammad – Damson Class, Kelsey – Ash Class, Gustavo – Birch Class, Elliott – Rowan Class, Omari – Maple Class and Martina – Redwood Class.

The next week's winner could be you!

Please note that we have begun to send a Shout Out weekly to all children who have 100% attendance. All these children are entered into the prize draw and a winner is selected for each year group. You can check your child's attendance daily on MCAS. This will show you the percentage of attendance that your child has managed each week. This will also show you the mark that goes onto the register when we have not been notified of a reason for absence.

We encourage parents to limit absences throughout term time and to plan ahead to make medical appointments outside school hours.

Please see below a full range of our rewards for good attendance.

Thank you for your continued support helping us to raise attendance at OASP!

Let's all be Attendance Champions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Spring 2024 Encounter: We are delighted to announce our new Spring 2024 Encounter Referral form is now live 😊 This term we also have a course especially 'for children who struggle with attendance',

Encounter outline:

- The Encounter courses are run using Zoom – weekly calls of 1hr 45 minutes duration.
- Run for 10 weeks, starting week Commencing **15th January 2024.**
- Self-referral (via QR code or link)
- The NVR approach and teaching builds week-on-week, so consistency is key and achieves the best outcome.

Attached is all the information you need:

1. **Encounter leaflet** – 2 pages of course overview, dates and times, plus QR code & link.
2. **QR Code** to access the referral form on MS Forms
3. **Parent Encounter Guide** – a 7-page guide which outlines the NVR approach.

Nursery News

It has been a delightful week, especially with the Christmas Singalong, where our little ones showcased their hard work and growing confidence. A big thank you to all the parents and carers



for joining us—your support means a lot. We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we enjoyed preparing and presenting it.

As we head into last week of Autumn Term, we're excited to continue with festive stories and games, wrapping up our first full term at Nursery.

Key dates:

Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

Wed 20th Dec: School Closes for Festive Break

Thu 4th Jan: School Reopens to Students

If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below: spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org

Reception News

The children done amazingly well in our Nativity this week, it can be very daunting having an audience and we are all extremely proud of how confident they were and how amazing their singing was! Next week is our last week of our Autumn term, as a class we will be reflecting on our first term in Reception and all the wonderful things we have learnt. ***We will also be having our class parties! Children are more than welcome to bring in party food to share with their peers, however, please remember that we are a nut free school.***

P.E sessions will start after Christmas. Please find your child's P.E day below. Children can come to school already dressed in their P.E kit on their P.E day.

Apple Class: Monday

Cherry Class: Tuesday

Pear Class: Wednesday

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Sat 6th Jan: Reception Discovery Day 10am-12pm

Sat 3rd Feb: NSPCC Numbers Day

Tues 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th Feb: Last day of 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

Year 1

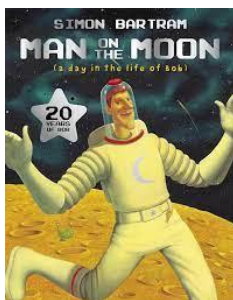
It's been a lovely week in Year 1! The children have enjoyed learning about how Christmas is celebrated in Australia and had lots of fun making their own festive kangaroo picture! We also had a lovely time singing carols at St Luke's Church. Thank you to everyone who helped us walk there and back and thank you to the families that came to watch the service.

Next week, in our English lessons, we will be writing letters to Father Christmas and in maths, we will be completing some Christmas themed number activities. In DT, we will be finishing of our Christmas badges and during the afternoons, we will be taking time to see what the children have learnt over the past half term.

Please don't forget that next Wednesday we have our Festive lunch and class parties. On that day, the children are invited to wear their festive/winter jumpers. We would be grateful if you could donate some food for the class parties that will be shared with all the children. If you can contribute, remember that we are a **nut free school**, so please check the food labels carefully before sending it in.

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:

Thu 14th Dec: Skylark Colour Day

Friday 15th Dec: St Luke's Carol Concert 9.30

Friday 15th Dec: Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

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Year 2

The year 2 team would like to personally thank our fabulous pupils for all their fantastic hard work and outstanding passion for learning. We have had an amazing week teaching and watching our pupils grow with confidence as their love for learning continues to grow stronger and stronger. In English next week pupils will be editing their narrative. In maths pupils will be completing winter themed maths problems. In poetry pupils will be performing the poem The North wind doth blow, and we shall have snow. This week in computer science pupils will be creating a table and block graph.

Weather: As we are approaching more wet and windy weather conditions, please ensure that all children are coming into school with a labelled coat.

Lunches: We are a nut free school; therefore, we ask that anything that may contain nuts is not included in pack lunches please.

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

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Year 3

It's hard to believe that we have made it to the end of term already! Over the past seven weeks, the children have continued to impress us with their hard work and perseverance. We have enjoyed learning about a variety of things, from the life of Ancient Egyptians to the formation of different rocks, fossils, and soil. After the Christmas holidays, we are looking forward to beginning our new topics on the Stone Age and Super Scientists.

After Christmas, in our writing sessions, we will be beginning our new story, Leon and the Place Between, and will spend time learning more about the author. In maths, we will be learning how to multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, and in science, we will be learning about Mae Jamison and how she impacted our world. In history, we will be beginning our new topic on the Stone Age, and in DT, we will be learning how to colour fabric using a natural dye.

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

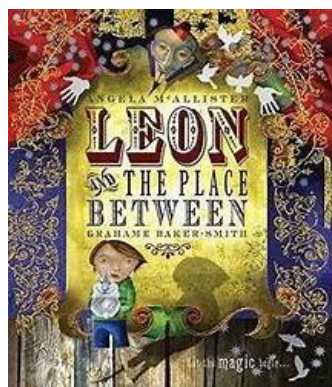
Hawthorn: Tuesday & Thursday

Pine: Monday & Thursday

Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

Lunches: We are a nut free school; therefore, we ask that anything that may contain nuts is not included in their fruit snack or pack lunch. Thank you in advance.

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Year 4

This week, the children have excelled with showing all their knowledge. For those of you that came to the carol concert, thanks for attending. Thank you all for supporting the children at home with their singing. Next week in English, the children will be writing their Christmas letter they wrote last week in neat using word processing. In Maths, the children will be consolidating the learning they did this week which is factor pairs, solving related number facts for multiplication and division and writing informal methods for multiplication.

We have given the children a login for [Times tables games - Learn them all here!](https://www.timestables.com/) Please encourage them to use this site to learn their times table.

PE

We will be starting swimming on the week commencing 19th February 2024. This is a mandatory lesson as it is part of the national curriculum for PE. Before we assess the children on their competency in swimming, we like to get a gauge from yourself on how well they can swim. This will enable us to group them in advance of their lessons which will start the week of February 19th, 2024. Please answer all questions in this short quiz honestly to allow us to best support your child. <https://forms.office.com/e/RVH83TQZDC>

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:

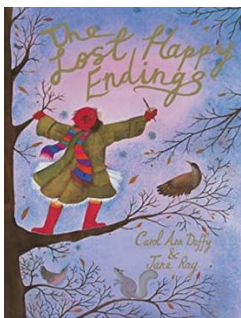
Laurel Class-Monday and Tuesday

Cypress Class- Wednesday and Thursday

Rowan Class-Tuesday and Thursday

Hazel Class-Monday and Wednesday

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Year 5

We've had a terrific first term in year 5. We have read books spanning many different genres and wrote narratives and balanced arguments. In Maths we've learnt about place value, addition, subtraction and whole, mixed and improper fractions. In Geography we have been comparing the cities of London, Brussels and New York, this has caused great debates over which is the best city. In Science we have investigated space and had a special visit from an astrophysicist. We've learnt about ancient Islamic civilisations and in Art we've looked deeper into drawing, line and shade and in DT we have created bookmarks using the stitches we have learnt. We ended our week today with our annual visit to St. Luke's church and festive cheer was felt by us all. The year 5 children should feel great pride in their learning and work accomplished. The year 5 team are very proud of all their achievements.

We hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

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)

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Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

REMINDERS:

PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black joggers or shorts and school sweatshirt.
iPad's need to be 100% charged and ready for learning every day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Key dates:

Thu 14th Dec: Skylark Colour Day

Fri 15th Dec: Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

Fri 15th Dec: Carol Concert St. Lukes 1.30-2.30pm

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Year 6

We do hope you are well and are enjoying the run up to Christmas.

Year 6 have been busy writing their persuasive letters to Rishi Sunak to convince him to do more to support refugees. In mathematics we have continued with our work on measures converting units of length, mass and capacity and then applying our knowledge to solve reasoning problems. In addition, the children have greatly enjoyed completing their textile projects in DT, showcasing some excellent DT skills. We have also been busy learning Christmas carols and practising our singing in preparation for our Christmas concert at St Luke's Church on Friday at 1:30pm and we cannot wait to see you there. If you would like to volunteer to accompany your child's class to walk down to church and back to school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. Please wrap up warm and have a wonderful weekend.

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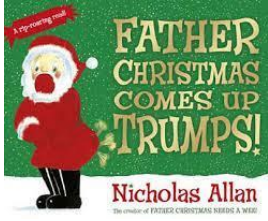
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The Orchard

This week, the children worked on the funny story:

Father Christmas comes up trumps! by Nicholas Allan. Father Christmas tries to deliver the presents, but his tummy rumbles, gurgles and groans... Father Christmas knows he must keep it in - he doesn't want to wake anyone up!

In math, the focus is 2D, 3D shapes, and column addition. In science, history and geography, we have been reviewing the topics of this term.

Theme: Citizenship and the World.

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday (UPDATE)

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

SPA.Inclusion.STF@oasisshirleypark.org



Dear Parents/Carers,

Over 50% of places already booked for Christmas 2023. Act Now!

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme returns for the Christmas 2023 school holidays. Croydon Council is working in partnership with over 40 local organisations to provide **FREE** holiday activities and food for children who are in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals.

Parents/carers will be issued with 4 FREE credits to use this Christmas. This means you can book up to 4 spaces for your child(ren).

Every child/family in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals will have the chance to book onto programmes running this Christmas. You will have received an email or text message from HolidayActivities (hello@holidayactivities.com) stating 'You have been issued a voucher'. The email will contain details of how to register/sign-in to the booking platform and claim your child(ren)'s voucher. Once you have claimed your voucher you will be able to link your HolidayActivities Voucher to your Holiday Activities Account, which will show the available credits you have to use. If you are unable to locate this [email](#) please do look in your junk mail.

If you have more than one child, you will have received multiple vouchers via email/text. Please ensure you access the individual link for each of your children for their credits to show in your Holiday Activities Account.

When you first log in, HolidayActivities will ask for you to share your location. By doing so, clubs will be displayed based on those closest to you. If you have any trouble with accessing the platform, please email support@holidayactivities.com.

Spaces on the HAF programme are limited with over 50% already gone and pre-booking is essential. All bookings must be confirmed using the HolidayActivities online platform. Please look out for your email or text message from HolidayActivities.com (hello@holidayactivities.com) which contains your voucher code, and book now to ensure that your child does not miss out.

Yours sincerely,

Oasis Academy Shirley Park Primary