

**Key Dates:** 

23.10.23 – 29.10.23 HALF TERM

30.10.23

School Open to Pupils – 9am

08.11.23

Y6 Class Assembly - 9.15am

09.11.23

Y6 SAT's Meeting – 9am

22.11.23

Y5 Class Assembly - 9.15am

For term dates please visit:

<u>Term Dates -</u>
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# OASIS PUTNEY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hoping you are all well.

The first half of autumn term has been a great one; we are really grateful for all the opportunities our amazing teachers and parent volunteers provide to bring learning to life. The pupils have had science, African drumming, poetry and art workshops, visited various places in London to consolidate learning and Mr Looker is making huge progress with the sporting events and competitions we are now a part of; this is something we have been so keen to develop and we are making great strides. Thank you all so much for everything you do for our incredible children – making memories that will last a lifetime – and none of it would be possible without the dedication and unwavering commitment of our staff and parents.

#### **Cake Sales**

Please add the following dates to your diary for the PTFA cake sales:

30th October 2023 - Conker

13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Birch

4<sup>th</sup> December 2023- Sycamore

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024– Elm

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 - Pine

5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Maple

26th February 2024 - Chestnut

#### **Southfields Sporting Event**

On Tuesday, a group of pupils attended a Wandsworth sporting event with other schools where they came first place! We are so proud of them, and they had the opportunity to tell us about their achievement in assembly this morning.

#### **Breakfast at the Golden Table**

A huge congratulations to the below pupils who achieved the highest amount of behaviour points this half term. They will join myself for Breakfast at the Golden Table on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

November ©

Year 1: Declan and Arwen

Year 2: Kiaan and Emilia

Year 3: Eloise and Aras

Year 4: Daisy and Layla B

Year 5: Kai and Leila C

Year 6: Alanna and Muhammad

#### **Black History Month**

Black History Month celebrations continue at school, and yesterday the pupils enjoyed a Jamaican - themed lunch which was absolutely delicious! This week, the pupils created some fantastic Kente designs inspired by the artist El Anatsui a Ghanian painter and sculptor.



Wishing you all a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Take care, The Oasis Putney Team 😊



# **CERTIFICATES OF THE WEEK**



	Writer of the Week	Reader of the Week	9 Habit Certificate	Mathematical Thinking Award
Conker Class	-	-	-	-
Birch Class	Sophia	Mounir	Tianah	Macari
Maple Class	Bonnie-May	Leo B	Kiaan	Anna
Sycamore Class	Marcello	Estrela	Eloise	Cameron
Pine Class	Ethan C	Rory	Idil	Marta
Elm Class	Edward	Myla	Isabella	-
Chestnut Class	Marli-J	Ayesha	Roman	Alana

# **3 Cs CERTIFICATE**

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

KS1	KS2
Aisha	Rosie R

## **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

Conker Class	Birch Class	Maple Class	Sycamore Class	Pine Class	Elm Class	Chestnut Class
100%	98.75%	95.45%	94.20%	95.69%	98.75%	97.00%

#### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

School Attendance has a considerable impact on children's learning, social interaction, confidence, and general wellbeing. At Oasis Academy Putney, we have high expectations for EVERY pupil's attendance.

We are pleased to report that our attendance percentage for the academic year stands at 96.3%, which is a fantastic achievement. The Government have set attendance targets for all schools back to the standards pre covid.

We could not have achieved this figure without the marked improvement from a handful of pupils. Through regular communication and approaching each situation on an individual basis, together we have overcome challenges and issues. As a result, these families have received congratulatory attendance letters.

We continue to boost attendance through ideas and initiatives. Attendance stickers are distributed by our Class Attendance Officers on a weekly basis and a few lucky year groups will enjoy a non-uniform day / hot chocolate after half term, awarded for their excellent attendance during Autumn 1. Pupils can also look forward to the end of term when goody bags will be awarded for exceptional attendance. Also, we are excited to announce that there are currently 85 pupils with 100% attendance, with no sessions missed.

	Attendan	ce Traffic Li	ght
<b>(</b>	0 Days off School	100%	Perfection
	2 Days off School	99%	Excellent
	5 Days off School	97%	Good
	10 Days off School	95%	Slight Concern
	20 Days off School	90%	Concerned
	20 Days off School	85%	Very Concerned

**REMINDERS:** A gentle reminder that routine dental and GP appointments, where possible, should be booked outside of school hours. We appreciate that this is not always an option with hospital appointments, however, please note that all medical absences still affect attendance percentage, despite being authorised absences.

Please may we also remind parents and pupils about the importance of punctuality. When a pupil is late to class, they miss vital time to settle in at the start of the day, in addition to any learning missed. Secondly, arriving late can cause unnecessary disruptions to other pupils, who are already focused and ready to learn. Furthermore, teaching staff are interrupted, as they manage late arrivals. As adults, we know how embarrassing it can be arriving late. Children have the same feeling.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 30th October. In the meantime, if you have any attendance concerns, please do reach out to us. We want to support all our families in the best way that we can. Enjoy the half term break!

Best wishes,

Charlotte Rettie

Admissions and Attendance Officer



# RECYCLING WEEK 16th - 22nd October

#### THE OASIS TRUST IS SERIOUS ABOUT SUSTANABILITY!

Oasis has set new targets to recycle 75% of our academy waste by the end of the year – that's a whole load of recycling! This year's Recycle Week theme is: 'The Big Recycling Hunt' focusing on the items that can be recycled but are commonly missed.



#### SCHOOL FOYER RECYCLING

BATTERIES – add your batteries to our recycling box in the foyer.

UNIFORM – support the PTFA & reduce waste by donating your preloved good quality uniform to the collection basket in the foyer.





Can you tighten up your recycling at home?

#### WHAT ARE THE LOST RECYCLABLES?

These are the 5 items that can often be recycled – but too many are going in the bin:

Plastic pots, tubs & trays

Plastic detergent & cleaning bottles

Plastic shampoo & conditioner bottles

Aerosols

Food cans & tins



If you decide to enter,
please also send us your photo at
info@oasisputney.org



Share your learning with others

#### Selfie challenge

Take a photo showing one of the lost recyclables in the wrong place with a caption saying where it would rather be.

Share your photo to educate others! Each month, all photos will be entered into a prize draw to win a £20 book token.









### Reception

#### Our learning this week...

This week's topic was Feelings. The children listened to the story "The Colour Monster", discussed how the monster was feeling throughout the story and learned how to group the feelings into the different colours. At the beginning of the week, we have started a Colour Monster check in. The children were encouraged to express their feelings, explain why they were feeling that way and find a way to return to the "green", relaxed state. In Maths, we continued exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3 through various interactive games and practical activities. We also worked some more on patterns, including up to 4 steps. In phonics we learn the sounds ck, e and u.

#### Happy News...

The children have loved learning about their emotions and have been really supportive of each other, helping their friends to control their feelings and actions.

#### Important parent information for next week:

- School is closed next week for half term. I hope you all have a lovely week with your children.
- 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.

#### Quote of the week...

"I will be kind to everyone, so everyone is happy" – Aslan.

#### Our learning this week...

In Maths this week, we looked at adding two numbers together and adding more. We told addition stories using 'First, then and now' to help us embed the concept. In English, we continued to look at poetry and came up with some fantastic adjectives to describe a set of rhyming words to create a rhyming couplet; we will create our poems after half term. In phonics, we recapped the sounds: oi, ear, air, ure and er. The children had to read some words on ears and the place them onto the giant face on the whiteboard. In handwriting this week, we practised writing the letters 'l', 't', 'l' and 'u'. N.B. These letters will be sent home after half term. In science, we looked at the sense of smell. We had a variety of objects to smell and then we made predictions first on Showbie and then recorded how they smelt in our books.

#### Happy News...

The children loved their Black History Month art workshop. They looked at Kente cloth patterns and then created their own using tissue paper and water. They also looked at the Ghanaian sculptor, El Anatsui, and created concertinas using Adinkra symbols.

#### Important parent information for next week:

- Homework books will be sent home after half term
- Half term homework will be on Showbie in the homework folder
- 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.

Have a lovely half term!

#### Quote of the week...

'I loved smelling the onion' - Declan.

#### Year 2

#### Our learning this week...

We made it! Autumn 1 is complete, and I am very proud of the progress the children have made already!

This week, the children have finished sentence stacking linked to the poem 'If I were in charge of the world', by Judith Voirst. They will be planning and writing their own poems titled 'If I were in charge of the school' when we get back after half term.

In maths, the children have been using their knowledge of place value and number to find 'related facts'. For example, if I know 3+4=7, then I know 30+40=70 (as well as facts such as 33+44=77, 23+4=27, 3+54=57 and so on).

The children have also started to learn about India, our link country for this year. 😊



#### Happy News...

The children loved taking part in the October Gallery art workshop. They learnt about the artist El Anatsui and they used West African Adinkra symbols.

#### Important parent information for next week:

- See you on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October!
- Half term homework is saved on Showbie in the homework folder.

#### Quote of the week...

"I enjoyed learning about West African Culture." – Max "I liked that we could get creative." – Anna



#### Our learning this week...

This week, we have been exploring a poem called 'The reflection in me' by Marc Colagiovanni and we have been writing our own verses with a variety of wonderful vocabulary. In maths we have been practising adding and subtracting across 10 using place value counters.

On Monday in music, the children explored some Ugandan music and played this on a variety of instruments in small groups. They sounded great. On Friday, the class completed their fabric pieces to create our quilt celebrating the inspirational women during black history month.

#### Happy News...

On Wednesday, we had our art workshop with the October Gallery and created some fantastic art.

#### Important parent information for next week:

 With the weather now on the turn, please feel free to send pupils in with an alternative pair of schos to wear during the walk to swimming on a Thursday morning – provided they bring their school shoes also.

Have a lovely half term break!

#### Quote of the week...

"It was really nice to have some different teachers!" - Marcello

#### Our learning this week...

We have now reached half term and what a great start to year 4 we have had. The children have worked so hard in all areas of their learning, and they have completed so much work.

In English, the children wrote their own poems, and we have some lovely poetry pieces really encapsulating the style of Joeph's original one.

In maths, the children are continuing to work on exchanges in subtraction and addition and are using their mathematical language very well to explain and reason what they are doing.

In topic work this week, the children have completed a number of quizzes to see how much they have learnt this term, and they have also completed work on climates and how weather and climate have been affected and the impact of this on habitats and animals.

#### Happy News...

The children thoroughly enjoyed the art gallery workshop this week. They created their own Kente designs based on El Anatsui's artwork at the Tate.

#### Important parent information for next week:

 A reminder to all our parents that children need to have their PE kit in school, and not come to school in it. We have PE with Mr Dylan every Tuesday and on Wednesdays there will be a fitness lesson, so kits need to be in school for this lesson.

Quote of the week...

"That workshop was so fun!" - Rosie V

#### Our learning this week...

The children have worked incredibly hard in their final week before half term and produced some excellent work across the curriculum. In English, the children finished their poems based on Maya Angelou's, 'Still I Rise'. I have been amazed by how profound some of these poems are. We certainly have some wordsmiths in the class!

In maths, we have been using arrays to help demonstrate our understanding of multiples, factors and prime numbers. The children have also been celebrating Black History Month this week, where they learnt about Mary Prince – the first black woman to publish an autobiography of her experience as a slave in Great Britain. The children wrote some lovely letters from Mary's perspective; some of which will be read out in assembly after half term.





#### Happy News...

We had two successful parents' evenings in the hall, where I had the opportunity to share some of the wonderful work produced this term. The children loved their Black History Month themed art workshop.

#### Important parent information for next week:

• Half term homework on Showbie.

#### Quote of the week...

"Everyone should be treated fairly. We are all unique and special, and should show respect to one another" - Myla

#### Our learning this week...

This week, in English, we have been writing poems based on the poem Beautiful Ambition by Karl Nova. We have been thinking about how to make our workflow and have been learning to use metaphors in our writing.

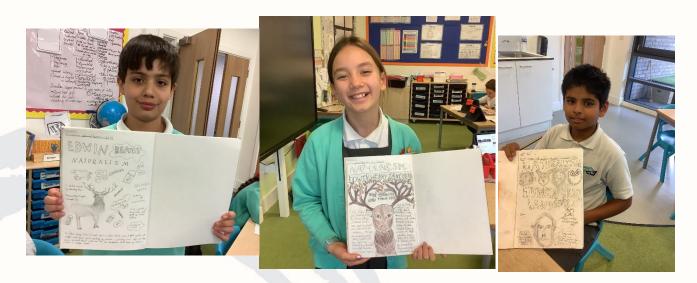
In maths, we have been learning division and multiplication. We used place value columns to help us work out how to divide, especially when exchanging.

This week, art, we continued our fact file on Edwin Henry Landseer. We learned that he was a favourite of Queen Victorian, and he was friends with Charles Dickins.

In PE, we have been learning basketball. On Wednesday practised passing and dribbling.

In history, we learned about different conquests and invasions in Britain. We learned about what impact this has on Britain today. For example, the Romans brought roads to the Britian which we still used today!

#### Written by Marli-J and Matilda



#### Happy News...

Our poems have been the best piece of writing we have done so far!

#### Important parent information for next week:

- PE is on Wednesdays. Please remind your child to bring their PE kit on that day.
- Please remind your child to read regularly and to add a minimum of three detailed comments to their reading record.
- Happy Half-term!

#### Quote of the week...

"This has been my best piece of work so far!" - Josh