

NEWSLETTER 1st March 2024

Habit:	Forgiving
Curriculum Theme:	Sustainable World

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

As we begin the month of March, you can certainly feel Spring in the air and the days are getting longer. Also, as we start March, we begin our focus on our next habit of 'Forgiving'. This is something we have identified at school of something our children struggle with. Forgiveness is one of the most powerful tools for the transformation of situations at all levels. Forgiveness invites people like you and me to let go of what has happened and to step forward into a very different and transforming future. It is the way we are able to enact that things don't have to stay as they are – war, conflict, disputes, revenge, retribution. All of it.

It was Martin Luther King Jr who said, 'Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that.'

It's a hard, hard habit. But this month, let's give this way a try – driving out hate – through the power of forgiveness. I look forward to seeing our forgiveness grow over this month.

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.

Cost of Living Crisis

Are you currently struggling to pay for childcare costs?



HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE

Government help with childcare costs for parents. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support.



Missing Scooter



Kookaburra Colour Day



If you are in receipt of Universal Credit or Tax Free Childcare then please visit the Childcare Choices who may be able to provide you with support.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March

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

We have had a scooter go missing from our Middle School playground, if you have seen this or picked it up by mistake please can you return it to school so that it can be reunited with its rightful owner. We thank you for your co-operation.

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, 8th March, will be a Kookaburra (Yellow) second Colour Day of the year. 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!



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.

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.

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.

Reaching Highers Camp Fundraiser

Help Reaching Higher Sponsor 110 Young People's Camp Spaces for April 2024!

We're on a mission to raise £5,000 in just three weeks to sponsor young people's spaces for an incredible camp experience. By every £200 made allows a young person to experience camp for a heavily reduced cost, going from £200 to just £80.

This camp isn't just any ordinary outing—it's an enriching residential program designed to empower young individuals.

At camp, young people have the chance to express themselves freely, socialise with friends, and step outside of their everyday environment to engage in new activities and experiences. For many, it's a rare opportunity to relax and explore new horizons.

At Reaching Higher, we're deeply passionate about creating these transformative experiences for young people. But we can't do it alone. We need your support to make it happen.

Your contribution, no matter how big or small, will make a world of difference. Every pound donated brings us closer to our goal and helps ensure that every young person has the chance to attend this life-changing camp.

With just three weeks to reach our target, we're reaching out to our community for help. Your support means the world to us—and it will mean the world to the young people who benefit from this opportunity.

Please consider donating today and help us give young people the chance to thrive!

<https://www.gofundme.com/manage/help-sponsor-a-young-person-space-for-limitless-24/edit>

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Oasis Encounter Courses

Due to the overwhelming demand our current 5 cohorts for the Oasis Encounter course are full, but additional Encounter courses starting in April are on offer.

The next courses start on Wednesday 17th April 2024 and run for 10 weeks:

Wednesday morning 10-11:30am

Wednesday evening 7-8:30am.

The Oasis Encounter leaflet is attached. Links to the Encounter video and referral form are below.

<https://youtu.be/WUXjO1yoJeI>

The form is now live and can receive referrals.

Follow the link to the Encounter course this Spring:

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



Any queries can be directed to oasisencounter@oasisuk.org



EDI: This term we have identified Croydon Nightwatch volunteers to be one of our lighthouses.

Nightwatch volunteers are out every night in the centre of Croydon giving food, other help to homeless and other vulnerable people. Although the core activity is providing direct support for homeless people and others in need, they also organise appeals such as the Winter Blanket Appeal. Nightwatch volunteers help people at every level of homelessness, from the street homeless to those in hostels,

bed & breakfast accommodation and vulnerable former homeless people who need continuing support if they are not to become homeless again. Nightwatch volunteers are not paid staff and have no office premises. To find out more Please use this link to find out more about Nightwatch <https://croydonnightwatch.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 Elijah – Olive Class, Leo – Cherry Class, Ezekiel - Mulberry Class, Lilah- Holly Class, Chei'yon – Hawthorn Class, Jashmi -Hazel Class, Isabelle - Alder Class and Daniel – Oak Class.

The next week's winner could be you!

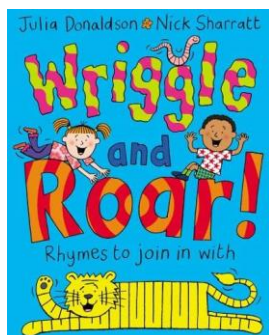
Attendance is very important to us all at OASP because good attendance improves each child's academic progress and allows them to maximise access to all the different opportunities that we provide weekly. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please do let us know and then our Attendance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



Dear Parents, Next week, we will be reading the book Wriggle and Roar with Rhymes. This book will animate, engage, and stimulate our sense of rhyming while we giggle and wriggle.

In math, we will be making comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.

Letter Sounds of the Week: 'b' : In phonics, the children will spend time learning the alphabet rap and playing sound discrimination games, including exploring CVC words, such as c-a-t, p-a-t, s-a-t, b-a-t. We will continue to practice on mark making and giving meanings to the marks we make.

World Book Day:

Each March we celebrate World Book Day, with an exploration of books, stories, dressing up and props in Nursery. Sharing stories, books, and rhymes every day helps to support child development in many ways, including learning sounds, words, language and developing early literacy skills.

This year we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March; the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day and/or they can bring their favourite books to show and tell the stories with their friends in Little Acorns.

50p contribution: We would like to thank all our parents that continue to support our 50p contribution. This enables us to provide lots of extra resources for our children for example, play dough ingredients, messy play items such as seeds, rice, shaving foam. If you would like to support our 50p contributions, please ask for our contribution box or you are welcome to hand it to your child's class teacher. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

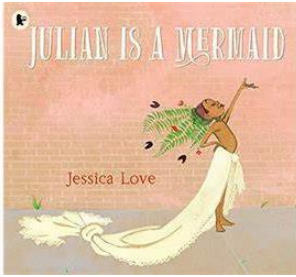
Key dates:

Thu 7th Mar: World Book Day

Fri 8th Mar: International Women's Day

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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

It has been a fantastic week in Reception, the children are working really hard and showing lots of their Oasis habits, we are very proud of them all. In phonics we have begun to look at diagraphs (two letters that make one sound), this week we will be learning 'oa', 'ar' and the short and long versions of 'oo'. Next week we will be reading 'The Boy and the Rainbow' and will be using this story to discuss how we all like different things and how our differences makes us special and unique. In maths, we will be focussing on the number 10, counting 10 things and finding all the ways to make and partition 10. In topic lessons will be having an art focus, drawing characters from our phonics stories and creating portraits.

.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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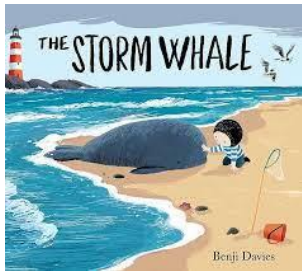
Mon 11th Mar: Living Eggs Experience arrives

Fri 15th Mar: Red Nose Day

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 enjoyed completing team building activities in P.E and have had lots of fun creating a moving picture in their DT lesson. We are looking forward to finishing them next week.

Next week, we will be writing our own versions of the story 'Storm Whale' before editing them. In maths, we will be starting a new topic on length and measuring, and in our science lesson, we will be discussing how different materials feel. In PSHE, we will be learning the different ways we can use money and how to keep it safe, and in history, we will be discovering how fashion has changed over the years. In DT, we will be completing our moving pictures based on the story the 'Gingerbread Man', and in P.E, we will continue our team building activities.

World Book Day – Next Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. The children are invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. We can't wait to see 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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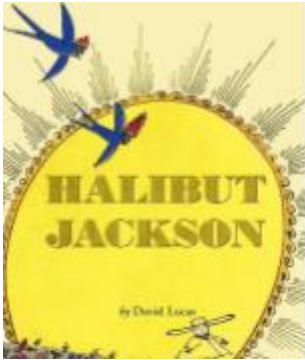
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Year 2

Thank you to all our fabulous pupils for all their hard work and for being outstanding role models.

Next week in English pupils will be planning their own narrative based upon the book we have been reading. In maths, pupils will be learning doubling and halving 1- and 2-digit numbers. In geography pupils will be learning about the impact of Global Goals in different continents. During science pupils will be discovering which materials can withstand wind. In music we will be learning about rhythm and pitch. During RE pupils will discover why the Menorah is important to Jews. This half-term pupils will be reciting the poem My Gran visits England.



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.

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

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Year 3

Year 3 have had a good week. The children really enjoyed their science lesson where they completed an investigation to see which materials generates the most friction. As a team we would like to remind you World Book Day is next week, and we are looking forward for the children to dress up in their favourite characters.

Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be reading the end of our story, 'The Secret of Black Rock' and the children will begin planning their own narrative based on the book. In our arithmetic lessons, we will be learning how to find the perimeter of a shape and in science, we will be finding out how magnets work. In music, we will be learning how to play a song with the ocarinas and in 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.

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:

Wed 6th Mar: Chestnut class attends Horniman Museum

Thu 7th Mar: World Book Day

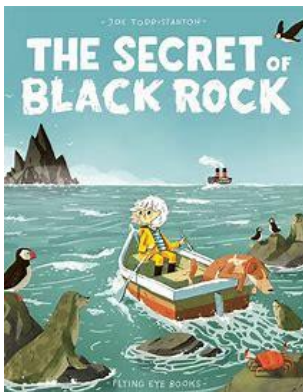
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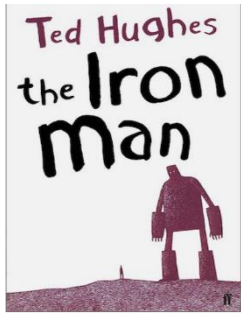
Fri 8th Mar: Kookaburra Colour Day

Thu 14th Mar: Hawthorn class attends Horniman Museum

Fri 15th Mar: Red Nose Day

Have a lovely weekend!





Year 4

Well done to the children for their learning this week. They are making progress. As the term goes forward, we are really focusing in ensuring your children learn their times tables. Please keep practising with your children. Speak to your child's class teachers about how they are preparing for their times table tests in May as they may be able to offer advice if you need anything.

Next week in English, the children will be continuing their writing around Iron Man by Ted Hughes. They will be focusing on doing a character description of the Iron Man as he progresses through the story.

In Maths, the children will continue learning about fractions, focusing on equivalent fractions and learning how to add 2 fractions.

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.

Cake sale: Year 4 will have a cake sale on Thursday 21st March from 3.10pm-3.30pm in the middle school. It will be great to have some donations of cupcakes ahead of the sale. Please can all donations have no nuts as we are a nut free school.

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:

Thu 7th Mar: World Book Day

Fri 8th Mar: International Women's Day

Fri 8th Mar: Kookaburra Colour Day

Fri 15th Mar: Red Nose Day

Thu 21st Mar: Cake Sale 3.10-3.30pm

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fabulous week. We have loved reading our class book called 'Skellig' by David Almond. Year 5 have been working hard on a descriptive piece of writing focusing on the discovery of the man in the garage at the beginning of our book. We have focused on the use of fronted adverbials and the creation of suspense through short sentences.

In Maths we have finished our work on decimals to the thousandth position and have begun our unit on perimeter and areas of a 2d shape. The children have taken to the unit brilliantly and have shown real effort and gusto! We look forward to our work on graphs next week!

In science we have continued our unit on forces. This week we have completed an investigation looking at friction and measuring its effects using newton meters.

In DT we have continued the planning process for our Viking themed CAMS structure. We Hope to build a working model by the end of the half term.

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.

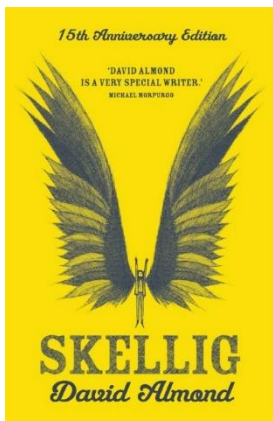
The PE lessons for each class are as follows:

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

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

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

Indoor lessons this half term is swimming please ensure that swimming costumes, towels, hats, goggles and flipflops are brought into school to be changed in to.



REMINDERS:

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

Key dates:

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Fri 8th Mar: International Women's 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

We do hope you are well.

The children have had a great week creating magic potions linked to our text Harry Potter and writing instructions about how to make these. In Maths we have continued to covert between fractions, decimals, and percentages.

Next week in Literacy, we shall be studying poetry and writing poems with a magical theme. In maths, we shall begin a new topic of perimeter and area and later moving onto solving reasoning problems involving these. In DT, we shall continue designing and making our motorised cars. In humanities, we will also be continuing with our work on global goals: the Y6 goals are 7 - Affordable and clean energy and 13 - Climate Action.

Swimming has been a great success and children have now been allocated their groups, which will support them in making progress. Please could you ensure that your child's swimming kit is fully named as some items are already being misplaced.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Many thanks

The Year 6 team

Swimming Days: Monday: Oak Tuesday: Beech Wednesday: Acer Thursday: Redwood

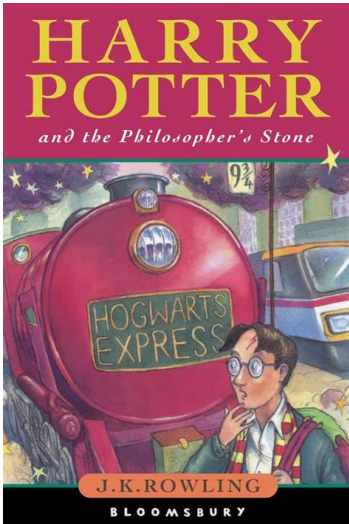
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The Orchard

Next week's book is Tadpole's Promise by Jeanne Willis and illustrated by Tony Ross. The book follows an unlikely friendship between a tadpole and a caterpillar and their promise to never change. It ends with them not recognising each other but also worse...

In maths, we have continued practicing multiplication and division of 5's and 10's, and in science we are still exploring the properties and uses of everyday materials – looking at waterproof, absorbent and non-absorbent materials and floating/sinking.

PE lessons:

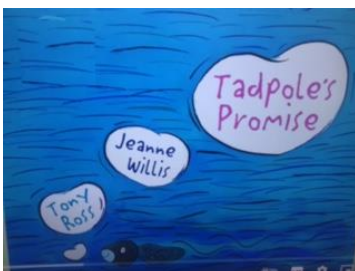
Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

Swimming at South Norwood Pool:

Willow – starting Wednesday 6th March.



Please note that Sycamore will go weekly each Wednesday and Olive/Willow will go on alternate weeks.

On swimming days, please send in the following: towel, swimming costume, bag for wet clothes, spare underwear if coming into school wearing swim costume underneath uniform. Goggles and hat if preferred but not essential.

Swimming onsite:

For some of The Orchard, there will be the opportunity to take swimming lessons on site for this half term only instead of going off-site. This will begin on Friday 23rd February and will be weekly. If your child is affected, the class teacher will have been in touch.

Key Dates:

Thu 7th Mar: World Book Day

Fri 8th Mar: Kookaburra Colour Day

Fri 8th Mar: International Women's Day

Fri 15th Mar: Red Nose Day

Tue 26th Mar: Orchard Coffee Morning

Thu 28th Mar: Willow Drama Performance @ 11:15am

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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