



Newsletter

10th September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been fabulous to have all children back in school this week. Classrooms have been filled with smiles, joy, happiness and fun. We have very much focused on mental wellbeing this week; settling the children into their new classes, introducing new routines and reminding them of school hygiene procedures.

Reception children, brand new to Putney, have been incredible. They had only two short stay and plays in the summer term prior to starting due to the pandemic but they coped brilliantly. I think Mums and Dads found it harder than them this week! Once they got into their classes, they really enjoyed making new friends and the many fun activities. We are very pleased to welcome them to our Putney family.

We have also welcomed some new teachers and support staff to Putney this week. Miss Hinds in Year 2, Miss Hopson in Year 3, Mr Slone in Year 4, Mrs Goh as a TA and our new HLTA Miss de Barros. They have thoroughly enjoyed their first few days with the children and are looking forward to the year ahead.

This week has also seen us open the school gates and let you all back into the playground which has worked well so far. Thank you to everybody for adapting. For those with Reception children Miss Craythorne has opened the gate between Reception and the KS1 playground.

So ... welcome to Putney to our new families and welcome back to all our returning families. I often say what a privilege it is to have your children in our care. It has been great having them all back in school this week. Please congratulate your children for the great start they have made to what I hope will be a great year at Putney.

Glenn and the Putney Team

Start and Finish Times

The school gates open at 8.50am and children must be in class by 9.00am. The gates will be closed at 9:10am and any children arriving after this time will have to go into school via the office.

At the end of the day the gates will open at 3:20/25 depending on whether the playground space is being used for learning.

It is really important to a child's feeling of security that they are brought in regularly and that parents arrive and depart promptly once they are settled. Children who arrive late can become distressed and find it hard to settle to their activities. Again, at home time, please collect your child promptly as they can become very anxious if you are late.

Attendance

The school and Educational Welfare monitor attendance on a regular basis. We expect children to have at least 95% attendance. If your child's absence falls below 95% then Educational Welfare will be in contact. A child is considered a persistent absentee once their attendance falls to 90%.

Wellbeing tip of the week

Settling back into school

It can be a bit of a shock to the system going back to school after the summer holidays. Whether you're starting school for the first time, starting a new year, or going to a new school; any change can make us feel a bit anxious. How can we make this new start feel less daunting?

- Try and get into a good morning routine, allowing enough time to have breakfast, get dressed and check your school bag without feeling rushed
- If you're feeling anxious in the morning or the night before school, try listening to some calming music and practicing some breathing exercises e.g. deep breath in through the nose, hold it there and then breathe out through the mouth
- Talk to your family about any anxieties you're having. It can be helpful to get these off your chest and to problem-solve together
- Each night, make a list of things you are looking forward to for the next day or in the year ahead, or all the things that went well that day, to remind you of all the positives there are

Starting anything new can feel quite alarming, but take it one day at a time and you'll soon feel more comfortable as you get settled in.

Communication

If you need to communicate with the academy please email info@oasisputney.org or telephone the academy office 020 7884 6000 if you wish to discuss any matters.

Jewellery & Nail Varnish.

We know how tempting it is for children to experiment with adornments but ask you please not to let your child do this in school. Jewellery can present serious health and safety problems. Children are welcome to wear watches and stud earrings no hooped earrings of any kind are allowed.

Medication

Please can you ensure that if needed your child has their in date epipen and asthma pumps in school at all times and that we have received the relevant paperwork with authorisation to use them. Equally if your child requires medicine during the school day this must be handed into the office and forms completed. Class Teachers will not be to take it. This is to ensure that safety.

PE Days

Day	Class
Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Year 3/Year 5
Wednesday	Year 2/Year 3
Thursday	Year 1/Year 2/Year 5
Friday	Year 1/Year 4

Please make sure that your child comes to school with their PE Kit in their bag on the correct days.

Outdoor Learning

We are so pleased to be starting Outdoor Learning again next week.

The weather continues to be changeable, but regardless of sun or rain, children will need to have their legs and arms covered when they go out onto the Common. This will either help to keep them clean and dry on a wet day or protect them from stinging nettles and other prickles on a sunny day.

Maple Class will start on the 13th of September.

Rowan Class will start on the 20th of September.

The timetable for the other classes will come out next week, if in doubt ask the class teacher.

Please ensure your child brings suitable outdoor clothing into school on their Outdoor Learning day, ideally:

1. A waterproof coat
2. Waterproof trousers (if not possible then please send in an extra pair of trousers that they can put over their uniform).
3. Wellies
4. A cap if sunny, and suntan lotion applied on their faces before school.

Please ensure all items are labelled with their names.

Many thanks,

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Davies

Reading Books

We are very excited to have received a brand-new collection of books. We are busy with the help of our year 5 students stamping the books and creating our new reading spaces. More information will be released soon.

Miss Hopson and Miss Hind

School meal – Year 3 – Year 5

prices are £2.50 per day or £12.50 per week. You MUST pay in advance by Wednesday. You can pay using the ParentMail app.

Inclusion Lead

I am very excited about my new role.

As an inclusion leader, I will oversee day-to-day responsibility for the operation of the SEN policy and coordination of the provision made for individual children with additional needs, working closely with children, staff, parents and carers and other agencies.

As a safeguarding lead, my role is to ensure that all staff are fully trained in safeguarding and know how to identify and report concerns. The school plays an integral part in helping children learn to interact positively with their peers and teachers. We want to work in a partnership to help our children learn about healthy relationship skills and develop them further through interactions, both in the classroom, playground and outside the school.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Khawaja

Reception

We are delighted to have all our new Reception children at Oasis Putney! They are so lovely and sweet and are already playing with each other and doing lots of exploring in their new classroom and playground! We are learning one another's name's, figuring out the school routine and discovering our favourite learning areas. We went on a tour of the school, spotted a sibling or two and know where Mr Lillo does all of his important schoolwork! We were very good in the lunch hall, trying new foods and showed beautiful table manners. We are loving big school!



Year 1

We have had a wonderful start to the term in Cherry Class. The children have been writing about their holidays, thinking about things they want to get better at and becoming familiar with their iPads. We have also put together some class rules and the children have been working very hard to follow them. Thank you for a great start to the year Cherries! Mrs Addis



We have had a great first week here in Birch Class! During our first week, we have all enjoyed getting to know each other, drawing, writing, exploring the exciting books in our new classroom. We have also been learning about our iPads and how we can keep ourselves safe on the internet, as well as having lots of fun in PE and in Art. I think we are all ready for a good rest this weekend to get us ready for a big week of learning next week!

Year 2

We are so excited to welcome our Year 2's back to school this academic year. It has been a great first week back and our children are keen to get the ball rolling. Here are some quotes from the children! "By the end of the year I would like to get even more clever" and "I like doing English because we get to read cool books". Many of the children have missed their friends and they greeted their teachers with some lovely drawings.

'I am very excited to be beginning a brand new year at Putney Oasis and have been made to feel extremely welcome. I am so impressed with my Year 2 class and the teamwork and good manners they have shown this week and look forward to a fantastic year ahead!'

Quote from children:

'We love being back at school and getting to see our friends after the holidays. We really liked writing our own class rules this year and doing lots of group work to settle into our new class.'

Year 3

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back into school this week. The children have settled very well into their new classes – Willow and Sycamore.

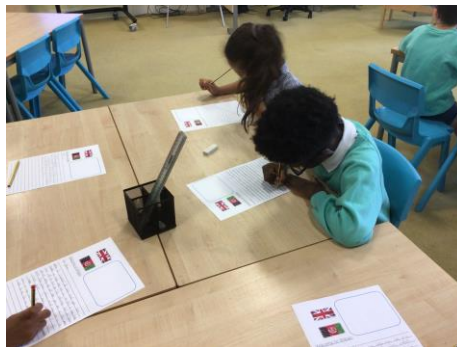
We have enjoyed our first jam packed week back. We have particularly enjoyed drama which is a new addition to our curriculum this year. This week we have focused on ourselves and how we feel about starting the new academic year. We have discussed the curriculum and how we will be using the iPads to support our learning.

It was also lovely to see so many parents at our "Meet the Teacher" meetings this week. If you were unable to attend, the information we shared with parents will be sent out to you in due course.

We are very excited about starting our new curriculum next week, and we wish you a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

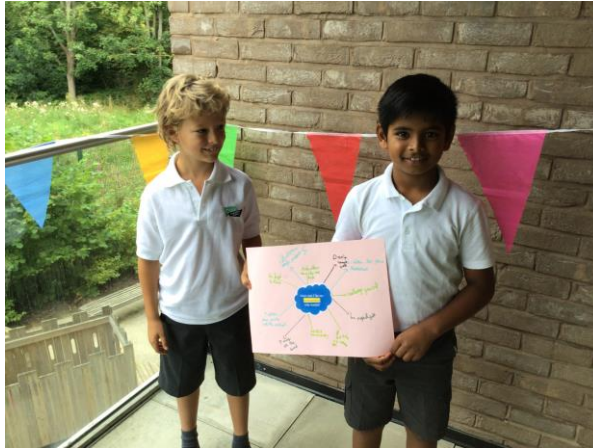
'My favourite part of the week was playing the recorder' Myla

'I've really enjoyed reading new stories this week' Eddy



Year 4

Holly class have had a fantastic first week back at school! They have especially enjoyed completing a maths quiz on the roof, working in groups on the balcony and mixing with other children during assemblies and playtimes. I am impressed with the effort the children have been showing in lessons, and in their work, and I am very excited about our year ahead!



We had a great week in Pine, focusing for a lot of the week on how everyone was feeling about moving up into year four and how we can work together as a class to succeed and support each other.

We had a maths scavenger hunt on the playground, wrote letters to our future selves and to refugees from Afghanistan welcoming them to Putney.

To finish off the week, we made tall & intricate structures using 20 straws and 10 pieces of masking tape. We are very proud of the results! One group made a striking representation of the London Eye.

Have a great weekend.

Year 5

Year 5 have come back to school after their summer holidays so sensibly and they have settled into their brand-new classroom nicely. This first week back has been well-being week where they have had the chance to talk about themselves, share their worries and concerns for the year and also take part in lots of team building activities. As a school, we have been able to make a start on our new curriculum and Elm class have managed to incorporate their iPads into their activities to aid and extend their learning. We were so lucky to have our first drama session of the year with our new drama teacher and there were lots of giggles! Well done for being so joyful this week.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Term 1	
Wednesday 1st September 2021	INSET Day
Thursday 2nd September 2021	INSET Day
Friday 3rd September 2021	INSET Day
Monday 6th September	School open to pupils
Thursday 21st October	End of Term
Friday 22nd October 3.30pm	Oasis Trust INSET Day
Term 2	
Monday 1st November 2021	Return to School (Autumn 2)
Friday 17th December, 1.30pm	End of Term
Term 3	
Tuesday 4th January 2022	First Day of Spring Term (Spring 1)
Friday 11th February, 3.30pm	End of Term
Term 4	
Monday 21st February 2022	Return to School (Spring 2)
Friday 1st April 2022, 1.30pm	End of Term
Term 5	
Tuesday 19th April 2022	First Day of Summer Term (Summer 1)
Monday 2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Friday 27th May 2022	End of Term
Term 6	
Monday 6th June 2022	Return to School (Summer 2)
Friday 24th June	Oasis Trust INSET Day
Friday 22nd July 2022	End of Term

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