

NEWSLETTER 19th January 2024

Habit:
Curriculum Theme:

Patient
Heritage and Culture

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

It certainly has been a cold one this week, but looking ahead the temperatures are set to rise which I am positively looking forward too. Parents evening booking are now open, and you would have received an email explaining how to book your appointment. We really look forward to the meetings where we are able to share with you the progression your child has made.

Our toddler group on a Wednesday morning at the Lower School continues to grow. It is lovely to see so many of you there each week.

Well done to Firecrest House for their colour day today. It was wonderful to see their house colour of red. I look forward to Hummingbird House colour day next week.

I wish you a restful 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.

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.



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.

EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion)



This week we began discussions about how we will be marking LGBT+ History Month by looking at Section 28. Section 28 was part of the Local Government Act 1988, which stated that a local authority “shall not intentionally promote homosexuality or publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality”; or “promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship”. The resultant effect of this was teachers and other school staff becoming fearful of doing what they felt, and knew, to be the right thing.

LGBT+ History Month began in 2004, but it has never been more needed than it is now; LGBT+ communities are facing higher levels of discrimination and hatred. At Shirley Park Primary LGBT+ History Month gives us another great opportunity to engage with all too often hidden LGBT+ histories, by providing positive education about lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans lives. It is important to recognise that LGBT+ people have always been members of our communities, whether that be where we live, work or engage in education. This year's theme of “Science and Medicine” highlights that LGBT+ people are also the people who have made a difference in medicine and healthcare. LGBT+ people are our doctors, nurses, care assistants and scientists.

Hummingbird Colour Day



As a result of gaining lots of dojo points for following our Oasis habits we are very happy to announce that **Friday 26th January**, will be a **Hummingbird (Green)** Colour Day.

On this day, as well as their school uniform, every child in Hummingbird houses can celebrate by wearing items of clothing in their house colour to school. This could be a jumper, trousers, skirt, tights and shoes. Don't forget they can also wear a coloured hair accessory! They can wear as many items as they like as long as they are **green**.



Bromley SEND Inclusive Multi-Sport Festival

Saturday 17th February 2024

Bromley College (sports hall and studio)
Rookery Lane
BR2 8HE

11am – 1pm

Ages: 5-25



When: Saturday 17th February 2024
Where: Bromley College (indoor sports hall), Rookery Lane, BR2 8HE
Time: 11 – 1 pm
Age: 5 - 25 years old
Cost: free
Register: <http://bit.ly/BromleyMulti-SportFestival24>
 (Participants must be registered before attending)

There will be a Changing Places Portable Toilet outside the venue. Please bring your own sling if you wish to use the hoist - <https://www.revolootion.org.uk>
 Please note we are unable to arrange travel to/from this event for participants, but there is parking available on site.

Parents/Carers/Guardians will need to stay with their child/ren at all times during the event.



Come and experience a variety of sports available for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent children and young people and their families in Bromley.

All disabilities/abilities are welcome and sessions are adapted to the needs of the group!

Register here: <http://bit.ly/BromleyMulti-SportFestival24>



Or register by scanning this QR code:



Registered charity no. England and Wales (1756819); Scotland (SC052913)

For more information, please contact:
020 7993 9883
Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk

Attendance News



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

This week's winners are Caleb – Olive Class, Faith – Apple Class, Ishaan - Damson Class, Olivia- Holly Class, Bermondsey - Hawthorn Class, Kael-James - Hazel Class, Jennifer - Alder Class and Best - Acer 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.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day



This year Comic Relief Red Nose Day falls on **Friday 15th 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.

Nursery News

Next week, we will be reading the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will be discussing whether Goldilocks should have gone into the house, and how the bears felt. The children will be given the opportunity to make their own porridge in class.

In numeracy, we will continue singing our number songs and practicing how to show numbers in different ways.

How you can help at home:

1. Point out numbers that are in our environment for example, on packaging, buses, road signs, door numbers and so on.
2. When preparing breakfast, lunch, or dinner, ask your child to lay four forks on the table, how many peas on their plate? And if they have eaten two peas how many are left?

Letter Sounds of the Week: 'g'. On Phonic Monday, children will be exploring the body percussion by playing sound games. We will also be working on mark making and giving meanings to marks we make.

Please practice saying this sound and the sounds that we have previously learnt 's, a, t, p, i, n, m, d' including their initial letter sound in your child's name, at home. We shall be introducing simple CVC words to challenge children's phonic knowledge

Key dates:

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All February – LGBTQ+ History Month

Tues 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day

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Wed 7th Feb: Parent meetings (3:30pm-6:30pm)

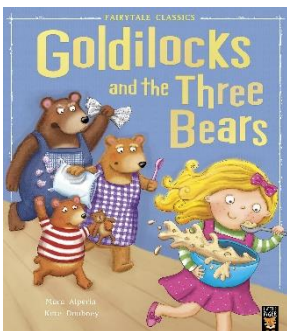
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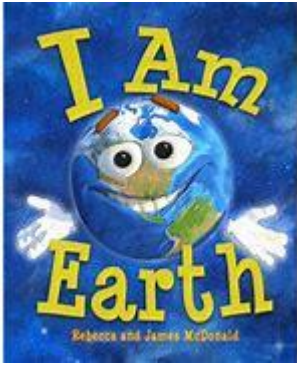
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If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below: spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org





Reception News

We have had another great week in Reception, the children have settled back well after their break and are working hard to show the habit of patience. In literacy next week, we will be linking with our topic 'Our Planet and Space', reading the book 'I am Earth' by Rebecca and James McDonald. In topic lessons, we will be focussing on the Earth, Sun and Moon. We will think about what makes our planet special, our oceans, seas and lakes, and learn what gravity is. In maths, we will be focussing on the number 6. We will be counting 6 things, grouping into 6, using dice and subitising (looking at a representation and instantly recognising the quantity without counting) to 6.

Parents Evening

Please remember to book your parents evening appointment via School Interviews.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

BOOKINGS CLOSE 5PM on Wednesday 31st January 2024.

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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Sat 3rd Feb: NSPCC Numbers Day

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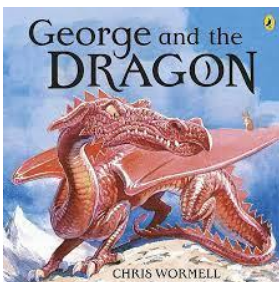
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Year 1

The children have had a lovely week in Year 1. They have enjoyed learning about the different planets in our solar system in our science lesson and had lots of fun testing out different paint brushes in their art lesson.

Next week, in our English lessons, we will be writing our own versions of the story 'George and the Dragon' before editing them. In maths, we will be using the terms 'greater than' and 'less than' to compare different numbers, and in our science lesson, we will be learning about major events in space travel, such as the moon landing. In history, we will be discovering how a new monarch is chosen and test to see if it is fair, and in Geography, we will be creating an aerial view map of a room, including a key to identify what they pictures are.

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 would like to congratulate our brilliant pupils for all their hard work and for continuously upholding all our Oasis habits. In English we will be writing effective sentences for a narrative. In maths, pupils will making the same amount of money by identifying the correct pounds and pence. This week in geography pupils will be designing a map which includes basic symbols and scale. In history pupils will begin to recognise similarities and differences between the toys and games children played with in the Victorian era and modern day. In science pupils will be discovering how certain materials can change shape. In poetry pupils will be reciting Walking with my Iguana by Brian Moses. In music pupils will begin to understand what a Xylophone is?.

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 been another lovely week in Year 3. The children have enjoyed learning about people in the Stone age and have created a fact file from what they remember. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the **permission slip for the Horniman Museum trip is due back on 26th January 2024**. Thank you to the families who have already returned theirs.

Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be planning and writing our own narrative based on the story 'Leon and the place Between'. In maths, we will continue working on division, and in science, we will be learning about James Watson and Francis Crick who discovered the double helix. In history, we will be learning about the Bronze age in more detail.

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

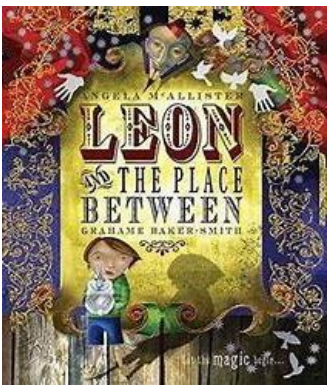
Pine: Monday & Thursday

Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

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Tues 20th Feb: Birch class attends Horniman Museum

Thu 7th Mar: World Book 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. The children have done some fantastic learning this week and thus, produced some lovely pieces of work.

Next week in English, the children will be continue rewriting the story of, 'The miraculous journey of Edward Turlane' by Kate DiCamillo. The focus will be ensuring children understand how to use different word types such as personification and adjectives to describe the feelings of the characters.

In Maths, the children will be learning how to find the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes.

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

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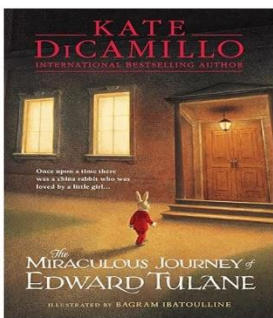
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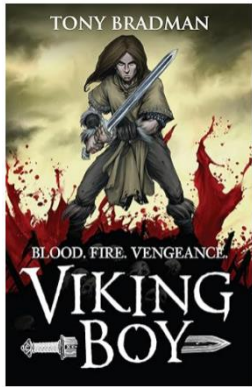
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Year 5

We have had a great week in Year 5! We have continued reading our class book called 'Viking Boy' by author Tony Bradman, Year 5 love reading this book and it has made our writing lessons extremely enjoyable. In Maths we have begun division looking at the formal method and building up the amount of numbers we are dividing by. In science we have continued looking at what it means to be healthy and what happens to food in our stomachs. In Geography and History, we are map reading and exploring the origins of Anglo-Saxons and the impact of their arrival.

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)

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

The children have been working hard this week and continuing their writing based on our book Rose Blanche. Next week, we will be giving the children an opportunity to show the progression that they have made throughout the year so far, by completing a set of practise SATs papers. In Art, we are working on painting with watercolours; in science we are learning about how animals adapt to their environments; in history we are continuing to learn about World War II, with our focus turning to the Blitz, and how it impacted Croydon. In outdoor PE, we are learning defensive skills that be used in basketball and netball.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure children are coming into school with coats, which are labelled.

We hope you have a great weekend.

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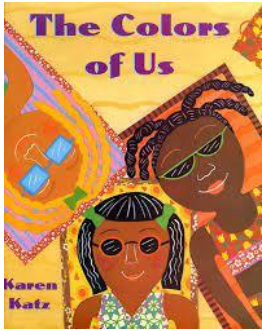
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The Orchard

This week, we worked on the story: **The Colors of Us by Karen Katz**. Seven-year-old Lena is going to paint a picture of herself. She wants to use brown paint for her skin, but when she and her mother take a walk through the neighbourhood, Lena learns that brown comes in many different shades. Through the eyes of a little girl who begins to see her familiar world in a new way, this book celebrates the differences and similarities that connect all people.

In maths, we will be learning about money and in science, about properties of different materials.

In geography, we will be asking and answering questions about maps and aerial images. In RE, we have been learning about Judaism.

Theme: Heritage and Culture

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PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

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