

Oswald Road Primary School Newsletter



Successes last term!

Our Christmas performances were a huge success. All the children sang and danced brilliantly! Well done to everyone involved. Here are some of the things you said about the performances:

"I really enjoyed the performance. Great idea - very funny! The children seemed to love it too!"

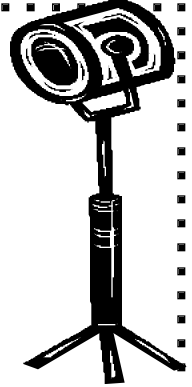
"Thanks so much for all the hard work it takes to co-ordinate such a brilliant show. Lovely tunes and brill costumes!"

"We often forget what Christmas is about but the performance the children put on for us all was a very pleasant reminder. The children enjoyed it and so did all the grown ups and parents. Well done to you



Remember you will be able to buy the photos via our website soon. We will let you know when they are available for purchase..... All the money goes into school fund for trips and treats.

Literacy Spotlight Workshops:



In November we held three workshops for parents on 'Supporting your Child With Reading'. These were very well attended and covered, for example, developing comprehension and a love of reading and supporting reluctant readers. If you were unable to attend you can find the 'handouts' containing lots of advice and information on our school website.

Here are some of the comments made by parents who attended....

"I found this session very useful and I will use these tips to get my little boy away from the television and get him involved in more reading."

"Really helpful. Lots of 'ahh' moments where things became clearer... I am inspired to try some of the helpful hints out."

"Really valuable and interesting—great also to hear other parents concerns. Thank you"

In February we will be holding workshops on Phonics. Phonics is the main way we teach reading in the early stages. We plan to have lots of activities for parents to try, as well as information and advice. We hope to see lots of you then!

Dates for Phonics Workshops:

Wed 9 February 9.00-10.15 KS1/KS2: *How we teach Phonics, How to help your child*

Wed 16 February 9.00-10.15 KS1/KS2: *How we teach Phonics, How to help your child*
(For Punjabi and Urdu Speakers)

Foundation Stage Extension Phase 2 Update

We have had a site meeting this week to finalise arrangements. The Planning application is well on its way. We are planning to have a couple of meetings this half term: one for parents of the children in the Foundation Stage and a second for all parents with Bramall, the contractors attending. The local residents will also be invited to the second meeting. We will hopefully be able to confirm the dates for the meeting in the next newsletter.



Book Fair



Once again you gave us tremendous support for our book fair in November. Hopefully your children have been enjoying reading their new books! Thanks for your support over the last two book fairs. The teachers of each year group are currently selecting £200 worth of free books for their children. We are all looking forward to the new books and this will help our drive to promote crucial skills and a lifelong love of reading.



Children's End of Year Report

You may remember that we consulted you last summer about what the end of year report for your child should look like. We have considered your ideas and have drafted a new report. We will have further consultations with you this term before we finalise it.

HIGHLIGHT CERTIFICATES

Certificates are presented to the children each Friday.

Good Work:

H1–Sunilraj
Q1–Caleb
G2–Nicquille
B2–Tayyib
F3–Harris
M3–Lara
C4–Manisha
P4–Meena
S5–Dannish
K5–Zahrah
E6–Daisy
M6–Aidan

Behaviour:

H1–Zachary
Q1–Molly
G2–Ahmad
B2–Fatima
F3–Aisha
M3–Hina
C4–Aneesa
P4–Kanwal
S5–Whole Class
K5–Joel
E6–Whole Class
M6–Whole Class

Citizenship:

H1–Stella
Q1–Ruby
G2–Roxanna
B2–Kiah
F3–Dnico
M3–Lauren
C4–Amaan
P4–Luke
S5–Whole Class
K5–Jack
E6–Amir
M6–Mrs Murray’s Maths Group

ATTENDANCE Week Ending: 7 Jan	
Class	
H1	94%
Q1	96%
G2	94%
B2	88%
F3	95%
M3	98%
C4	100%
P4	98%
S5	98%
K5	93%
E6	94%
M6	99%



WELL DONE...
To C4 for 100% Attendance
(M6 are nearly there!)

Attendance News

Attendance was running at 94.3% at the end of last term. Not too bad considering all the illness around at the moment. A big **THANK YOU** to the parents/carers, Mrs Craven and all the children in H1, despite the weather and illness they have all been working very hard to come into school on time every day. **All** the children in H1 have achieved over 90% for attendance for the Autumn term and more than half the children have excellent attendance of over 95%. **Well done H1!**

If your child is reluctant to come to school they might be having;

- Problems with friendships
- Difficulties with their learning
- Worries about problems at home

Please come and talk to your child’s class teacher, our parent support advisor Ama Kemba-Jones or me, Ms Kuster, if you think your child is unhappy at school. Together we can help to deal with the problems and help your child grow up strong and confident, so they can learn, achieve and enjoy school.



Nut free school
Please remember we have a number of children in school with life threatening nut allergies. Please do not bring nuts/products with nuts into school. Thanks

Family Learning Workshops

Spring 1

Tue 18 January	9.00-10.15	KS1: <i>Practical Approaches to Maths</i>
Tue 25 January	9.00-10.15	KS1: <i>Practical Approaches to Maths</i> (For Punjabi and Urdu Speakers)
Wed 9 February	9.00-10.15	KS1/KS2: <i>How we teach Phonics, How to help your child</i>
Wed 16 February	9.00-10.15	KS1/KS2: <i>How we teach Phonics, How to help your child</i> (For Punjabi and Urdu Speakers)
Thu 17 February	2.00-3.15	KS1/KS2: <i>How we teach Phonics, How to help your child.</i>

Spring 2

Mon 14 March	2.00-3.15	KS2: <i>Maths calculations with a focus on multiplication & division</i>
Tue 29 March	9.00-10.15	KS2: <i>Maths calculations with a focus on multiplication & division</i> (For Punjabi and Urdu Speakers)

Summer 1

Thu 19 May	2.00-3.15	KS1: <i>Practical Approaches to Maths</i>
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Summer 2

Thu 16 June	9.00-10.15	KS2: <i>Maths calculations with a focus on multiplication and division.</i>
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Please come along and support your child/ren's learning

Events in School for the rest of this half term:

Tue 18 January—Year 6 at Manchester Cathedral all day.
 Tue 18 January—C4 Trip to Manchester Museum—learning about China
 Wed 19 January—P4 Trip to Manchester Museum—learning about China
 Wed 19 January—Network Choir to Birchfields Primary School
 Wed 19 January—DVD making in M3
 Wed 26 January—DVD making in M3
 Fri 28 January—Year 5 John Rylands Library 9.30-1.30
 Wed 2 February—Network Choir to Crab Lane Primary School
 Wed 2 February—DVD making in M3
 Thu 3 February—Year 1 trip to Eureka
 Tue 15 February—Chorlton Schools Council Network at Brookburn Primary School
 Wed 16 February—DVD making in M3
 Wed 16 February—Network Choir at Barlow Hall Primary School



Parent Evenings

These are the revised dates for this year:

- ◆ Tuesday 1 March **4.00-7.00** and Wednesday 2 March 4.00-6.00 (Year 6)
- ◆ Wednesday 16 March 4.00-7.00 and Thursday 17 March 4.00-6.00 (Year 1 to Year 5)

(Please note a time change on Tuesday March 1st.)



Family Assemblies

Wednesday 26 January C4
 Wednesday 2 February P4
 Thursday 3 February G2
 Wednesday 9 February M6
 Thursday 10 February B2
 Wednesday 16 February F3

This term our class assemblies are a bit different. You will see how your children are taught one of the areas of the curriculum.



Family Reading Morning

This term sees the return of our successful Family Reading Mornings. Following feedback from parents after the sessions last year, there will be separate Reading Mornings for FS/ KS1 and KS2. This will enable parents to attend both mornings if they have children in different key stages. Last year all the Family Reading Mornings were on Fridays but this year they are on different days of the week so that parents who work at the end of the week can attend. We look forward to seeing you. The dates are:

Friday 11 February for KS1 and Foundation Stage

Wednesday 13 April for KS2

Tuesday 17 May for KS1 and Foundation Stage

Friday 1 July for KS2

We would like to increase the number of adults who read with our younger children. If you have any spare time and could help us with that school will organise getting your CRB clearance. Please speak to one of our English leaders—Sharon Griffin or Gemma



Last term we continued to develop links with our local schools and were involved in a number of festivals and competitions. The children from the after school netball club travelled to Our

Lady's Primary school in Whalley Range for their first ever 'friendly' match.

They enjoyed the experience and are hoping to have some more fixtures this term.

Thank you to Mark Aitken, one of our parents, for running



Sensible clothes reminder!

We would appreciate it if you could send your child in appropriate clothing (a warm, waterproof coat and sensible shoes). This enables us to take the children out for a few minutes play and fresh air even on the less favourable Manchester days of rain and drizzle. Please remember to write their names in the coats so lost

After school clubs will begin again this term. Look out for the letter coming soon with all the information about clubs available to different year groups. As ever, if you are interested in running a club at lunchtime or after school, please contact Miss Quinn.

