

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Date: Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembrance Day

This Monday, we will be observing Remembrance Day, a significant occasion to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed in the armed forces. We encourage all children to come to school wearing a poppy as a symbol of remembrance and respect. There will be lessons in class next week on remembrance day.

During our assembly, we will gather in the hall to hold a minute's silence. This moment of reflection will allow us to collectively pay tribute to the bravery and dedication of those who have served. Let's come together to mark this important day with the solemnity and respect it deserves.

Anti-bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we are excited to launch it with a special assembly on Monday afternoon. This year's theme is "Choose Respect", emphasizing the importance of treating everyone with kindness and consideration.

To mark the occasion, we invite all children to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday. Odd Socks Day, which will be celebrated on the 12th of November, is a fun way to celebrate our uniqueness and individuality. Let's all participate and show that we stand together against bullying by embracing our differences!

Welcome Back, Kerry!

We are delighted to welcome back Kerry, our wonderful chef, who some of you may have seen at the gate. We are thrilled to have her return, and the children are already enjoying the delicious meals she prepares for lunch. Kerry's culinary skills and warm presence have been greatly missed, and we are so happy to have her back with us!

Reception Class 2025

It is the time of year again to apply for a Reception Class place!

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you can apply for a Reception place at Oasis by going online here <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Oasis Academy Putney is a very special school and provides excellent Early Years education, with a creative outdoor space, caring staff and a commitment to developing early language and literacy.

You are welcome to join my Tuesday tour to see Reception children in action and do encourage your friends and family to visit too.

You can sign up here for a tour <https://www.oasisacademyputney.org/admissions/open-events>

Gate Opening on Fridays

Please note that the school gates will open at **8:55 AM on Friday mornings** due to staff briefings. If you travel by car, we kindly ask that you try to arrive earlier to prevent a backlog of cars.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Miss Rebecca Hughes and the OAP team 😊

Certificates of the Week

This week's winners are...

	Writer of the Week	Reader of the Week	9 Habit Certificate	Mathematical Thinking Award
Conker	From spring	From spring	From spring	From spring
Maple	Tommy	Artem	Viktor	Macari
Sycamore	Jack	Kayson D	Leo B	Anfa
Pine	James	Rex	Alice	Marcello
Elm	Bilal	Rosie	Sora	Lilia
Chestnut	Caleb	Che	Elani	Edward



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Conker	Maple	Sycamore	Pine	Elm	Chestnut
94.71%	93.37%	95.00%	95.68%	98.26%	96.53%

Reception

Welcome back to an exciting term in Conker Class! We have had a fantastic first week full of creativity and learning, centred around our theme of Diwali and fireworks. The children dove into a range of activities that brought the festival of lights to life! They enjoyed making Diwali cards for loved ones, carefully crafting beautiful rangoli patterns, and creating their own clay diya lamps. We also explored the wonder of fireworks with paint, using bright colours and different techniques to capture the sparkle and excitement of a fireworks display!

The children worked on some fun counting activities too, adding the correct number of beads to represent fireworks and building colourful rockets from different shapes to boost their math and motor skills.

In Phonics, we learned the sounds *l*, *ll*, and *ss*, officially completing our Phase 2 sounds! Next week, we will start revisiting each sound to reinforce learning. The class also celebrated a victory over Professor Lexicon by successfully reading tricky words like "go" and "to"—a big accomplishment!

In Maths, we focused on comparing quantities, helping Monkey and Tiger figure out who had more and fewer objects, and the children showed a great understanding of these concepts. We also dove into English with the story of *Rama and Sita*, looking at five main plot points. Acting out the story with puppets added an extra layer of fun and engagement.

It has been a wonderful start to the term, and we are looking forward to more exciting learning adventures next week!

Year 1 & Year 2

Year 1 and 2 have had a wonderful first week back after the holidays! They were excited to receive a special letter from Nelly the Nosey Neighbour, who shared some surprising news. She revealed that Mr. Grinling's lunch had been stolen by some very mischievous seagulls! The children have begun writing their own responses to Nelly, filled with creative ideas and solutions to protect Mr. Grinling's lunch in the future.

In maths, the children have successfully completed their unit on addition and subtraction. Next week, they are delving into place value, building a stronger understanding to help them reason and solve more complex problems.

In art, the children have picked up their brushes and are starting to create beautiful paintings, this week focusing on tints and creating a gradient. Meanwhile, in geography, they are exploring the world's continents and beginning to understand the diversity of our planet.

Next week the children are going to be completing tasks linked to anti-bullying week with a focus on 'choose respect' and they will even have a visit from the police in preparation for road safety week.

Year 3

This week in Year 3 has been full of exciting activities and learning!

Our author study on Roald Dahl is off to a great start with our new class text, *George's Marvellous Medicine*. We've read the opening chapters and met George and his very unusual grandma! The children are enjoying discussing the characters and guessing what George's "medicine" might do.

In Maths, we've been working on arrays to understand multiplication, focusing on the 2, 5, and 10 times tables. The students are getting the hang of using arrays to spot patterns and visualize multiplication, building confidence in these foundational skills.

Our Science topic this term is rocks! We explored metamorphic rocks this week, learning how they're created with heat and pressure. To bring this concept to life, we did a chocolate lava experiment, melting chocolate to mimic lava cooling into rock formations. The children loved this hands-on activity!

In Art, we experimented with watercolour painting techniques, and the students used their new skills to create pictures of the "wicked grandma" from *George's Marvellous Medicine*. Their work captured her unique character perfectly!

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to more fun and learning next week!

Year 4

Welcome back, everyone! We are already in November and how time is flying by!

Pine Class have made a great start to the new term by writing our fantastic brochures all about London. The children have been learning about persuasive writing and have used many of the techniques and features in their own work, those include: power of three, alliteration, use of exaggeration and imperative verbs. They have all done such a great job and I know that whoever reads them will want to come and visit London and its amazing sights and sounds!

We have made a start on our new topics this term and those are: states of matter in science, Ancient Greece and volcanoes and earthquakes in geography. In science this week, we focused on our understanding of the three states of matter and what their properties are. We discussed solids, liquids and gases and how they are different to one another. We talked about that gas can be compressed, but a solid has a fixed shape.

The class have shown great interest in our topic about Ancient Greece. We have been introduced to democracy and the three periods that demarcate time in Ancient Greece. We have looked at what life may have been like, and the influence Ancient Greece has had on our lifestyles up to this day. On Friday, the children had a late celebration of Diwali in RE by making tea light (Diya) pots using clay. They used paint to decorate these in bright colours and they are displayed on our topic table, making the room pop with colour!

Year 5

This week, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to Twickenham Stadium! Our day began with a tour, where the children had the chance to see the England team's changing rooms, walk through the players' entry tunnel, and even sit in the prestigious royal box. The tour concluded on the pitch, bringing us right to the heart of English rugby. Following this, we took part in an engaging workshop, where the children used Top Trumps-style cards to create their own "dream team" based on a mix of player skills. To wrap up the day, we visited the World Rugby Museum. Here, the children loved trying on team shirts and testing their skills in interactive activities, including scrum practice, agility drills, speed tests, and even a commentator challenge. After a full day of walking and learning, we returned to school happily worn out!

Back in the classroom, we've started a new writing unit on *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy, with children crafting some fantastic character descriptions and setting details. In maths, we've wrapped up our first multiplication and division unit, while in science, we've kicked off an exciting unit on space, which will include a visit to the Natural History Museum. Finally, in history, we are exploring the remarkable inventions and influence of the Early Islamic Civilisation in Baghdad. The children's curiosity and enthusiasm have been wonderful to see!

Year 6

In writing, we have just started exploring the book *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan. This wordless graphic novel is a powerful piece, rich with detailed and imaginative illustrations. The children have been captivated by the mysterious world Tan has created, and we're focusing on how imagery alone can tell a story. This week, we discussed how we can add narrative elements to these images using techniques like pathetic fallacy to reflect mood through nature, and metaphors to add layers of meaning to our descriptions.

In Maths, we wrapped up our unit on all four operations. The children worked hard on mastering long division and are showing solid progress in their general arithmetic skills. Next week, we will begin our new unit on fractions.

In science this week, the children were introduced to their new topic: classification. The children created their very own guidebooks, grouping vertebrates according to their unique characteristics. This topic will come to life even more during our upcoming trip to Kew Gardens on Thursday 14th November, where they will take part in a workshop about classifying plants.

In History, we travelled back to the Industrial Revolution, exploring some of the most groundbreaking inventions of the era. The children were fascinated to learn about inventions like the steam engine and the spinning jenny and discussed how these innovations transformed society. These discussions have sparked curiosity about how inventions impact our daily lives, both past and present.

Finally, a reminder that next week, Year 6 will be completing mock SATs. This is a valuable opportunity for the children to practice under test conditions, helping them feel more prepared and confident for the real assessments in the spring term.