

NEWSLETTER 9th February 2024

Habit: Compassion
Curriculum Theme: Heritage and Culture

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

As we approach February's half-term break, I want to extend my warmest wishes for a restful break. I cannot believe that we are already halfway through the academic year, and I wanted to send my gratitude to each and every one of you for your support during my first half of a year as the Principal of Oasis Academy Shirley Park. This is something that I am incredibly proud of. I have a number of projects in mind at the moment that I will need family support and ideas with. If you are interested in finding out more then please do find me on the playgrounds before and after school or pop an email to primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org.

It was also lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening this week; it was lovely to see the happy smiley faces as you left. The teachers thoroughly enjoyed sharing your child's progress.

After half term, we are excited to have swimming lessons back at the Middle School for Years 4-6. Your child's class teacher will be in contact with their swim day if they haven't been already.

Have a wonderful half term and we will see you bright and early on Monday 19th February.

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.

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.



World Book Day is Thursday 7th March

We are looking forward to seeing the children all dressed in their favourite book character.



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.

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.

EDI: After half term, we will continue to celebrate LGBT history month by looking at Flora Murray.

Flora Murray founded Women's Hospital for Children- provided healthcare for working class children and gave women doctors their only opportunity to gain clinical experience in paediatrics in London.

Please use the link below to find out more about Flora Murray.

<https://www.itv.com/news/border/2021-02-26/lgbt-history-month-remembering-dr-flora-murray>



Message from Miss Cotterill and School Council

Thank you all so much for the donations - what a success! We've had a busy week sorting through into groups and bagging up ready for collection. We are really grateful for all the donations, and it will make a massive difference to the community. The photo above doesn't do it justice; we received more donations throughout the day on Friday and this is only a photo of the middle school. Thank you again and lastly a massive well done to our School Council for working so hard on this project.

Attendance News



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

This week's winners are Joseph – Willow Class, Evangeline – Cherry Class, Anaya – Mulberry Class, Mekhi – Holly Class, Kellis – Hawthorn Class, Delight – Cypress Class, Lyra – Maple Class and Ohiole – Oak Class.

The next week's winner could be you!

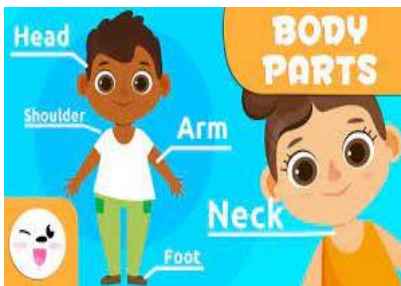
Attendance is very important to us all at OASP because good attendance improves each child's academic progress and allows them to maximise access to all the different opportunities that we provide weekly. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please do let us know and then our Attendance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

Nursery News



We are extremely proud of our children and the progress they have made during this half term. Little Acorns have enjoyed sharing stories about 'People who help us', as well as extending their imaginary play in our small world area. Next half term, our new topic is going to be 'New life and lifecycles'. We will begin the term by learning how to name the different parts of our body, exploring how our body moves, and how we can take care of it. We will read stories, singing nursery rhymes, and playing games that are linked to our topic.

Letter Sounds of the Week: 'c' : Cat, cut, caterpillar, car, cow, cupcake Etc.

Children will be learning to identify initial sounds of words and names of objects.

Key dates:

Mon 19th Feb: Return to school

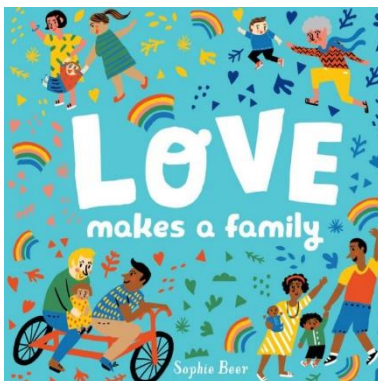
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If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below: spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org

Reception News



Well done reception for a brilliant half term. We hope you enjoy a lovely week off! In literacy in the first week back our theme is 'Past and Present'. We will be looking at different objects and images from the past and present and having lots of interesting discussions around them. In maths, we will be doubling and halving numbers. In topic lessons we will be focussing on 'Locations', such as beaches and woods, and 'Transport' looking at hot air balloons and submarines. We will be reading the book 'Love Makes a Family' by Sophie Beer and talking about our own families.

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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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
Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 1

The children have had a lovely week and particularly enjoyed dressing up for our mock coronation in class. It was lovely to see so many of them dressed in their red, white, and blue clothes for the occasion. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for parents evening this week. It was great to see you all.

After half term, we will be beginning a new book called 'Storm Whale' and will spend the first English lesson finding out facts about the author, Benji Davies. In maths, we will be learning how to count from 20-50, and in our science lesson, we will be finding out what materials are and naming the different types. In PSHE, we will be celebrating International Women's Day, with a particular focus on the amazing work that Wangari Maathai did in Kenya. For LGBTQ+ history month, we will be learning about one of the first female doctors, Flora Murray and discovering the great work she did to help injured soldiers during World War 1.

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

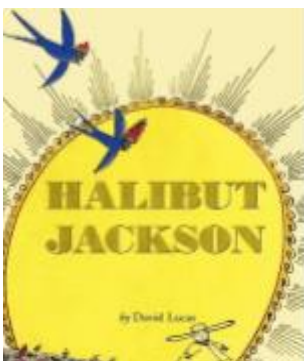
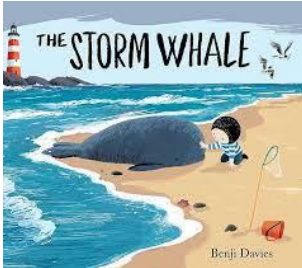
The year 2 team have had an amazing term teaching our outstanding pupils. We are extremely proud of how hard our wonderful pupils have continuously worked to further enhance their personal skills/ knowledge as we celebrated their excellent achievements together. During our first week back in English pupils will be reading Halibut Jackson and describing a character. In maths, pupils will be further developing their multiplication and division skills. During science pupils will be considering what materials are strong and why. In music pupils will learning about rhythm and pitch.

The year 2 team would like to thank you all for your priceless, continuous support. Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Kind regards The Year 2 team

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

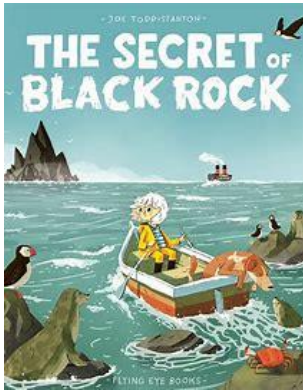
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Year 3

We've had an extremely busy week in Year 3! We had our second face to face parents' evening this academic year. It was lovely to welcome you into our classrooms so that you could see where your children learn and take a look at the work in their books.

After half term, in our writing sessions, we will be beginning our new book, 'The Secret of Black Rock' and the children will be making predictions about what they think may happen in the story. In maths, we will be learning fractions, and in science we will be beginning our new topic on forces.

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.

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

Key dates:

Mon 19th Feb: Return to school

Tues 20th Feb: Birch class attends Horniman Museum

Thu 7th Mar: World Book Day

Fri 8th Mar: International Women's Day

Wed 21st Feb: Pine class attends Horniman Museum

Wed 6th Mar: Chestnut class attends Horniman Museum

Thu 14th Mar: Hawthorn class attends Horniman Museum

Fri 15th Mar: Red Nose Day

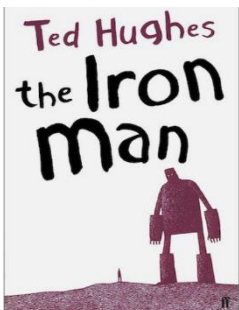
Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

We hope you have had a lovely week. Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children attended the trip. They had a lovely day, albeit very tired at the end of the day. As we approach the end of this half term, we just wanted to say thanks for your support, suggestions and engaging with us in how to support your child's learning. We hope you have a restful half-term.

After half-term, in English, the children will be basing our writing around a new book called Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We will be learning about the author and focusing on his writing style from the first 3 chapters.

In Maths, the children will start learning about fractions, focusing on improper fractions and how to convert improper fractions to mixed fractions.
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.

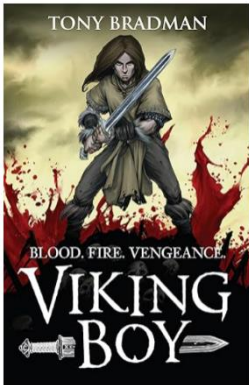
Please ensure that the children come into school with the correct kit. PE kit is: *Black shorts or joggers; Plain white t-shirt; Purple school jumper; Plain white t-shirt; trainers*

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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Year 5

Year 5 have had an amazing half-term. We have loved reading our class book called ' Viking Boy' by author Tony Bradman. Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and it made our writing and history lessons extremely entertaining this entire half-term. In Maths we've been practising further fractions including equivalent calculations. In science we concluded thinking about what makes us healthy and in History we investigated the Norman conquest and the Battle of 1066.

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.

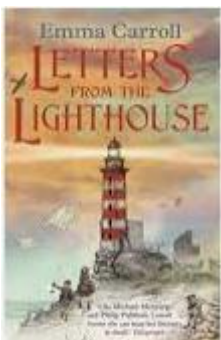
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Fri 15th Mar: Red Nose Day
Fri 23rd Feb: Lilac class PE taster session at the Upper school

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been writing formal letters to ask parents to evacuate their children. In maths, we have been busy learning our new topic: Algebra. The children have worked hard writing expressions and working out expressions. In History, we looked at the Blitz, why Croydon was a target and we compared photos of Croydon during the blitz to now. We have started our new habit of the month: Compassionate.

We look forward to welcoming the children back after half term. We will be starting our new topic of global goals. Year 6 will focus on affordable and clean energy and climate action. They will learn about what the global goals are, activist like Greta Thunberg and plan a project to help.



We hope you have a wonderful half term.

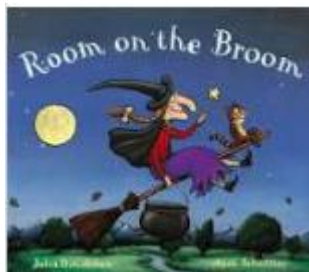
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The Orchard

This week's book was **Room on the Broom**, that tells the story of a kind witch and her cat who invites three other animals to join them travelling on her broomstick.

Maths focus has been multiplication and children have been practicing making equal groups, by sharing and grouping.

And we couldn't celebrate the Chinese New Year on Thursday without some noodle tasting, using Chinese chopsticks!

Next week will be half-term break and we will return with the theme 'Building a Sustainable World'.

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

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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

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