



Old Oak Primary School Newsletter 17th May 2019

STEP UP TO THE PLATE - AND BEAT FOOD WASTE

You may have seen on the national news and in the national press the launch of the initiative Step up to the Plate. This is government plan to reduce the amount of food wasted in this country because of Use by and Sell by dates. The government have appointed Ben Elliot to be in charge of this and there was a launch event at the Victoria and Albert Museum on Monday. The event was attended by the minister Michael Gove, and a number of other people who will play a big role in making this initiative work. There is an exhibition called FOOD: BIGGER THAN THE PLATE at the V&A museum. The children had a private viewing and it is really, really interesting. If you get a chance, please try to go!

Old Oak Primary, along with Bubble and Squeak, was the only school in the country that were invited to make a presentation to those who attended. We are so proud that the Bubble and Squeak work and the school are getting more national recognition! We will let you know how things move forward and we have signed the pledge to 'Step up to the Plate' in November. More news to follow.



SCHOOL PARENT GOVERNORS

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in becoming a governor for the school. I will be in touch with you soon to arrange a meeting to explain in more detail the role and the expectations.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 children who completed their national SATS tests this week. They have worked extremely hard over the year and this week in particular. Everyone should be proud of what they have achieved. Thanks to all the

staff involved as well.

Have a good weekend!

Mr. Brown

PARENT PAY

Can we please remind parents to keep their Parentpay accounts up to date.

The finance team at Old Oak will be going through the Parentpay accounts over the half term. If you know you have a debit balance please ensure this is credited. If accounts are not cleared by Monday 3rd June, can you please provide a packed lunch for your child until the balance is cleared. As previously mentioned, due to budget constraints Old Oak Primary School cannot absorb the cost of your child's meal. If any parent cannot find their activation code letters, please see Beverley or Carina who will replace this for you. Many thanks.

NON-UNIFORM DAY - NEXT THURSDAY 23rd MAY

As next Thursday is the end of the half term, we will, as usual, have a non-uniform day to raise money for the school PTA. Please bring a £1.00 donation on this day.

Remember that there is no school on FRIDAY 24th MAY

SHARING ASSEMBLY

The sharing assemblies take place on Friday afternoons and are a chance for children from each class to share work that the staffs have identified as special. This week the children celebrated with Times Table Rockstars in Key Stage 2 and writing poetry and descriptions in Key Stage 1. A wonderful way to finish the week.

PRETTY MUDDY – RACE FOR LIFE REMINDER

On Saturday 22nd June 2019, staff, parents and friends of Old Oak will be coming out of their sporting retirement to take on the Cancer Research Pretty Muddy over on the Scrubs. Please speak to Miss Hepworth, any member of the PTA or use this link to join our team: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/team-old-oak/join>

INTERGENERATIONAL BINGO - REMINDER

On the 6th June we have another Intergenerational Bingo evening after school. This involves the staff and children and all the family are welcome including grandparents. It will take place in the lower hall from 4.00pm -5.30pm.

REMINDERS

- **UNIFORM** - Navy blue is the school colour. So we ask that all headscarves or hair bows are navy blue as well.
- **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN NUTS TO SCHOOL. WE HAVE CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ALLERGIES TO THEM.**
- **TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS** - To help our children develop their confidence in times tables go to <https://trockstars.com/>
- **LEGO AT HOME? YOU DO NOT USE IT? THEN BRING IT INTO SCHOOL**
- **SCHOOL UNIFORM**- available in the school shop on Wednesdays at 9.00am
- **SCHOOL LUNCHES** – all school lunches must be paid for before your child eats. We cannot support children who choose to eat school lunches on certain days because they like the food.
- **TWITTER! SIGN UP TODAY!** You can download the app free today, and search @Old_oakprimary.
- **TRIPS WILL NOW BE PAID FOR VIA PARENT PAY.** Ask at the office for more details
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PARENTPAY LUNCH ACCOUNTS ARE IN CREDIT** – Thank you to all parents who ensure their ParentPay lunch accounts are in credit prior to the following week. However, some parents are still not keeping up to date with payments for their children's school meals. The School Business Manager will be writing to parents to whom this applies in April 2019.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 20th-Thursday 24th May – Key Stage 1 SATs for Year 2 children

Friday 24th May - school closed for staff inset

Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May - half term holiday

Monday 3rd June – school begins again