

NEWSLETTER 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Habit:  
Curriculum Theme:

Hopeful  
Citizenship

## *A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry*



Dear families,

There has been a great buzz in the school this week as the children went off to choose their gifted books from the Children's Book Project. We hope you enjoy them at home. We refer to reading at school as a gift as develop of a love of reading can be transformative. It is a skill that can support us academically but also whisk us away to into a different world.

We have some lovely news to share from Mr Sibson. His daughter was born Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Mr Sibson is loving fatherhood but now understand how little sleep you do actually get. We did try to warn him!

This week we had a visit from the local authority to The Orchard provision. They were so impressed by the provision we have on offer. It was commented about the wonderful behaviour and the progression that the children make. Well done to the children and staff of The Orchard.

Just a little reminder that we have Christmas performances coming up – Nursery and Reception are being held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. These will be at the Lower School – times are below. Year 1 to 6 will be visiting St Luke's Church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December for their Carol Service.

Timings will be:

Year 1 and Year 2 - 9.30-10.00

Year 3 and Year 4 – 10.45-11.30

Year 5 and Year 6 - 1.30-2.30

We welcome you all to join us at the church. If you would like to volunteer to walk with the children then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Have a wonderful weekend. Remember to wrap up, it is certainly going to be a cold one.

Take care,

Ms Evry



***Happy Gurburab to all our Families in the community that celebrate it!***

Guru Nanak Dev Ji was a humble revolutionary whose actions were light years ahead of their time. May this Gurburab - birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji be an opportunity for reflection, raising awareness and an embracement of a heightened level of thinking and reasoning.

## Weekly Updates

### *Office News*

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



We are happy to share with you that we raised £402.41. Thank you so much to all of you that contributed.



Due to unforeseen circumstances, Chess club has been cancelled on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

### Attendance Winners



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

This week's winners are Patrick – Sycamore Class, Samara – Pear Class, Suset – Mulberry Class, Ilya – Ash Class, Anton – Hawthorn Class, Ziyad – Hazel Class, Jake – Alder Class and Ki-Wayne – Redwood Class.

**The next week's winner could be you!**



As a result of gaining lots of dojo points for following our Oasis habits I am very happy to announce that Kookaburra house has gained enough points that Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, will be a Kookaburra (Yellow) Colour Day. On this day, as well as their school uniform, every child in Kookaburra house can celebrate by wearing clothing in their house colour to school. This could be a jumper, trousers, skirt, tights or shoes. Don't forget you can also wear a coloured hair accessory!



We are asking for all parents to check their eligibility for Free School Meal entitlement. We would like to let you know that if you are eligible, you could receive a free breakfast club space and some of our trips are also discounted to you. Paste the link into your browser and check, it only takes 2 minutes.

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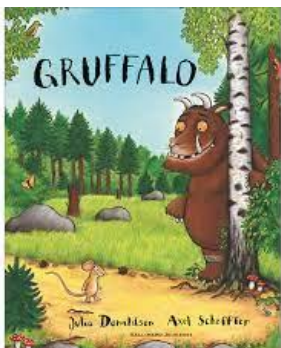


## What is the HAF Programme?

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, please look out for your vouchers which will be issued next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms Sinclair on [primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org)



## Nursery News

It was wonderful going to the park with our children and seeing the autumnal changes in the environment, watching the squirrels climbing on trees and hunting for treasures in the park. We would like to thank all the parents who accompany us on our first trip. We could not go on this trip without your support.

**Next week** We will be reading the story *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. The children will follow the mouse through the wood and join in with the repetitive text. In numeracy, we will be practicing number recognition and learning how to represent a numeral with different objects. You can support your child at home by counting everyday objects, and spotting numerals in the environment. During phonics we will be singing our phonics songs and playing sound games.

**Any other messages:** For our creative area we would love to have some of your recycled items, such as plastic bottle tops, buttons, foil-coloured sweet wrappers, foil cake cases, ribbon, used wrapping paper, or anything that you feel the children would enjoy creating with. Thank you in advance.

**Christmas Singalong: Save the date!** On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, we invite you to come into the nursery to listen to our festive songs.

On this day, we will have 2 sing-along sessions; the morning session starts at 11.00 am and the afternoon session is going to start at 2. 30pm. We will open the nursery gate five minutes before the session starts. Please arrive on time for songs and fun!

**Key dates:**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Colour Day: Kookaburra**

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Nursery Christmas Singalong

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day**

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School Closes for Festive Break

**Thu 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org)

## Reception News

Next week our story in Literacy we will be Room on the Broom. We will explore the different rhyming words in the story and continue to practice writing a list of animals we might like on our broom. In numeracy we will be exploring number bonds to 5 then 10. We will explore the different ways we can make 5/10 using our 'part, part, whole' model. We hope children have enjoyed receiving their iPad this week. Please continue to bring your child's iPad to school every day. If you have any issues, please do let us know.

**Key Dates:**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Colour Day: Kookaburra**

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Reception Nativity 9am**

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day**

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

Have a wonderful weekend

## Year 1

We've had another lovely week in Year 1. The children have enjoyed sewing badges in their DT lessons and were excited to create their own sequence of balances in PE. The children also took part in our first Book Party where they were able to select two books to keep. It was a lovely occasion for them all!

Next week, in our English lessons, we will continue to read our new book called 'Man on the Moon' and will use the information to help us write a non-chronological report. In maths, we will be identifying and completing patterns with 2D and 3D shapes, and in science, we will be learning how to take care of pets. For our geography lesson, we will be continuing to learn about the landmarks in London, and in DT, we will be adding more detail to our badges.

**Year 1 PE Days**

Apricot Class: Monday and Wednesday

Damson Class: Tuesday and Friday

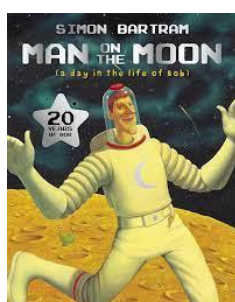
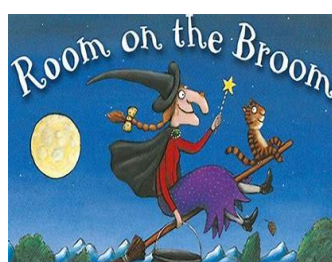
Mulberry Class: Thursday and Friday.

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

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## Year 2

We have had another good week, and we are proud of our pupils for upholding all our Oasis habits. In English next week pupils will be introduced to our new book called Meerkat Mail. In maths pupils will be showing off their addition and subtraction skills as they solve worded problems. In geography pupils will be discovering the human and physical features of India. In history pupils will be understanding the similarities and differences between railway in Britain and India. In science pupils will be discovering how to save water and why we should save water. In poetry pupils will continue to resight the poem The North wind doth blow, and we shall have snow. This week in RE pupils will learning why the Ten Commandments are important to Jews. During our PE sessions pupils will be collaborating with a partner and practicing hitting a ball through the air with a tennis racket.

**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

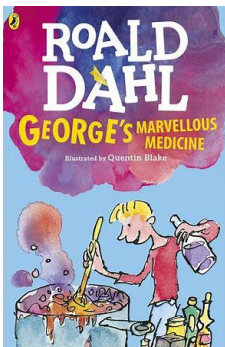
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**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day**

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## Year 3

It's been a lovely week in Year 3! The children have worked really hard on writing their own versions of George's Marvellous Medicine and had lots of fun learning about the Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be identifying the features of written instructions. In maths, we will be revising our multiplication and division skills, and in science, we will be discovering how soil is made. In history, we will be learning about the mummification process and understanding why the ancient Egyptians found it so important, and in geography, we will be looking at different types of houses around the world before designing our dream home.

**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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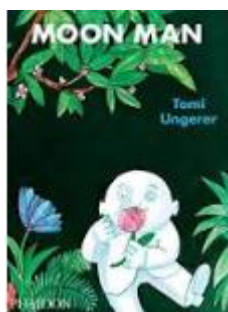
### Key dates:

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Colour Day: Kookaburra**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Freshwater Theatre Workshop

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School Closes for Festive Break

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Have a lovely weekend!

## Year 4

This week, the children worked hard showing of their learning. They deserve a well-deserved rest this weekend. The children gained a lot of understanding of the Hindu religion by going to the Shree Ganapathy Temple. Thank you to those who helped us walk the children to and from the temple. We all really appreciate it. Next week in English, we will finish reading our book, 'Moon Man' by Tom Ungerer. After, we will write our own story based on the book we have been reading. In Maths, we will continue learning how to multiply and divide and to learn how to answer problem solving questions (reasoning) with multiplication and division questions.

**Previous messages** from last week include, in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication tests in June, please encourage your child to learn their times table daily. As well as continuing or normal learning, we will be assessing the children in everything they have learnt in grammar, reading, maths reasoning and arithmetic. There is nothing to worry about, this is to help teachers assess what the children have understood and what they need to teach next.

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

### 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.

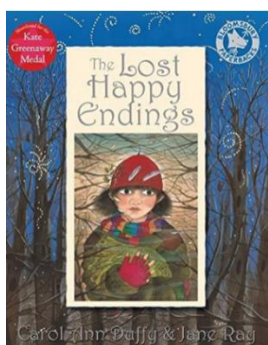
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## Year 5

We've had an extremely productive week in Year 5. We have continued reading the book called 'The lost happy endings' by Carol Ann Duffy in writing and the children have planned and wrote their own versions of the story with such enthusiasm, which made our lessons really enjoyable. In Maths we have moved onto fractions, and we have begun looking at equivalent fractions. In science we have been investigating the different types of eclipses and phases of the moon. For Geography over the past few weeks, we have been looking closely at the maps of London, Brussels and New York and their historical landmarks.

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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Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor)  
Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor)  
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.

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## Year 6

This week, year 6 have been working hard. In English this week, we have been writing an independent narrative based on our book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. In maths, we have been learning about how to multiply and divide fractions. In geography, we have been identifying and explaining the different layers of the rainforest. In history, we have been looking at the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the world today. In DT, we have started to create some applique bookmarks. In Spanish, we have been learning about holidays. In reading, we have been read about the fascinating life of Frida Kahlo. On Friday, the children were able to choose a bundle of two books, that they are able to keep. This will continue each half term, totalling 6 books throughout the course of the year.

**Next week**, children will be reviewing all their learning on fractions over the past few weeks. In Reading, we are looking at a text on Banksy, answering inference questions, working on pace and vocabulary. In PE, we will continue to be working on our balance and coordination, and object control. Our Bikeability course will be running, and the selected children will need to bring in their bikes each day. I am pleased to announce that kookaburra house have won the Dojo points for this half term, which means that they will be able to wear a yellow accessory to school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

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 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: Bikeability course all week

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Colour Day: Kookaburra**

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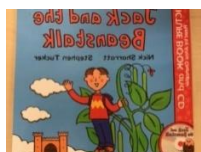
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## The Orchard

This week, we have read another fairy tale, the story of **Little Red Riding Hood**. The children enjoyed working on this story whilst the older children also looked at other versions of the story namely, **Little Red Riding Hood and the Lion**. During the literacy lessons, we talked about it: retelling the story, answering questions, describing the characters and eating Gingerbread Man biscuits. In maths, we are focusing on addition and subtraction using different methods (dienes, counters, column method). During PSHE lessons, we have been learning about British Values and in science, we have still been looking at, talking and understanding about recycling and its effect/importance of how we need to look after our beautiful planet Earth.

Next week's book will be **Jack and the Beanstalk**.



Please can you send in any recycling materials for junk modelling.

**Theme:** Citizenship and the world

**PE lessons:**

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Thursday

**Key Dates:**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Colour Day: Kookaburra**

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Christmas Fair at St. Lukes

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Coffee Morning in the Orchard

**Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Sycamore Drama Performance 11:15 (Sycamore Parents Only)**

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

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

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