



# OASIS PUTNEY NEWSLETTER

## Key Dates:

**1.12.23**

### **Christmas Party**

(Christmas Disco with  
games)  
- 6.30pm

**7.12.23**

**Parent Showcase – 3.30pm**

### **Christmas Jumper Day –**

Pupils come in school  
uniform & wear a Christmas  
jumper.

**12.12.23**

**R, Y1 & Y2 Nativity – 2.30pm**

**12.12.23**

**KS2 Christmas  
Extravaganza – 6pm**

**21.12.23**

**Last day of Term – pick up  
3.30pm**

**22.12.23 – 05.01.24**

**Christmas holidays**  
(school closed to all  
students)



**08.01.24**

**School open to all students**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hoping you are all well.

Another week has passed and that means it is another week closer to Christmas. I noticed this week on my return to London everywhere was looking a little more festive and there were more lights and a bit of sparkle happening. The sparkle is beginning to creep into our activities at school. I have noticed tinsel appearing as hair bobbles and the children are starting to make decorations to hang in our hall to make it festive for the last few weeks of term. The Christmas production is well on its way and the children are on the final push for the end performance. I hope all of you attending the Christmas disco this evening have a great time and I cannot wait to hear all about it on my return.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the coffee and cake morning on Thursday. I really enjoyed meeting you in an informal way and having a chat. We will be doing one again at the start of the Spring term, but this time at the end of the day. It's a great way to have a chat informally with yourselves and another excuse to eat cake! Some of the things that came out of the coffee morning this time were;

- that the children enjoy attending OA Putney,
- that parents appreciate all the extra activities that happen,
- that you trust the academy to get the best results for your children and
- that you like seeing staff on the gate at the beginning and end of the school day.

Things we are going to look at moving forward with is;

- trying to communicate with parents as early as possible,
- putting a timetable in place for the class reps to meet their teachers and members of the Leadership team and
- advertising and marketing of the school within the community.

I will keep you informed of the priorities as we move forward.

The mini SLT, with the support of Miss O'Brien, are continuing their quest to improve some of the areas of school life and they are doing a great job of getting other pupils' voice and ideas and are starting to implement some of their ideas. I will ask if they can write a paragraph for this page next week to share with you, their successes.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend; I have heard it is snowing up North so looking forward to making a snowman over the weekend.

Tracey and the Putney Team



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## CERTIFICATES OF THE WEEK



	Writer of the Week	Reader of the Week	9 Habit Certificate	Mathematical Thinking Award
Conker Class	Laura	Aleena	Zoe	Hope
Birch Class	Eisa	Martin	Artem	Lawson
Maple Class	Anna	Bonnie-May	Liberty	Kayson D
Sycamore Class	Elisa	Wren	Adannia	Miya
Pine Class	Rosie R	Eden	Luc	-
Elm Class	Dexter	Che	Samanta	Eliana
Chestnut Class	Leo	Sasha	Ayesha	Imaan B

### 3 Cs CERTIFICATE

This week, the recipients of the special certificate recognising their fantastic character, competence or commitment to the community are:

KS1	KS2
Finley	Resjona

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Conker Class	Birch Class	Maple Class	Sycamore Class	Pine Class	Elm Class	Chestnut Class
92.86%	96.88%	96.59%	97.50%	98.71%	92.50%	99.50%

## Eco-Champions

Today, the Library Monitors and the Eco-Champions from Oasis Putney got to go on a very special visit to Putney High School. We are very fortunate to be working in partnership with Putney High School to launch a new Eco-reading challenge.

The children set off on foot at 9.10 this morning and walked to Putney High School (already doing our bit for the environment!). They were greeted by warm smiles and friendly faces by both the staff and the students at Putney High School. Over a refreshment of juice and cookies, the children made introductions and got to tell the Putney High School students all about the fabulous sustainability work that we do at Oasis Putney. Oasis Putney students were then told all about the Eco-Reading challenge which they will be launching to the rest of the school on Monday. After that, they enjoyed a series of activities linked to sustainability and around climate change, including a Kahoot quiz and question flash cards.

Our Oasis Putney students did us proud - as always - and they are very excited to be our Eco-reading challenge ambassadors (easily identifiable by their new Eco-reading ambassador badges!).

Some feedback on the morning:

“The Putney High students were really nice!” – Phoebe

“I loved working with the Putney High students to launch the reading challenge,” – Rosie V.

“We learned how to make the world a better place,” – Layla B.

“The Kahoot quiz was really fun and if any team got an answer wrong, everyone was really compassionate,” - Khyla.

Thank you to the staff and students at Putney High School for making us feel so welcomed.



## ATTENDANCE

Dear All,

A brief note regarding Attendance.

We are currently at 96.46% and I would be delighted if we could edge a little closer to our target of 97% by the end of term.

With end of term Attendance awards approaching, in addition to '100% Attendance' and 'Attendance Improvement', I would like to run a competition for the last few weeks of term. A prize will be awarded to any pupil with 100% attendance during the period of twelve days, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Let's do our very best to keep the momentum going.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

***Charlotte Rettie***

***Admissions and Attendance Officer***





## Reception

### Our learning this week...

This week we have focused our learning on different celebrations around the world, in particular the Nativity story and the story of Hanukkah. We have been recapping the phonics sounds we have already learnt, as well as ensuring we know how to read Professor Lexicon's tricky words. In Maths, we have looked at number bonds to 5, as well as finding one more and one less than a given number. The children have been using a range of resources to help them, including cubes and number lines and have also been able to write addition and subtraction sentences.



### Happy News...

We have been getting ready for our Nativity performance by practising our songs.

We have been busy creating some beautiful Christmas decorations to decorate our school hall and our classroom.

The children enjoyed a walk down to Beverley Brook in Outdoor Learning to play Pooh Sticks with their Stickmen.

### Important parent information for next week:

- Outdoor Learning will be on Thursday's for the remainder of the term, please ensure your child comes to school with the appropriate items on this day. You are welcome to leave their Outdoor Learning clothes at school if this will help.
- In Reception the children love to be creative so please could we ask for any donations of: small cardboard boxes, clean empty yoghurt pots, cardboard rolls, clean empty milk bottles, bottle lids, clean egg cartons, dried pasta various shapes and any other crafting materials that would otherwise be unused.
- Please ensure that your children are **not bringing any toys** to school as these are becoming very distracting.

### Quote of the week...

Rocco "I'm so excited for Christmas!"

## Year 1

### Our learning this week...

In Maths this week, the children consolidated their learning on their topics from the autumn term. We also enjoyed challenging ourselves when solving lots of balance equations; it was lovely to see the children's enthusiasm and determination to work out the correct answers. In English, we looked at plot point 6. We also looked at using the plurals s and es and using the conjunction 'and'. In art, the children looked at the artist Georges Seurat. In History, the children continued learning about Nelson Mandela and placed some significant life events on a timeline. In RE, the children looked at Mother Teresa and how she helped others. They drew amazing pictures of her and recorded some facts about her on Showbie. In phonics, we learnt the new sounds **wh** and **ph**. The children wrote lot of words and sentences containing these sounds.



### Happy News...

The children were excited to find out their parts in our nativity show and are continuing to practise their songs; they sound amazing!

### Important parent information for next week:

- You are invited to our parent showcase on Thursday between 3.30 – 4.00. During this time, you can look at the children's books with them.
- Nativity letters went home on Monday – please bring in your child's costume in a named plastic bag by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- Please ensure your child brings in their charged iPad every day if it is not being stored in class.
- Please ensure reading records and books are in school every day. Please write a comment in your child's reading record each time they read to you.
- Please watch the daily practice videos found in the parent resource section on Showbie. These will help your child to consolidate the new sounds taught.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Quote of the week...

'Mother Teresa showed all the nine habits.' - Arwen

## Year 2

### Our learning this week...

This week Maple class have started to complete their sentence stacking lessons to build a journey narrative based upon our text 'Meerkat Mail'. The children are working hard to write this in the present tense.

In maths, the children are continuing to develop their understanding of adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers with and without exchanges.

In science this week, the children learnt about non-renewable and renewable energy sources! Next week our final lesson as part of our 'recycle and reuse' unit will be about water conservation.



### Happy News...

Nativity rehearsals are in full swing! The children are doing well so far. Please ensure they continue to practise their lines at home!

### Important parent information for next week:

- PE kits are needed on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**
- Reading books and reading records should be in school everyday
- Meet the teacher on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**
- Nativity costumes in by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**
- Parent showcase on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

### Quote of the week...

'Hip, hip, HORAY!' – Maple Class in the Nativity

## Year 3

### Our learning this week...

In English this week, we have been planning and writing our own responses to 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. The class produced detailed structures to follow when working independently. In maths, the class have been working on multiplying and dividing by 3. In reading, we have used our 'VIPERS' skills when analysing our new text, 'Ambush'.

We had a wonderful history lesson on Wednesday, looking at hieroglyphics, and producing our own cartouches. In PSHE, the class looked at individual liberty, and how it works hand in hand with rule of law.

### Happy News...

Our group of Year 3/4 boys had an excellent football festival on Wednesday, despite the weather not being on our side!

### Important parent information for next week:

- Sycamore will be hosting their class bake sale on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. All donations will go towards the class garden in the new year, so please spread the word!
- On Tuesdays each week we will be changing our reading books. Please ensure your child has their books with them so that they can make these changes.
- On Tuesdays we also have recorder – please ensure these are in bags and ready.
- With Workout Wednesdays now underway, please can you ensure children have their kit with them on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Please try and read with your child in the evenings and record them in their reading records.

### Quote of the week...

"I love playing football in the rain!" Benaiah



## Year 4

### Our learning this week...

We are now entering a very busy time of year and the children have been great at keeping up with everything that has been going on.

In English, we finished off the plot points for their story based on Moon Man, and next week they will be writing their own version of a journey narrative using our work on Moon Man as inspiration for this.

The children were able to finish off their wonderful artwork this week. They have been working on this for three sessions and they have used monochrome scales and tertiary colours to create their work. You can see that they have created wonderful erupting volcanoes! We will be moving on to learn about the Japanese artist, Hokusai.

In geography, we are nearing the end of our topic all about volcanoes and earthquakes. The children have been working in a group to learn about the tsunami that hit Japan in 2011, and report on the effects and aftermath of this on the country and the world. They have also learnt about the importance of preparation and warnings for tsunamis and the impact this can have on saving lives!



### Happy News

The children are doing a wonderful job of learning their lines for our Christmas show – this is on the 12<sup>th</sup> December!

### Important parent information for next week:

- PE will continue to be on Tuesday and Wednesday each week.
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas show for parents 6pm.
- **13<sup>th</sup> December – Natural History Museum trip for our Extreme Weather event show** (all day trip).
- **Times tables – please continue to learn your tables and use the link on Showbie to practise at home regularly. Please use the 'doing well' section.**

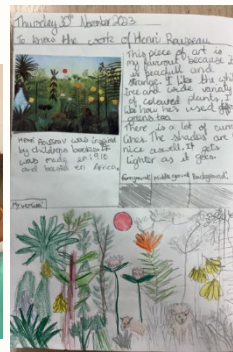
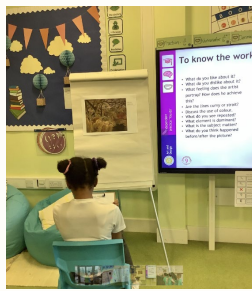
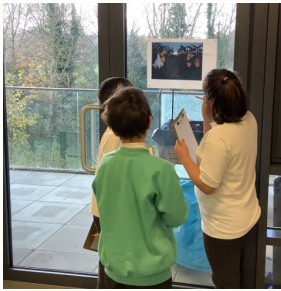
### Quote of the week...

'We've been learning about volcanoes and earthquakes, and in art we painted our volcanoes – they are cool!' Rosie V

## Year 5

### Our learning this week...

Another busy week in Year 5! The children wrote some beautiful independent pieces in English, using traditional tales to inspire their work. The class is making fantastic use of our 'writing rainbow' (literary techniques) to uplevel their writing. In maths, we are continuing to embed our knowledge on fractions, helping us to solve trickier reasoning and problem-solving questions. In science, the children learnt about solar and lunar eclipses and created some lovely information pages to demonstrate their understanding. In art, we critiqued the work of Henri Rousseau and discussed his use of colour, shade, and shape. I'm really looking forward to their final pieces at the end of this unit! Finally, rehearsals for the Christmas production are coming to a close – I'm sure the final show will be quite the spectacle!



### Happy News...

The children did very well in their maths and reading assessments last week.

### Important parent information for next week:

- Our PE day has changed to Thursday. **Please bring in kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays from now on.**
- Please ensure the children look at their spelling from the past few weeks (Aut 1 and 2). I will be testing them more regularly on spellings from previous weeks to ensure these are embedded.
- Please ensure books from the library are brought in every day.

### Quote of the week...

"The denominators need to be the same when we add fractions!" - Eliana

## Year 6

### Our learning this week...

This week, in writing, the children have been writing their independent stories. They have been using lots of fantastic techniques such as pathetic fallacy and metaphors and included fantastic vocabulary. They then worked in pairs to assess their work and some excellent discussions were had by the children about their learning!

In maths, we have begun our fractions unit. The children have been using bar models to help them compare fractions with different denominators and then using more abstract methods to find the lowest common multiples.

In geography, the children used an app called Mindly to create a mind map about how natural resources are used in the UK and around the world. They thoroughly enjoyed using the app to help them organise their thinking and their ideas.

In science this week, we looked at microorganisms. The children learned about the different types of microorganisms such as bacteria and fungus. They also learned about viruses – although not true microorganisms, they behave in a similar way; however, unlike bacteria and fungus, there is no good viruses.



### Happy News...

Year 6 have really enjoyed their art topic this term which has a painting focus. The children have added skylines to their backgrounds and soon will be creating reflections on water. Keep an eye out for the final pieces coming in the newsletter soon!

### Important parent information for next week:

- PE is on Wednesdays. Please remind your child to bring their PE kit on that day.
- Homework is due on Wednesday.
- Please remind your child to read regularly and to add a minimum of three detailed comments to their reading record.
- Next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, there is a parent showcase. Please come and join us in the Year 6 classroom, where your child can share their work with you.

### Quote of the week...

“Boom! Bang! The volcano erupted. It was savage, wild, and vicious” - extract from Leo’s independent writing.