

NEWSLETTER 3rd May 2024

Habit: Self-Control
 Curriculum Theme: Inclusive World

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,
 We are certainly still feeling our loss as a school, but it is wonderful being a part of a school where the children can bring you such joy and can lift any mood. Our children’s behaviour for learning was commented on during a visit we had this week. They were blown away by their wonderful attitude to learning.

It was lovely to see everyone practicing their best smiles on Wednesday for class photo day. I am looking forward to seeing how well they turn out.

There are a number of trips, visits as well as our Showasis events coming up before the end of the academic year. Please do keep looking out for the key dates below.

Hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday 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.



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.

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

This week's winners are Ruby-Jade -Olive Class, Leo -Pear Class, Janelle -Damson Class, Ava -Holly Class, Peter -Pine Class, Chino -Hazel Class, Sienna -Alder Class and Julia -Beech Class.

The next week's winner could be you!

Firecrest Colour Day

As a result of gaining lots of dojo points for following our Oasis habits We are very happy to announce that Firecrest house has gained enough points that Friday 10th May, will be a Firecrest (Red) Colour Day. On this day, as well as their school uniform, every child in Firecrest house can celebrate by wearing items of clothing in their house colour to school. This could be a jumper, trousers, skirt, tights, shoes, or hair accessory!



MHST Workshops

Transition to Secondary School	Wed 22 nd May 1pm
Helping your Child's Behaviour (Primary age)	Wed 5 th June 1pm
Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries	Wed 12 th June 1pm

Looking After Yourself for Parents	Wed 19 th June pm
Introduction to Autism	Wed 26 th June 1pm
Introduction to ADHD	Wed 3 rd July 1pm

OTR will also be running the following workshops:

Self Harm Support for Parents/Carers (2 parts)	TBC
Support for Parents/Carers of Young People who Struggle to get to School	Thursday 9 th May 6:15pm

Here are also the direct links, in case you would like to add them to your website/social media:

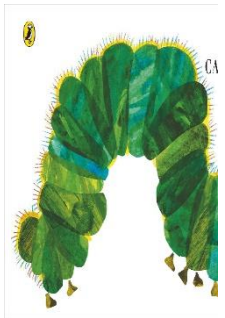
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mhst-parentcarer-webinars-2674189?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Please see attached posters for your perusal with more information.

EDI

This week, staff looked at microaggressions that have impacted women within the Islamic community. Statements like ‘You don’t wear the Hijab. You’re not really Muslim’ and ‘Wow, you don’t even look Muslim!’ can have lasting and damaging effects on one’s self-belief. Even with good intentions and despite how small these actions are, microaggressions enforce stereotypes that Muslim women are tired of hearing. In a time where these assumptions have been used as justification for violence toward Muslims and the silencing of narratives, now is the time to unlearn and relearn our perception of what Islam is.

Nursery News



We've had another fantastic week in nursery! The kids really enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a plant and had a blast planting their own seeds. Next week, we're diving into the world of marvellous minibeasts with the story **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle. They're going to love following the journey of the caterpillar as it transforms into a beautiful butterfly. In math, we'll keep playing with numbers and patterns, and we'll also explore more about how things like minibeasts grow and change.

In phonics, '**Sound of the Week**' is '**l**': **leg, light, lay, leaf.**

We encourage parents to play I Spy with their children, and to practice counting at home. When children practise at home this really helps them to move on in their learning and further develop their cognitive skills.

Other notices:

Ashburton Library Visit- Volunteers needed:

We are excited to announce our upcoming library visit scheduled for Friday, June 6th. We invite those interested in volunteering to please reach out to us via ClassDojo, email, or by informing one of the Nursery staff members by Friday, May 17th. For parents whose children are in the all-day program and wish to volunteer, kindly confirm your child's time slot with their class teacher. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm!

Ashburton Library Visit timetable:

Morning: 10.00am / 11.00am

Afternoon: 13.45pm / 14.45 pm

Key dates:

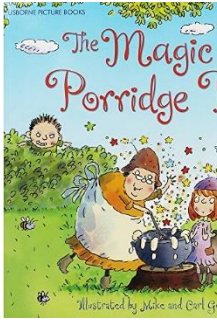
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If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below: spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org



Reception News

We have had another great week in reception. The children showed their best smiles in their class photos and enjoyed their printing activities. Next week in phonics we will be revisiting the sounds 'ear', 'air', 'ure' and 'er'. In topic we will be making and playing our own musical instruments. In drawing club, we will use the story 'The Magic Porridge Pot' to spark our imaginations and generate ideas for characters and adventures. In maths we will be looking at 2d shapes and their properties and will be exploring repeated patterns.

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

Reading Books go home on a Friday. Please could we ask that they be returned the following Wednesday.

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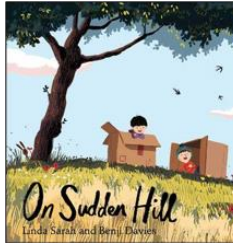
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If you need to contact the reception team, you can do so by sending your child's class teacher a message on ClassDojo or emailing us at- SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org

Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 1



The children have had a brilliant week. They planned and wrote some excellent diary entries based on our book 'On Sudden Hill' and enjoyed learning about the different flowers in Science.

Next week, in English, we will be reading our diary entries and looking for any mistakes that can be edited. In maths, we will be continuing our new topic on fractions, and in our science lesson, we will be learning about deciduous and evergreen trees. In art, we will be assembling our sculptures made from cardboard tubes, and in RE, we are learning about different types of churches.

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

We've had a lovely week in Year 2! The children have enjoyed further enhancing their knowledge and skills as they become confident, keen learners. Next week, in English pupils will be using the story structure of Emmanuel's Dream to help write their own narratives. In maths, pupils will be learning how to read temperatures. In geography, pupils will be reading information from a world map including continents. In science, pupils will be discovering how a seed germinates. During our indoor PE sessions pupils will be exploring cardiovascular endurance, and our outdoor sessions will be exploring different ways to throw an object powerfully. In poetry, pupils will recite the poem, Billy McCool.



Weather: As weather conditions continue to be unpredictable, 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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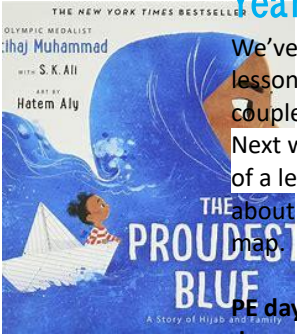
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Year 3



We've had a lovely week in Year 3! The children have enjoyed learning about famous Paralympians in our history lesson and in science they were fascinated to discover how water is transported around a flower. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be able to see this happen by conducting their own experiment.

Next week, in our writing sessions we will be reading our new book, 'The Proudest Blue' and looking at the features of a letter. In maths, we will be learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute and in science we will be learning about the life cycle of a plant. In geography, we will be using grid references to locate Paralympian host cities on a map.

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 for all the support you are providing the children with their learning, especially with their times table. The multiplication check is coming up soon, please ensure you are doing all you can to support the children with learning their times tables. We use timestable.co.uk in school to teach the children their times tables. It will be a useful tool to use at home also.

Next week, the children will use their plans to write their own version of the story LOB based on the chapters we have read so far.

In Maths, the children will still be learning about money including how to solve word problems using money.

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.

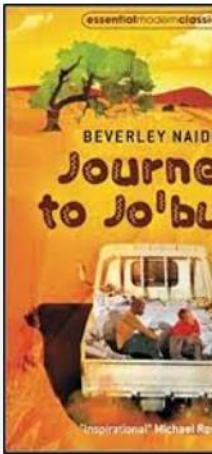
Please ensure that the children come into school with the correct kit. PE kit is: *Black shorts or joggers; Plain white t-shirt; Purple school jumper; Plain white t-shirt; trainers.*

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

This week we continued our book 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverly Naidoo. We have begun writing about the children's experiences in the city and seeing their mother. We have seen some fantastic writing and creativity and look forward to seeing what the children can produce ahead of our big write next week. In Maths, we have continued our topic of shapes with a focus on identifying and understanding the feature of a 3D shape we will be begging our units on coordinated next week.

In Science, Year 5 have learning about the growth cycle of a human during adolescence. They will continue to learn about human growth and development eventually linking with our work in RSE in week 5. In RE, we are continuing to learn about Hinduism. The children have been learning in detail about the place of worship in Hinduism. We discussed some of the largest gurdwaras around this world and their significance. In PE, Year 5's topics are fitness and cricket, we have been practicing our passing and protecting the wicket as a part of our skills progression. In History and Geography, the children are continuing to learn about the Suffragettes around the World. We will be learning some anthems and march songs.

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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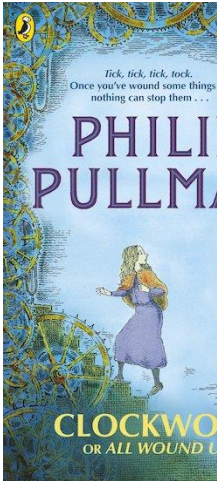
Year 6

We do hope you are all well. The children have been working extremely hard revising their maths, reading and grammar, for their upcoming SATS. In addition to this, for Literacy, we have continued with our work on the book Clockwork by Philip Pullman, which the children have greatly enjoyed. In art, we have continued with our sculptures inspired by Gaudi and in science we have continued to use our scientific skills to plan an experiment.

A gentle reminder that SATS breakfast club is on offer to all children from Monday to Friday of SATS week so please do encourage your child to come along, we do ask though that if they are to attend the permission slip is returned.

PE Days

Redwood & Beech - Tuesday, Thursday
Acer & Oak - Monday, Wednesday



We do hope you are well and enjoyed the wonderful Easter break.

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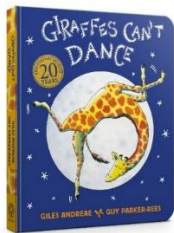
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May 13th - 16th SATS Week

May 22nd - 24th - Y6 Residential Kingswood

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The Orchard

Next week's book is **Giraffes Can't Dance, by Giles Andreae**, a great story as a starting point for a discussion on self-esteem and persistence, or the positive side of being different. In **maths**, we will be continuing the concept of **fractions**, with a specific focus on identifying unit and non-unit fractions. In science, The Orchard is hoping to see some sprouts next week after having sowed some seeds in the first week of this term.

Dear Orchard Families

This has been a difficult and upsetting week for everyone at school, especially those in The Orchard.

Miss Booth loved all her pupils and formed strong relationships with you, as parents, so that there was a team feel for the children. Over the coming weeks, we will all go through lots of emotions.

Please do keep on talking to us and each other.

We will all help each other through.

With best wishes

Mrs Downton

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

Swimming at South Norwood Pool:

Olive and Sycamore – 8.5.2024

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.

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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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