



### VISIT FROM OFSTED

As you are aware, Ofsted visited the school this week. The children and staff were brilliant throughout the day and I believe the inspector left with a very good impression of what the school is trying to achieve. We are not able to discuss the outcome until the report has been officially published and this will take about 2 weeks. We will send out the report to parents when it is available.

### BUBBLE AND SQUEAK

There have been a couple of important things to tell you about the Bubble and Squeak project. First of all the Metro newspaper visited the project and wrote an online article:



***'The schoolchildren fighting food waste from their playground by selling wonky veg to parents'***

Read more: <http://metro.co.uk/2018/02/21/schoolchildren-fighting-food-waste-playground-selling-wonky-veg-parents-7330237/?ito=cbshare>

And in Time Out magazine, the project was included in the 'Sustainable 29 small ways to save the planet' article published on 20<sup>th</sup> February:

***8. Meet the next generation of food-waste warriors***

***A plucky group of primary school children in west London are taking the matter of food waste into their own tiny hands. [Bubble & Squeak](#) sees kids collecting surplus produce from local businesses and selling it to the community via their playground. Bring back 'Young Apprentice' immediately!***

Read more : <https://www.timeout.com/london/things-to-do/sustainable-living-29-small-ways-to-save-the-planet>

### WORLD BOOK DAY

It has been a very busy week in school and we have also celebrated World Book Day. The children who came to school in costume looked fantastic. Each class in Key Stage 1 and 2 will visit **Shepherds Bush library** as part of the celebration and each class has prepared a World Book Day display for the door to their classroom. We will have a few pictures of the finished display next week.

### MOTHERS DAY LUNCH – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>

Due to staffing in the kitchen, our Mothers' Day lunch at school has been postponed and will now take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The flyers went home yesterday and please register as soon as you can so we know the number of mothers expected and how much food to order. This is a chance for you to eat with your child and see the school at lunchtime. More information to follow next week. We will look to avoid the queues from last year!

### NURSERY MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The nursery children invited their mothers into school yesterday morning for breakfast and had a lovely time together! See the school website for photos.

### SNOW DAYS

The school is back to normal now. The frozen pipes have thawed and the playground is no longer a skating rink. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.

### MEET THE GOVERNORS:

We asked Professor Graham Welch, our Chair of Governors, a few questions about Old Oak and what he does for the school.

*When did you become a Governor of Old Oak?*

I became a Governor of Old Oak in 1988 and was first elected Chair of Governors in 1989.

*What do you like about Old Oak?*

Whenever I visit the school, the atmosphere is very positive, with children generally happy and busy enjoying their learning. Everyone wants to do well, even when things get a little challenging.

*What is your role on the Governing Body?*

My role is as the elected Chair of Governors, which means that I work to support colleagues (other Governors, including parents, teachers, headteacher, non-teaching staff) in extending and enacting a shared vision for the school.

*What do you do when you are not at Old Oak?*

I work at University College London's Institute of Education where I am a senior Professor. I research and teach about music and its wider benefits for children's and young people's development. My professional background is in Primary school education and so I love coming into Old Oak as this keeps my university teaching grounded in reality!

*What was your favourite subject at school?*

I loved being involved in music, especially singing. I also loved drawing and painting!



### STAY SAFE WITH YOUR CHILD ONLINE – MUSICAL.LY

Musical.ly has been used by children for a couple of years now. It may be a little 'old' in social media time but parents need to be aware of how it can be used. Find out more at:

<https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/musically-your-video-social-network>

### TALK TO YOUR CHILD – READ WITH YOUR CHILD

This week's question is:

**We spoke about International Women's Day in school this week. There are lots of famous men, but besides pop music, do you know any other famous women? What have they done?**

When you read with your child:

**What characters did you see in school on World Book Day?**

### PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

Sycamore class had the best attendance in the school last week! The attendance table is below. Our target across the school is 96% for the year.

Group	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
Hazel	2.0	0.0	98.0
Maple	14.1	0.7	85.2
Holly	7.6	0.0	92.4
Sycamore	0.9	0.0	99.1
Olive	1.7	0.0	98.3
Willow	3.0	0.0	97.0
4 Magnolia	5.8	0.0	94.2
Plum	2.6	0.0	97.4
Elm	3.4	0.0	96.6
Hawthorn	2.7	0.7	96.7
R Peach	5.4	0.0	94.6
R Rowan	7.7	0.0	92.3
Totals	4.7	0.1	95.2

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March- visits to Shepherds Bush library

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Sycamore class visit the Natural History Museum

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Olive class visit the Natural History Museum

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Hazel class visit Littern Nature Reserve

**Wednesday 21 March** – Mothers' Day Lunch

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Non uniform day. More information to follow.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of term. School finishes at 1.45pm