

NEWSLETTER 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Habit:  
Curriculum Theme:

Patient  
Heritage and Culture

## A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

I cannot believe that we only have one week left of this half term, it certainly has been a rapid one. Please remember that parents' evenings are taking place next week, if you haven't booked an appointment, please do contact your child's class teacher.

One thing that many of us hear on the gate on a regular basis is why can you not leave the gate open longer. Our soft start to the school day is 8.35am to 8.50am. At 8.50am the teachers will be closing their registers and if the children arrive after this time, they may miss their register. Please continue to support us by ensuring that you are arriving at school within the soft start times, this in turn ensures that the children are there for the start of their formal lessons from 8.50.

Next week in school we will be celebrating 'Safer Internet Day', where the children will be reminded of how to stay safe whilst using electronic devices. It is also a good opportunity for me to remind you of our Safer School App which you can use to provide access to up-to-date, age-appropriate guidance on helping your child to stay safe both on and offline.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Take care,

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.

<b>Kookaburra House (Yellow)</b>	Beech, Elm, Pear, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hazel, Chestnut
<b>Skylark House (Blue)</b>	Cypress, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Oak, Pine, Damson, Ash, Alder
<b>Firecrest House (Red)</b>	Rowan, Apple, Birch, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Acer, Apricot, Cedar, Maple
<b>Hummingbird House (Green)</b>	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](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.

## School Trip Attendance

It is very important that your child attends school even if their class is on a school trip. We have noticed that a high number of children do not attend school on these days as parents do not want them to go. If your child is not attending a trip/s due to a medical need then please do let us know as we will do our utmost to ensure that they are accommodated and included with the rest of the class. If you do not want them to attend for any other reason please let us know your reason as we always set up alternative in-school provisions.



Monday-Friday: 9am-8pm

Weekends: 10am-3pm

Email the team on [info@prisonersfamilies.org](mailto:info@prisonersfamilies.org)

Or fill in a contact form and request a call back at [prisonersfamilies.org](http://prisonersfamilies.org).



Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](http://saferinternetday.org.uk)

## Comic Relief Red Nose Day



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.

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day "Inspiring Change". The children will be doing various activities and learning about how to stay safe on the internet. Please click on the link below for you as Parents/Carers to help support your children at home.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

This year Comic Relief Red Nose Day falls on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.

This year, the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.

We are therefore asking the children to wear red on this day and to support the cause you can either donate an item of food to our Essentials cupboard or pay £1 to give to Comic Relief Charity.

The choice is yours, but we look forward to seeing all the children dressed in Red.

**EDI:** This week, we have introduced LGBT History Month which is every year in February. We have recapped on what our Oasis 'messy O' represents, which is: A passion to include, A desire to treat people equally respecting differences, A commitment to healthy, open relationships, A deep sense of hope that things can change and be transformed and A sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul. Next week, each year group will be looking at Dr Cecil Belfield Clarke and the impact that he has made in the field of science and medicine.

## Oasis Encounter

Please have a look at our Oasis Encounter, maybe you could join our group. Watch the video, join the journey you can self-refer on the link beneath the video link.

<https://youtu.be/WUXjO1yoJeI>

<https://forms.office.com/e/6a80UaDeZT>

## Swimming is returning:

Next week, the build of our pool will begin so that we can facilitate our children's swimming lessons on site meaning minimal disruption and loss of time to the rest of their learning. Swimming is part of the national curriculum and therefore it is mandatory that all children are given the opportunity to access swimming lesson which aid them in reaching the key indicators which are; Perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations, Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of **at least 25 metres** and Use a range of strokes effectively, for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke. **This swimming timetable will be sent out through ClassDojo next week.** The teachers and lifeguards have changed from last year and you can read more information on him below.

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Our lifeguard who is also a qualified swimming instructor is Kamal Bendaoui. This will allow the children to build relationships with them and also allows for the progress to be monitored more closely by both instructors.

## Attendance News



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

This week's winners are Gideon - Olive Class, Grace - Pear Class, Romeo - Apricot Class, Bruno - Elm Class, Joshua - Chestnut Class, Kayden - Laurel Class, Harrison - Alder Class and Sarah - Redwood Class.

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

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is children mental health week, and the theme is My Voice Matters. The children will be taking part in short activities around how they can share problems that they have. They will also be gaining a deeper understanding of what mental wellbeing is and reflect on ways that they can look after theirs. If you want to do any activities at home linked to this, there are many resources that you can access here

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>  
Best Wishes

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Attendance is very important to us all at OASP because good attendance improves each child's academic progress and allows them to maximise access to all the different opportunities that we provide weekly. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please do let us know and then our Attendance Team will work with you to provide the support that child & family needs.

We send weekly Shout Outs to all children who have 100% attendance. These children are then entered into the prize draw and a winner is selected for each year group. You can also check your child's attendance on MCAS. This will show you the percentage of attendance that your child has managed each week. It also shows 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 medical appointments ahead and outside of school hours.

Thank you for your continued support for helping us to raise attendance at OASP! Let's all be Attendance Champions.

Have a wonderful weekend.



## Nursery News

Next week, we will be reading the story of 'Love Makes a Family' by Sophie Beer.

This book demonstrates that what's most important in each family's life is the love the family members share. We will be discussing our favourite things that we like to do with our families and differences between our families by asking questions such as 'Do you have siblings? How many siblings do you have?'

In maths, we will continue to look at patterns around us such as stripes and spots, moving onto making repeating patterns, rainbow patterns, heart patterns.

**Letter Sounds of the Week: Recap:** In Phonics children will recap the initial letters and sounds that we have learnt so far by playing phonic games. Little Acorns will also continue to practice mark making and encouraged to talk about the meanings of the marks they made.

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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

Well done reception for another lovely week. In literacy next week our theme is 'Twisted tales'. We will be reading 'Jackson and the Hairstalk' by Trish Cooke, we will be making predictions on what might happen in the story, sequencing the main events and thinking about how the characters might be feeling. In topic lessons, we will be developing our artistic skills. We will be looking at Art Effects, in particular pointillism and pop art. In maths, we will be focussing on the number 8. We will be counting 8 things, and looking at all the ways we can make and partition 8.

P.E sessions: 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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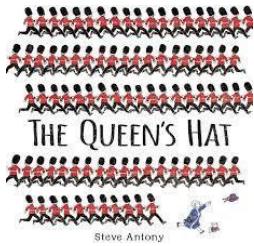
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If you need to contact the reception team, you can do so by sending your child's class teacher a message on ClassDojo or emailing us at- [SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org)

Have a wonderful weekend!



## Year 1

We've had a brilliant week in Year 1. The children have enjoyed learning facts about Buckingham Palace in our English lessons and had lots of fun printing with paint in Art. It was lovely to see so many children their own clothes today. Thank you to everyone who donated so many useful items for the homeless charity. It will be a huge help to those people in need.

Next week, in our English lessons, we will be planning and writing our own fact file about Buckingham Palace. In maths, we will be learning how to subtract by finding the difference, and in our science lesson, we will be learning about astronauts and other jobs linked to space. In art, we will be making our own prints with paint, and for LGBTQ+ history month, we will be learning about Cecil Belfield Clarke and how he made a difference to medicine with his Clark's Rule.

**History – Next week, to finish our topic on monarchs, we are going to re-enact the coronation of King Charles III in class. To make this as special as possible, we are inviting the children to come to school in white, red and blue clothes for the day. This will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – we look forward to seeing their outfits!**

### 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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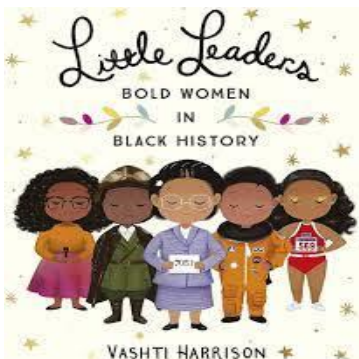
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## Year 2

The Year 2 team would like to thank our fabulous pupils for all their fantastic hard work. We have had a wonderful time watching our talented pupils further enhance their skills and knowledge while having fun. In English pupils will be writing a biography about a historical figure. In maths, pupils will be further developing their multiplication and division skills. In history pupils will be communicating knowledge of the significance of the Victorian era through drama. In science pupils will be discovering how paper is made. In poetry pupils will be reciting Walking with my Iguana by Brian Moses. In music pupils will be exploring Victorian songs and games

**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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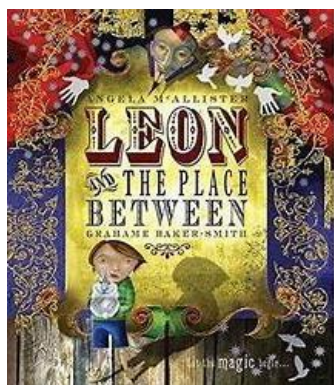
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## Year 3

It's been another exciting week in Year 3. We are also looking forward to welcoming you all back into school for Parent's Evening next week, please speak to the class teacher if you need an appointment. It will be lovely for you to see the classrooms and have a look at some of their work.

Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be writing a persuasive advert to encourage people to buy tickets for a magic show. In maths, we will use the column method to add two measurements together. In history, we will identify the similarities and differences between the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age and in RE, we will be exploring Islamic Art.

**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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**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Birch class attends Horniman Museum

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Mar:** World Book Day

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:** Pine class attends Horniman Museum

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Chestnut class attends Horniman Museum

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Hawthorn class attends Horniman Museum

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Red Nose Day

Have a lovely weekend!

## Year 4

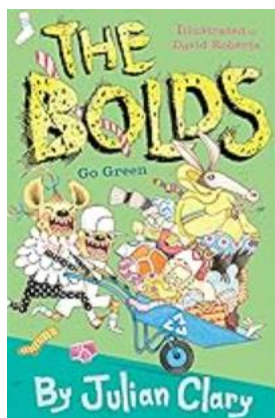
We hope you have had a lovely week. We are very pleased with the progress your children are making. Please do everything you can to support your child with their learning, any support you need, please let your child's class teacher know.

Next week in English, the children will be pausing the book we are reading and focusing on a different book as part of LGBTQ week called 'The Bolds Go Green' by Julian Clary. This book will be used as part of our writing focus for the week focusing on the following grammar types: sentence openers, adjectives, verbs and conjunctions.

In Maths, the children will consolidate their learning with area and perimeter by applying these concepts to the real world and learning how to answer reasoning questions.

Next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, Year 4 are going on a trip to the British Museum. Please ensure class teachers are aware if your child would like to attend. If your reply slip has not been returned, your child will not be able to go. The children will still need to attend school, they will be in a different year group for the day.

Previous messages from last week include, in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication tests in May, please encourage your child to learn their times table daily. 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.

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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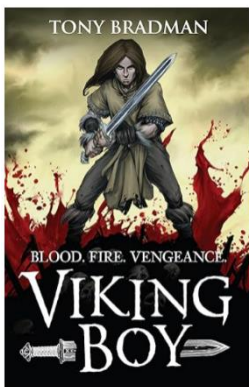
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## Year 5

Year 5 have been fabulous and have been using their habit of patience in their learning. We have continued reading our class book called 'Viking Boy' by author Tony Bradman and we are almost at the end! Year 5 absolutely love reading this book and it has made our writing and history lessons extremely enjoyable this half-term. In Maths we've been practising multiplying a fraction by an integer. In science we've been thinking about what makes us healthy. In History we were looking at the Viking invasion of Britain and focused on the reasons why they decided to settle here. In Art we have been printing with paint focusing on foreground, middle ground, and background from our favourite scene in 'Viking Boy'.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
The Year 5 Team

**The PE lessons for each class are as follows:**

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

The PE lessons for each class are as follows:

Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)

Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor)

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

**REMINDERS:**

iPad's need to be 100% charged and ready for learning every day.

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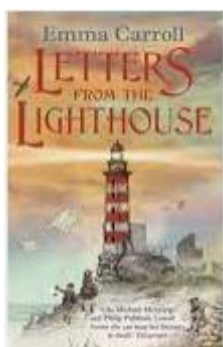
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**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Lilac class PE taster session at the Upper school



## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have settled back into their usual routine after 'Show Off Week'. In writing, we have begun our new book *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Nina Bawden. The book is set in WW2 Britain and covers the story of Olive and her brother who have been evacuated to the Devonshire countryside. There they uncover a mystery that they must solve. Based on this narrative, we shall be writing both a fiction and a non-fiction text. In mathematics, we are continuing with our unit on Algebra, applying formulae to solve reasoning problems.

In Science, we are continuing with our Evolution and Adaption topic and in history, we shall continue with our WW2 focus, exploring what was like for evacuee children. In Art we shall be creating block prints with text.

The booking system for Parent's Evening has now closed however if you do still need to make an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo and we can arrange a slot for you.

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## The Orchard

This week's story was '**Patrick**', by Quentin Blake. This is a tale of a young man who buys a violin from a market stall. When Patrick plays the violin, he finds that it is magical and brings unusual new life, colour and happiness to animals, nature, and people he encounters whilst playing. This is a typical Quentin Blake story with beautiful illustrations. Next week's story will be '**Room on the Broom**' by Julia Donaldson.

In maths, we will be continuing with multiplication and repeated addition.

In science, we are focusing on materials and their properties. In geography, we are continuing to learn about mapping and our local area. In history, next week, will continue to explore the similarities and the differences between the toys and games children played with in the Victorian era and now.

**Theme:** Heritage and Culture

Next week's story of the week is: '**The Colours of Us**' by Karen Kats.

### PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

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