

NEWSLETTER 22nd March 2024

Habit:	Forgiving
Curriculum Theme:	Sustainable World

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

I have really welcomed the lighter mornings and evenings this week, it feels so much better, for well-being, to not be travelling to or from work in the dark. For me it signifies the start of spring a season that I love.

It has also been a busy week at Shirley Park, although every week seems a busy one. John Barnaby our CEO visited earlier this week. He carried out a learning walk and was thrilled by the curiosity of the children. They certainly are a real credit to us all.

It has been lovely to hear music fill the air around the corridors from the xylophones in Year 2 to the ocarinas in Year 3. Music certainly does make me feel better in myself. Many classes have started creating their DT project across the school, it was wonderful to see a woodwork lesson taking place in Year 5. Please do take a look below at what your children will be doing next week.

Please remember on Thursday, we will have an own clothes day where we will be raising money for National Autistic Society. I am looking forward to seeing the bright, colourful clothes. On this day, we will also be having class parties to celebrate – teachers will be sending more information but please remember we are a no nut school.

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.

EDI: This week during our EDI sessions we have begun debunking Misconceptions About Muslims and Islam. Stereotypes are beliefs about an entire group that may be based on information about an individual or a small number of people within that group. People use stereotypes to make snap judgments about others without looking at them as individuals. Stereotyping is almost always negative and is always harmful because it makes unsubstantiated generalizations and ignores the humanity of the people being stereotyped. Stereotypes about Muslims range from insults about terrorism to misunderstandings about the meaning of Allah. **During the next staff sessions, we will be looking at the four common stereotypes about Islam and discussing why the stereotype is incorrect and wrong.**

Islam is a religion that promotes violence and terrorism.
Islam guides followers to oppress women.
Women are forced by men to wear a headscarf, or hijab, as a sign of submission.
Muslims' God is Allah

Speech and Language Therapy petition:

Mikey's Wish, backed by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) have launched a petition to appeal to the government to fund more Speech and Language Therapy. At time of writing this it has around 6700 signatures. This is less than 10% of the waiting list for SaLT in children and young people's services in England. It needs to get to a far bigger audience. If you have not signed, then please do consider signing this. Once you have, then circulate to colleagues, friends and family, if you can. We need to make some noise!

Access the petition here:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/657935#:~:text=We%20want%20the%20Government%20to,they%20and%20their%20families%20need.>

[Increase investment in Speech and Language Therapy. - Petitions \(parliament.uk\)](#)



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.



Red Nose Day

Wow! We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your Red Nose Day donations. Please see attached some of the food items that we received. We also raised **£248.52** in cash which has been sent to Comic Relief.

We thank you all for your kind generosity.



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

This week's winners are Sebastian – Willow Class, Manvitha – Apple Class, Rithikaraj - Apricot Class, Mahriban - Ash Class, Noah - Chestnut Class, Zoe - Hazel Class, Ali - Alder Class and Konstancja – Beech 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.



Thursday 28th
March 2024



The impact your fundraising has on our work

- £15** could provide a safe virtual space for an autistic person through our online community.
- £100** could help autistic young people thrive in school by funding our campaigning work for better autism training in education.
- £500** could help ensure crucial diagnosis advice and guidance is available for the 150,000 people waiting for an autism assessment.
- £1000** could help an autistic person find meaningful work and keep it through our employment support programmes.

Wear any colour for the day.
Wear a rainbow of colours.
The more colourful, the better!
Please donate £1, if you can.
All proceeds will go to The National Autistic Society.

To support World Autism Acceptance Week, we will be learning about autism in school – how some people might think and behave differently.

We will learn that being different is mostly brilliant but that sometimes, it can make things a bit more tricky. We will be learning how to be supportive and kind and how we can help our classmates and siblings if they might think and behave a little bit differently to other people.

Nursery News



It's time to get ready for our week of Easter Fun! On Monday we will dive into the story We're Going on an Egg Hunt and have our own egg hunt on Thursday. We have got games and activities lined up to make the last week of Spring Term unforgettable. In cooking, we will be preparing some tasty bird nests with shredded wheat and melted chocolate. We will also have a go at making our own bird nests with mud and natural materials. It's going to be egg-citing!

Letter Sounds of the Week: 'e': egg

Supporting transition

Wow, summer term is almost here! We're super excited for your children as we kickstart their journey into Reception. We believe that getting the transition right is key, so starting from the first week back the all-day children will begin having their lunch in the dining hall. For our AM and PM children keep an eye out for an invite, as they will also be invited in to have lunch very soon. It is going to be an awesome adventure!

Key dates:

Mon 25th Mar: Nursery Parent Session 8:30- 9:15 and 12:30-1:15

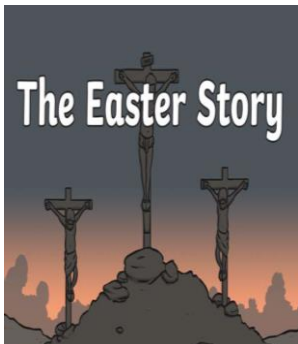
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Thu 28th Mar: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for National Autistic Society

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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 a lovely week this week enjoying the spring weather. In phonics we have now finished introducing all our phase 3 sounds, next week we will begin recapping them. In topic will be learning the easter story, retelling and sequencing the main events. In drawing club we will be looking at the story Pirate Pete, thinking about the characters, setting and the adventure within the story. In maths we will be consolidating our knowledge of number bonds to 10, doubles, and adding amounts.

Please find your child's P.E Day below. 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

Tue 26th Mar: Reception Spring Disco 3:10-4:15pm. All Children welcome. Please see ClassDojo or speak to Class teacher for more information. Tickets are free however in return we are asking for a donation of an easter egg for our raffle.

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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

It's been a lovely week in Year 1. The children have enjoyed making Easter cards in DT and are looking forward to creating their upcycled bags in for our Global Goals task. It was lovely to see so many children from Skylark house in their blue clothes today for their Colour Day. We look forward to seeing who earns enough house points for the next one! Next week, in English, we will pretend to be the Big Bad Wolf and write an apology letter to Little Red Riding Hood's grandma. In maths, we will practice how to count in 5's and 10's, and in our science lesson, we will be investigating which material makes the strongest house to withstand being blown down. In RE, we will be learning about the Easter story, and for our Global Goals task, we will continue to make our bags.

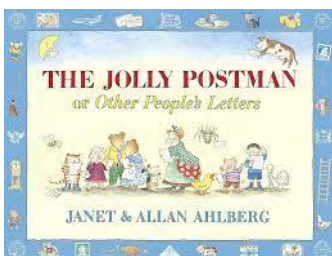
Year 1 PE Days

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.



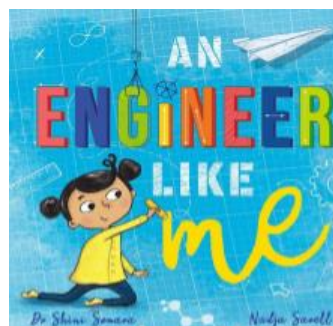
Key Dates:

Thu 28th Mar: Year 1 Fashion Show – 2.30pm (TBC)

Thu 28th Mar: School Finishes for Easter Break

Mon 15th Apr: School reopens at the Normal time

Year 2



Once again, our excellent pupils have had another exceptional week. On Friday pupils were very excited to receive their new iPads. Please could you ensure that they take good care of them and do not apply stickers or write on the cases. We would also be grateful if you could ensure that the children do not change their passcodes. In English pupils will be creating their own ideas for a set of instructions. In maths, pupils will be further enhancing their multiplication and division skills using their 2, 5 and 10 timetables. During our Global Goals lesson pupils will be learning about what good health and well-being means. In science pupils will be showing off their amazing science knowledge while participating in a range of quizzes.

In PE pupils will be taking part in a variety of teamwork activities to resolve problem solving tasks. In poetry pupils will continue to recite the poem My Gran comes to 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.

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

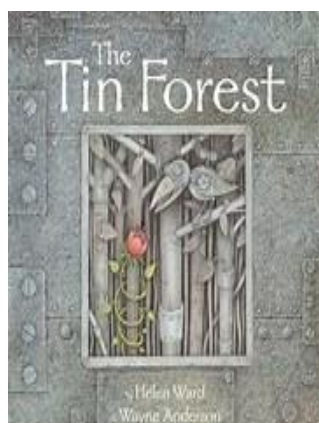
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Year 3



It's been a lovely week in Year 3. The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of creative activities such as making a litter grabber out of cardboard. This links into our DT and geography lessons of global goals. We are hoping this will teach children that littering can have a massive impact on our society, and we should always do our best to help save the planet.

Next week in maths, we will be continuing our work on mass and capacity and in writing, we will be planning to write our own newspaper report from using the narrative texts 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward as inspiration. All children will also be taking part in lots of exciting quizzes in preparation for their new topics after the half term holidays.

We would also like to ask if all parents and carers could, please remind your children not to share food with other children in the school, as even small traces of allergens can cause serious reactions in some children. We would also greatly appreciate, if you could take a moment to check your child's bag and pockets before school, to make ensure things such as sweets, money and toys aren't brought in!

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.

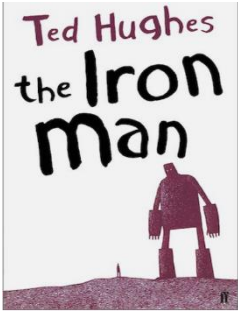
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Year 4

Thank you all for the support and donations for the cake sale. It was a fantastic fundraising drive. On next week's newsletter-we will share how much we have raised. On Monday 25th March, we have our animal encounters visit linked to our topic of David Attenborough. An email went out to all families to notify them of this visit. To ensure we can continue providing an enriching experience for your child, we kindly request for all families to pay the required amount of £6.50 on MCAS. If you have any trouble paying via MCAS, please can you contact the office team so that they can guide you on how to do this. If we don't have enough payments, unfortunately-we will have to cancel this experience and not be able to provide further experiences for your child.

Next week in English, the children will be learning how to write an emotive letter based on the book 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. In Maths, the children will be learning how to find the value of a decimal in relation to fractions. 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 tables.

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:

Mon 25th Mar: Year 4 Animal Encounters Workshop

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Year 5

We have continued reading our class book 'Skellig' by David Almond. Year 5 have begun work on a diary entry based on chapter 20 of our story. We will be looking at the features of a diary entry as well as how to make effective use of subordinating conjunctions. In Maths, we have now completed our work on interpreting tables and statistics. The children were able to reflect their knowledge in a practical way by estimating time and scheduling on bus and train timetables. We have also begun to revise some of our learning on fractions ahead of our work on subtracting mixed fractions next week.

This week we visited St. Lukes church to learn more about the easter story and why it is so important for Christians. We discussed the holy week leading up to Easter Sunday and the significance that each day plays in the story of Jesus' reaction. We are very pleased with the engagement, questioning and respect shown by all pupils on this trip, and we look forward to our next visit to St. Lukes!

Year 5 have continued working on their CAMS project as a part of their DT, we continue to be impressed and proud of the effort going into the work and cannot wait to see the finished results!

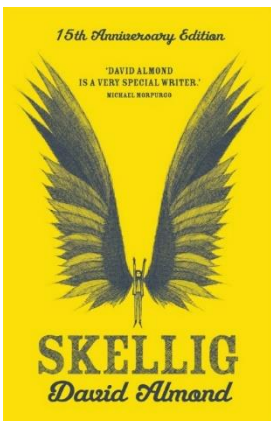
There will be no homework this half term break, however we ask that you practice your young voices songs and continue practicing your spellings from this half term! We also ask that you all try to experience new things this half term and create new memories!

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.

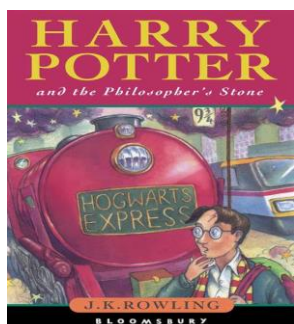
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Year 6



This week the children given their best efforts as part of 'Show Off Week' where they have completed a set of practise papers in maths, reading and grammar. Next week, we will return to 'Harry Potter' where we will be incorporating drama, by writing playscripts based on the text. In maths, we will be continuing to look at reading and analysing graphs. In science, we will be using our knowledge about circuits to create an interactive quiz board. In computing, we have been looking at using spreadsheets, and how we can use them to help plan events, such as parties. In our global goals lessons, we have been looking at how we can work towards having a sustainable world. Next Thursday, we will be recognising 'National Autism week' by wearing our most colourful clothing to school. It will also be our final week of a successful swimming campaign.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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

Key dates:

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The Orchard



Next week's book is **We're Going to Find The Monster** written by Malorie Blackman and illustrated by Dapo Adeola. The book is a delightful story about two boys who go on a sometimes wild, sometimes unusual world adventure trying to find a monster. In maths, we have continued consolidating multiplication, division, addition and measurements: size, lengths and heights. This term, PE focus continues to be "invasion games". Geography has been about sustainability and linking to science, where we have been learning about materials.

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

Swimming at South Norwood Pool:

Olive and Sycamore – 27.03.2024

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:

The children attending have been brilliant and having fun!

Key Dates:

Tue 26th Mar: Orchard Coffee Morning @9am

Thu 28th Mar: Own Clothes Day – Fundraising for National Autistic Society

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

Thu 28th Mar: School Finishes for Easter Break

Mon 15th Apr: School reopens at the Normal time

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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