



AUTUMN TERM 2017

It has been a wonderful but very productive term again at Old Oak. December is always a busy time. This week in particular has seen two big performances. The Nativity was again a great success involving the children from Early Years and Key Stage 1, they acted and sang beautifully and looked fantastic! Thank you to Miss Horne and Miss McCartney for bringing this together.



Also on Tuesday the school choir sang at the winter festival of music at the town hall. This is an event where the children sing with other schools and a full orchestra to produce another truly memorable occasion.



Next week we still have our Festival of Food in aid of Hope for Children in Ghana and the class parties on Tuesday.

Also this term we have had Year 6 going to the farm for a week at Wick Court; Bubble and Squeak selling their cards and chutney; the French Breakfast; the Brave the Shave challenge; Black History week; class assemblies every Wednesday, the MacMillan tea party and school council visiting the Houses of Parliament. In class, we have continued with the Power of Reading in English, Maths Mastery in mathematics and the International Primary Curriculum. You have spoken to your teacher and seen your child's books and know how to support them further. So what a busy term! Thank you to all the staff who have made these events happen. You and the children deserve a good rest next week.

Mr. Brown

REMINDER - SCHOOL FINISHES ON WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER 2017 at 1.45pm

CELEBRATION OF FOOD- MONDAY 18th DECEMBER - REMINDER

On Monday 18th December, we invite you to prepare something for our celebration of food in the afternoon after school. Please prepare a sweet or savoury dish, perhaps traditional to your country which we can share at the

event. The food may be brought in at 3.00pm on Monday 18th, or earlier in the day if it does not need to be reheated. Please label your dish with those ingredients which may cause allergies. Please contact Lydia and Miss Robertson for more information.

Children, may if they wish, come to school in traditional dress for the day on the 18th and the celebration will take place in the lower hall from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Money raised will help children go to school in Ghana.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 18th December – Celebration of Food in the lower hall from 3.30-4.30pm in aid of Hope for Children

Tuesday 19th December – class parties in the afternoon with a visit from Santa Claus

Wednesday 20th December – school finishes at 1.45pm. Key Stage 2 Winter Music Festival in the lower hall from 1.00pm. The school holiday begins today

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 – INSET day for all staff

Wednesday 3rd January 2018- first day of school for all children

DANCE CLUB - AFTER SCHOOL



Looking back over 2017
It has been an incredible year, we have engaged a record number of West Londoners in our dance classes, projects and programmes. We have produced programmes in schools, care homes, parks, professional venues - giving access and inspiring West London communities to engage and participate in high-quality dance. Here are just some of the highlights.

Ignition Dance Festival
We produced the fourth edition of Ignition Dance Festival, supported by Arts Council England. Ignition is West London's only dance festival and it was in its delivery as it supports both professional choreographers and community dancers. For professional choreographers we offered commissions and a producing package to create new work. 125 choreographers applied for the seven commissions and our choreographer's platform was featured in the Guardian-Guide, The Stage, London Live, London Dance. For the community we offered the chance to take part in a professionally produced community dance platform. Over 1,000 dancers aged 0-85 took part in our community dance platforms at Lyric Hamersworth and Rose Theatre Kingston. Featuring work from a Bollywood, Contemporary, Hip-Hop, Tap, Tango and Ballet background.

Boiler not On!
Boiler not On! offers adults 65+ access to free weekly dance classes! Taking place in sheltered accommodation, care homes and community centres in West London. In July 2017 DanceWest was awarded funding from the Arts Council Commissioning Group to expand the classes into three new sites in Hamersworth. The programme now engages 325 adults a week!

Dancing Backs
We launched our programme supported by Arts Council England, Hamersworth & Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster. The project offers free dance classes in 14 venues for pre-school children and their families. Children's books are reviewed and then used as the inspiration for the classes. Dancing Backs encourages the development of theory skills and improves storytelling.

DanceWest Youth Company
In September 2017, DanceWest launched a youth dance company for West London. Led by Choreographer Shan Gillispie who has created work for Q2 Arts, Phoenix Dance Studio, East London Dance and the Royal Academy of Dance. Over thirty-five young people applied and took part in an audition. Next year the group will work towards performances at high profile industry events.

Revised Malthus & The Firstborn: Collaboration
Critically acclaimed choreographer Russell Mather and leading UK venue The Pavilion collaborated with DanceWest to offer access to Malthus & The Firstborn to the critically acclaimed choreographer's work. Young people from our programmes attended the performance and then had access to a workshop with Russell's dancer. We also delivered a workshop for recent graduates and early career professional dancers.



Look out in January 2018 for a new free dance club after school. We are working together with the organisation Dance.West who do a lot of work in West London to promote dance. The club will be run by professional dancers who will train the children for a performance at the end of the spring term. It is open to both boys and girls in key stage 2, but of course numbers are limited to 30 children. Look out for more details in the first newsletter after the holidays.

There are a few copies of Dance.West's latest newsletter in the main reception, if you would like to know more about this organisation and the programmes they offer.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD – READ WITH YOUR CHILD

This week's question is:

Should schools teach cookery and why? What else should schools teach?

When you read your story book, ask:

Have any parts of the book made you laugh? Have they made you sad?

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Willow (98%) and Peach (97%) class** who had the best attendance in the school last week! This is in spite of all the illness in school!

