

NEWSLETTER 24th April 2024

Habit:
Curriculum Theme:

Considerate
Inclusive World

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Remembering Miss Linda Booth

Dear families,

Thank you for all your support this week after the very sad news that we shared of Linda Booth's passing which came to us as a huge shock. All of the staff are still in disbelief but will strive to support the children and parents through the coming weeks. We all hold very fond memories of Linda, who was one of the most passionate people I knew especially when it came to the children she taught. They were all in her heart and she would strive every day for them to progress in their education as well as socially. She loved Shirley Park and was a true Shirley Parker – she lived and breathed the ethos of inclusion at the heart of all we do. After 14 years of working alongside Linda, I am proud to call her my friend and she will forever be in my heart and thoughts.

Many of the staff have such wonderful memories of Linda. Mr Rampersad has spoken of her love of the Royal family and how she was keen to see famous British landmarks. She also loved a good debate, and you could be there with Linda for hours putting the world to right. Miss Child remembers the rigour and determination for the children in her care, to ensure that they always received the correct education they rightly deserved, albeit sometimes whilst working in one of the messiest classrooms we have seen. Linda loved her homeland New Zealand, and we were all aware of her plans to sell up over the next couple of years and retire back home with her sister and brother. Sadly, a dream she is not able to fulfil. Miss Carabache recalled the numerous times she would turn up to work with odd shoes – I'm not sure if she did it on purpose sometimes to see our reaction but we always had a good chuckle about it. Mrs Groza shared her love of the colour yellow, and they would often share gardening tips as Linda had recently had her garden redeveloped.

If you would like to contribute messages to a Remembrance Book, please do speak to a member of staff as we will be making a book of memories and messages to give to her family.

Miss Booth has been a true friend to many, and she will be sorely missed ❤️.

Have a restful weekend and look after yourselves,
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)

Skylark House (Blue)

Firecrest House (Red)

Hummingbird House (Green)

Beech, Elm, Pear, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hazel, Chestnut

Cypress, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Oak, Pine, Damson, Ash, Alder

Rowan, Apple, Birch, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Acer, Apricot, Cedar, Maple

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.

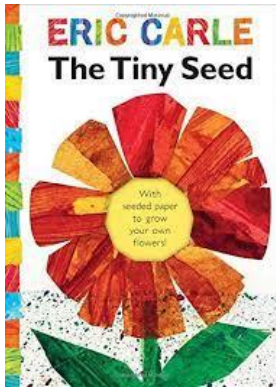


Each week we have a prize draw for children who have had 100% attendance for the week.

This week's winners are Dignity –Olive Class, Olivia –Apple Class, Maya -Apricot Class, Kritisha -Cedar Class, Taliah -Birch Class, Alexander -Cypress Class, Rhiann -Maple Class and Oliver –Beech Class.

The next week's winner could be you!

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Nursery News

It's been a fantastic week in Nursery, the children have settled back well into the nursery routines. Children enjoyed taking part in 'Show and Tell' sharing their special items and objects with the whole class, we are very proud of them. Next week, we will continue to observe the world around us and explore more about the life cycle of living things and how things grow by reading a wonderful story of 'The Tiny Seed' written by Eric Carl.

Other notices:

Nursery Parent Sessions

All parents are invited to spend time in nursery with their child at the start of the session next week. Parent sessions will take place at the nursery, providing an opportunity for parents to spend time with their child. Pre-registration is required for the preferred day- please see the key dates. Please contact us if you like us to save a spot for you on the day you prefer if not, we will send you an invitation.

Key dates:

Mon 29th Apr: Nursery Parent Session 8:30- 9:15 and 12:30-1:15pm

Wed 1st May: Class Photos

Thu 2nd May: Nursery Parent Session 8:30- 9:15 and 12:30-1:15pm

Mon 6th May: School Closed for Bank Holiday

Fri 24th May: Last Day before the Half Term Holiday

Mon 3rd June: School reopens at the normal time

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 fantastic week in reception, the children have been working really hard to show all of their Oasis habits. Next week in phonics we will be revisiting the sounds 'or', 'ur', 'ow' and 'oi'.

In topic will be practicing printing using leaves, fruit, and our fingers. In drawing club, we will be using the story 'The Odd Egg' by Emily Gravett to spark our imaginations and generate ideas for characters and adventures. In maths we will be recognising patterns within numbers to 10 and finding the unknown in number problems.

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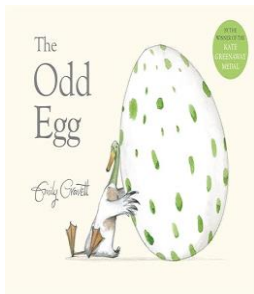
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If you need to contact the reception team, you can do so by sending your child's class teacher a message on ClassDojo or emailing us at- SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org
Have a wonderful weekend!





Year 1

It's been a lovely week in Year 1. The children have enjoyed composing a piece of music as a class before performing it together. They were also very interested to learn how women have not always been treated fairly in our history lesson.

Next week, in English, we will be planning and writing a diary entry from the perspective of the main character in our story 'On Sudden Hill'. In maths, we will be starting our new topic on fractions, and in our science lesson, each child will be planting their own seed before learning how to identify common garden and wildflowers. In history, we will be continuing to learn about gender equality in sport, and in geography, we will be using the words north, south, east and west to give directions.

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.

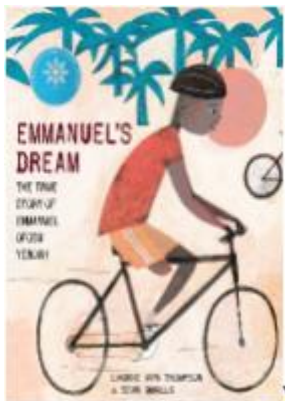
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Year 2

Once again, our fabulous pupils have had an excellent week. It has been magnificent celebrating all their fantastic achievements together. In English pupils will be exploring how narratives create a powerful message for the reader. In maths, pupils will be learning how to measure in kilograms. In history pupils will be raising questions and uncovering answers to questions related to past events of the Olympics by using evidence. In science pupils will be discovering what is meant by seed dispersal and why it happens. During our indoors PE sessions pupils will be exploring cardiovascular endurance, and our outdoors 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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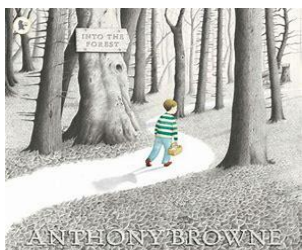
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Year 3

We've had a lovely week in Year 3! The children have enjoyed learning more about the origins of the Paralympics in our history lesson and were interested to discover the functions of each part of a flower in science. All the classes got to take part in a virtual plastic pollution workshop where they learnt more about our global goal for this year to save our seas.

Next week, we will be planning and writing up our big write for 'Into the Forest.' In maths, we will be learning about money and how we can convert pounds to pennies. In history, we will be researching



information about famous Paralympians and in RE, we will be learning about the alternative places of worship for Muslims.

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

Well, done to all the children who have made progress with their learning, the teachers all discussed how much progress they are making, and we are immensely proud. Please keep learning the times tables with the children in preparation for the upcoming times table tests.

This week in English, the children started doing their writing based on the book called 'Lob' by Linda Newberry. Next week, the children will continue to learn the story (chapter 3-5) and begin planning to write their own narrative based on the events of the story. In Maths, the children will still be learning about decimals, focusing on how to round decimals as well as finding out what is halves and quarters as decimals.

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.

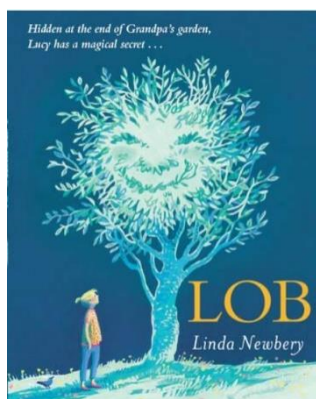
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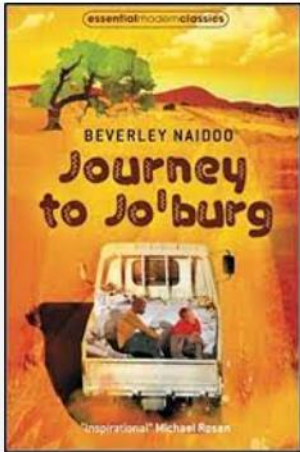
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Year 5

This week we continued our book 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverley Naidoo. We have begun writing about the children's journey into the city for the first time and their experiences facing the differences in how they would be treated. We have seen some fantastic writing and creativity and look forward to continuing our story.

In maths, we have continued our topic of shapes with a focus on angles. The children have been learning how to measure angles accurately using a protractor and how to work out angles using missing information.

In science, Year 5 are starting their new topic of 'Animals including Humans' and they will be learning about the human gestational period.

In RE, we are continuing to learn about Hinduism. The children will be learning in detail about the place of worship in Hinduism.

In PE, Year 5's topics are fitness and cricket, and we will be starting them this week. The skills we are learning in cricket are high and low catches.

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

Once again, the year 6 children have made us so proud this week with their hard work and focus.

Next week, we are continuing to revise lots of different topics in preparation for our SATS. In Art, we are taking inspiration from Antoni Gaudi to create free form sculptures using recycled materials. In computing, we are learning how to design and write our own code for a simple game. In History and geography, we are continuing to discover the features and history of China.

Please note, Acer class PE days are now on a Tuesday and Thursday.

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

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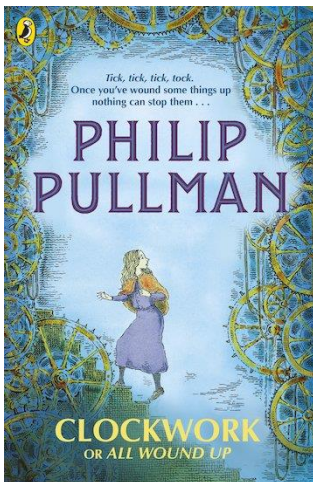
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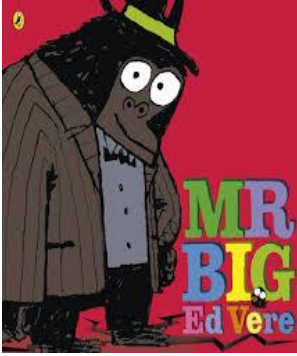
May 13th - 16th SATS Week

May 22nd - 24th - Y6 Residential Kingswood

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The Orchard

Next week's book is **Mr Big by Ed Vere**. Mr Big is strong, Mr Big is tough, Mr Big is . . . well . . . BIG! He has just one small problem - because of the way he looks he just can't get people to stick around. How can he show them that although he may look a little scary, he is just a great big softy inside? In **maths**, we will be introducing the concept of **fractions**. In science, The Orchard will continue to explore the topic **Plants**. This term's P.E. focus is **Fitness and Athletics**.

Message from Mrs Downton

As we shared earlier in the week, we very sadly received news that Miss Booth had passed away unexpectedly last weekend.

All the staff are still in disbelief but will strive to support the children and parents through the coming weeks. If you would like to contribute messages to a Remembrance Book, and have not done so already, please do speak to a member of staff as we will be making a book of memories and messages to give to Miss Booth's family. Miss Booth loved her job and especially the children. It was her passion to teach and to support those with additional needs. She worked very hard to support families and would keep in touch with some long after they had moved onto new schools. She was a friend to everyone and will be sorely missed.

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

Swimming at South Norwood Pool:

Willow and Sycamore – 1.5.2024

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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