

NEWSLETTER 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023

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

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry

Dear families,

Well, that has been a change in weather this week. We have all had to dig out our coats and look for the jumpers. As always we have had a busy week at Shirley Park Primary. Thank you to the adults that attend the Year 1 and Year 2 parents meeting this week, we will be sending out the information for those who could not make it. We have had visitors to our Early Years Team; they were so impressed with what they saw and heard. It was lovely to see so many of our Year 6 families at the Upper School's open evening. If you need any support with completing admission forms for secondary places then please contact your class teacher, and we can arrange this for you. Please remember that even though we are an all-through academy you still need to make an application.

Next week, we welcome our Year 3 and Year 4 adults in for your workshop. Please see below for dates and times. Have a wonderful weekend,
Ms Evry

Weekly Updates

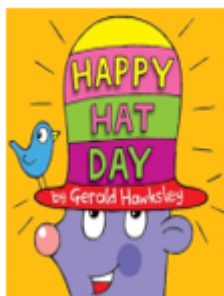
Office News

To report 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 😊.

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.

Croydon Stands Tall



At the weekend Ms Sinclair went for a stroll around Croydon and found five of the Giraffes but only got a photo of four. How many have you found? Send your pictures to primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org. Remember the trail ends on 27th October. For more information about the Croydon Stands Tall 2023 project, see the trail map and to download the app for the trail, please visit their website at www.croydonstandstall.co.uk/art-trail.

We encourage all our families to participate in this exciting event, not only to support our schools but also to celebrate the vibrant arts community in Croydon.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we hope you enjoy exploring the art trail with your family.

Attendance Winners is Back



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

This week's winners are Hartley – Apple Class, Samayah – Birch Class and Aisha – Acer Class.

The next week's winner could be you!

Morocco & Libya Fundraising



You may have seen reports on the news in the last two weeks about the terrible disasters in both Morocco and Libya, that have caused widespread devastation and huge loss of life. We want to show our solidarity with communities in Morocco and Libya, as well as those here in the UK who have friends, family, and loved ones in the affected areas. To do this we will be having an own clothes day on **Friday 29th September** to raise funds to send to the charities collecting for these devastating disasters. All we ask is that you send a minimum donation of **£1**. All funds collected will be split equally between the two and in our Newsletter on Friday 6th October, we will let you know how much we have collected. We thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

European Day of Languages

The **European Day of Languages** is observed 26 September, as proclaimed by the Council of Europe on 6 December 2001, at the end of the European Year of Languages (2001), which had been jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the European Union.^[1] Its aim is to encourage language learning across Europe. Class teachers will let you know what the children will be doing on this day to raise awareness.

Calling all Artists

AUTUMN TREE TALES
Calling all young budding artists
to enter your artwork

Autumn Tree Tales exhibition is running from 02/10/2023 to 27/10/2023
Official opening day: 07/10/2023 with Croydon's Civic Mayor's visit
Venue: CLICK CLOCK Art Gallery, 9 Katherine Street, Croydon, CR9 1ET

Submissions (paintings, drawing, collage) are limited so email
autumntreetales@gmail.com Deadline: 31/08/2023

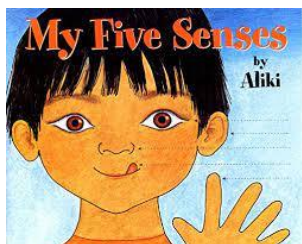
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Nursery News

What a wonderful week at nursery; the children are becoming more familiar with their classroom and are beginning to build meaningful friendships with their peers. Well done Little Acorns! Next week in literacy, we will be reading a variety of 'All about me' stories such as 'My Five Senses' to encourage the children to explore and talk about themselves and their likes and dislikes.

In numeracy, we will introduce NumberBlocks and explore different aspects of number one to support children to develop a deeper understanding of number one.

In phonics, nursery children will begin their phonics journey from phase 1 phonics stage which is the first stage of the phonics programme. At this stage, our focus will be primarily on developing the children's speaking and listening skills while they enjoy learning nursery rhymes and playing fun sound discrimination games. We would like to encourage parents to play "I Spy" with their children and to practise counting in the environment.

Any other notices:

Who am I? We would like to display your family photo in our home corner to create a class display of 'All About Me!'. If you are happy to share your family photo and it be displayed in our classroom, please send this via email the address below;

SPA.Nursery-STF@oasisshirleypark.org

ClassDojo: Join our class! This year, we'll be using ClassDojo to share fun moments from the classroom and keep you up-to date with info and events. Please check for an invitation email from ClassDojo or if you have received your printout invitation from us, follow the instructions to sign in. See you on the ClassDojo app!

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:

Fri 29th Sept: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for Libya & Morocco

Tues 3rd Oct: Early Years (Nur and Rec) Parent Welcome Meeting 3.30-4.30

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)

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, it has been lovely to continue to see the wonderful progress all of the children have made as they get used to school routines and settle during their second full week altogether. In Literacy next week our focus story will be 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will be focussing on children's language, asking comprehension questions that encourage the children to think about what happened in the story and why some of the houses did and did not fall down. To support your child, over the weekend you may want to share some of your child's favourite stories with your them, asking your child to talk about what happened and why. In Numeracy we will be continuing to focus on number, singing number songs and recognising numerals 0-10 within our environment.

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

Please ensure that school jumpers and cardigans are labelled, this will support the staff to ensure nothing is lost or given to the wrong child.

Key Dates:

Fri 29th Sept: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for Libya & Morocco

Tues 3rd Oct: Reception Parent Workshop 3:30pm-4:30pm

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

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)

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 and the children have all worked extremely hard. They are making so much progress already, particularly in writing, so we are proud of them all!

Next week, in our English lessons, we will be using verbs to describe the setting in our story, 'Stardust'. In maths, we will be comparing groups of objects using the words 'fewer', 'more' and 'the same', and in geography, we will be learning about life in South Africa. In our history lesson, we will be making a timeline to show how different objects have changed over time, and in art, we will be learning how to draw organic shapes.

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:

Fri 29th Sept: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for Libya & Morocco

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

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

Tues 17th Oct: Individual Photos (Lower School)

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

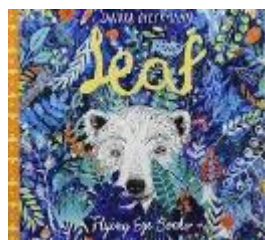
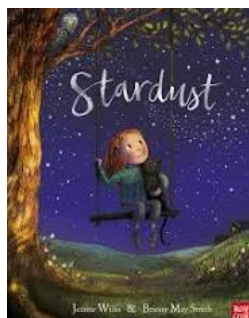
Wed 18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

We have had a lovely week in Year 2! The children have continued to settle back into the school routines and have worked incredibly hard in all their learning. Next week in English pupils will be planning their own narrative based upon the book we have been reading. In maths, pupils will be further enhancing their place value skills. In history, pupils will be labelling our academy's timeline. In geography pupils will be discovering key facts about India. In Science pupils will be learning about animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. In art, pupils will be learning about space as a formal element of art. Our



PE sessions pupils will be discovering how you feel after exercising and exploring different ways to catch an object. In music this week pupils will be exploring our preferences and choice in music.

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

Key Dates:

Fri 29th Sept: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for Libya & Morocco
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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)
Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish time)

Year 3

It's been another lovely week in Year 3! The children have enjoyed learning about the history of Croydon and were excited to read more of our class story. Next week, in our writing lessons, we will be starting to plan our own narrative based on our book, Jemmy Button. In maths, we will be comparing numbers to 1000, and in science, we will be learning how joints and muscles allow humans and animals to move. In our history lesson, we will be focussing on the history of Addiscombe, and in geography, we will be exploring the physical and human features of our local area.

We would like to remind you that your child should be coming to school with their iPad every day, and that it must have enough battery to be used across the school day. The children should also bring in their library book daily as we read regularly in class.
Thank you for your continued support.

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

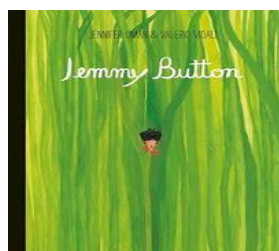
Pine: Monday & Thursday

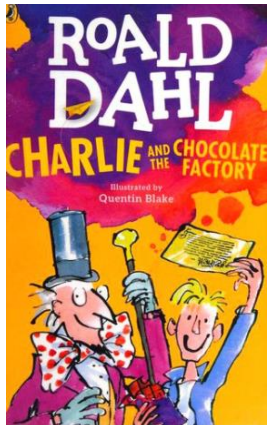
Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

Key dates:

Thurs 28th Sept: Y3 Welcome Parent Mtg, 3:30- 4:30pm
Fri 29th Sept: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for Libya & Morocco
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)

Have a lovely weekend!





Year 4

We hope you have had a good week. Thank you for your support with your children's learning and supporting the teachers in school. Any questions, please feel free to message us on class dojo or arrange to speak to us outside of pick-up time.

In English, we will continue to read Charlie and the chocolate factory, and the children will describe the thoughts and feelings of the characters as they begin their adventure inside the chocolate factory. In Maths, we will continue looking at Place Value, focusing on partitioning numbers and continuing addition and subtraction. This will be the final week this term, looking at this unit. Previous messages from last week include, in preparation for the Year 4 tests in the spring term, please encourage your child to go on TT rockstars and learn their times table weekly.

We are planning a trip to take a walk around the local area on the final week of term. The day and time is yet to be confirmed but if you are interested in helping, please contact your child's class teacher. Please note, we have the Year 4 basic skills meeting from 3.30-4.30 in the Middle School in Laurel Class on Tuesday 26th September. Families are more than welcome to attend.

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:

Tues 26th Sept: Year 4 Basic Skills Meeting 3.30-4.30 in Laurel Class

Fri 29th Sept: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for Libya & Morocco

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

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

Mon 16th Oct: Individual Photos (Middle School)

Tues 17th Oct: Individual Photos (Lower School)

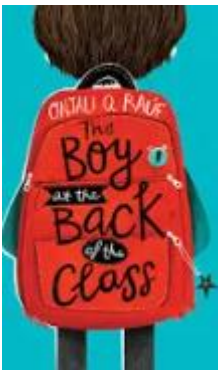
Tues 17th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)

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

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

Year 5

Year 5 have had yet another engaging week of learning. We have continued reading our class read aloud 'The boy at the back of the class' and we've been looking into what means to be a refugee or migrant and what are the difference between them. In Maths we have been building upon our knowledge of place value up to one million! In science we have been investigating the complete and incomplete metamorphosis of insects and amphibians. In geography we have been looking at the country of Belgium and its physical features and in history we have been learning about early civilisations.



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)

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

Key dates:

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

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



Year 6

This week, we've started our new book 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom'. The children seem to be hooked and have written engaging diary entries. In Maths, we've had a busy week rounding numbers and looking at place value. In Geography, we are learning about climate and region; we are specifically learning about biomes.

We are really excited for our science experiment next week, showing the children how the circulatory system works. We will continue with our book and begin our big write- a narrative. We are continuing basketball and fitness in PE. In Maths, we move on to addition and subtraction as well as factors and multiples. In RE, we look at where Buddhism began and where it's popular today.

The deposit payment to book a place for your child on next year's residential is due today, please ensure you make payment to secure your place. The booking system closes at midnight.

Key dates:

Fri 29th Sept: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for Libya & Morocco
 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

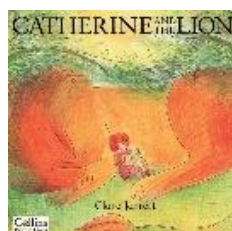
This week, we have read and worked on the story *The Heart and the Bottle*, written by **Oliver Jeffers**. The story explores feeling/emotions, love and loss. In class we discussed how the girl might have felt and why as well as what emotions/feelings they would bring about and how we would feel.

In maths, we have continued to consolidate our learning of place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication, 1 to 1 correspondence and 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. In science, we continued learning about what is essential for human, animal growth including survival. Next week, we will read the book *Catherine and the lion*, by **Clare Jarrett**, a story about a girl called Catherine who wakes to find a smiling lion looking down at her. This story is about a beautiful friendship that occurs due to a lovely big change at home.

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday
 Sycamore - Wednesday
 Olive – Thursday

Fri 29th Sept: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for Libya & Morocco
 Thu 5th Oct: The Orchard Parent Welcome Mtg 3.30pm
 Tues 10th Oct: Happy Hat Day for World Mental Health
 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)
Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish time)
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