



We had our first open day for the reception classes for September 2019 on Thursday morning. Obviously I have to make sure that new parents understand what makes Old Oak so special and the right school to choose for their child.

I had spoken for some time (some might say too long) before a current parent spoke to the group about her own children. In a few sentences she had described the successes of all her children at Old Oak and how they done so well academically. She talked about how happy she and her children were at the school now and how her older children were doing very well at secondary school. It was a fantastic, free, unplanned advert for the school and very powerful to the new parents.

It is so important that the many positives about the school get to as many people as possible and thank you to the mother who spoke out. You know who you are!

Have a happy and peaceful weekend!

Mr. Brown

MISS CRANE

I have just seen Miss Crane again today. Miss Crane has just left us to go on maternity leave for a while. We wish her all the best in the coming weeks and look forward to hearing what it is like to have 2 young ones in the home.

STRANGER DANGER

Please remind your child/children about the importance of not talking to or accepting anything from strangers. We will also do this in school. If you notice anything suspicious or unusual, please speak to the school first before speaking to other parents and we will work together to keep the children safe. Many thanks.

FLU VACCINATION

The Immunisation Team will be visiting Old Oak Primary on Thursday 13th December to offer the Nasal Flu Immunisation to all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

More information on the Annual flu vaccination and the consent form will be sent home today. Please complete the consent form and return to the school office by Tuesday 11th December. Be aware that the flu vaccine does contain products derived from pigs and read the consent form carefully.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND MANAGING ANXIETIES – COFFEE MORNING

Anxiety is really common amongst children and their parents; you are in the best position to help them. Mollie Higgins, a Children's Wellbeing Practitioner will be hosting a coffee morning on 22nd November at 9.05am delivering information about building your child's confidence and some top tips for managing anxiety. Come along to find out more.

CHILDREN IN NEED – TALENT SHOW

Today we have had the show *Old Oak's Got Talent!* There was a range of acts including singers, a Russian dancer, ballet, contemporary dance, a contortionist, a mime artist and a few jokes too! All the acts were extremely brave to perform in front of the whole school and we had a lot of fun raising money and awareness of Children in Need. Thanks to Miss McCartney for organising this and all the children who took part.

REMINDER – TWITTER! SIGN UP TODAY!

The school now has a **Twitter account**. Twitter is a free app for your phone or tablet which can send you updates from the school quickly and keep you up to date with what has happened in school. **You can download the app free today, and search @Old_oakprimary**. There are already some examples of events in school this week.

LEARNING THIS WEEK IN CLASSES

Each week we will let you know about some of the learning in class so you can talk about this with your child. **Ask them about their school work and get them to explain or show you what they have learnt.**

Class	Learning
Nursery	This week we have learnt how to write our names and drawn pictures of our visit from River's Rodents and Reptiles
Peach and Rowan	We have practised the sounds <i>th / sh / qu / and ou</i> , had a visit from River's Rodents and Reptiles and practised handwashing with the school nurse
Olive	We have added numbers confidently, practised our sounds in phonics and written sentences about the story
Maple	We have written a Wicked Witch catalogue and found our pulse as part of the IPC topic <i>Superhumans</i>
Hazel	We have been prepared a storymap of the Jolly Postman, read some fairy tales and subtracted some 2 digit numbers
Laurel	We have added adjectives to sentences linked to the story "The Blind Man and the Hunter" and added and subtracted 3 and 4 digit numbers!
Magnolia	We have written whole stories with paragraphs, speech marks and capital letters and learnt about Roman numerals

Sycamore	We have learning column addition and written a diary in the first person
Elm	We have written our debate in our neatest handwriting and looked at Roman costumes
Willow	We have learnt about composite, prime and square numbers and visited Vivienne Schwarz
Hawthorn and Plum	We have completed our balanced arguments and in maths, learnt equivalent fractions and multiplying decimals

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 20th November – Year 6 children visit the Vauxhall City Farm

Thursday 22nd November – coffee morning at the school at 9.00am.

Friday 23rd November – Year 5 classes have a visit from Magic Lantern in the afternoon

Friday 23rd November – Year 6 children return from the school journey