

Newsletter 28th March 2025

Dear parents

The sunshine this week brought many smiles, as did the sharing events happening in school. On Tuesday Y2's sharing event was full of heart and the children were so proud to showcase their hard work. On Tuesday afternoon, Y5 children shared their digital games with the Year 3 children; the Y5's had spent weeks honing their coding skills while building their games on Scratch during their computing lessons and were proud to showcase these with the younger children who really enjoyed playing them! On Wednesday the Reception art exhibition was a joyful coming together for parents, children and staff to celebrate the children's creativity.

The weather also meant sunny times for our Y6 who spent this week on their residential in Norfolk. They had the opportunity to take risks, try out new activities and enjoy one of the most beautiful British beaches. These sorts of trips make long lasting memories for the children and I am truly grateful to the staff team who spent time away from their own families this week to give the children this opportunity.

Thursday's sunshine was the perfect backdrop for Y1's local area walk. Southgate has never looked so good!

This morning I met with some parents to discuss the issues we face as parents with our children on devices so much. We agreed about the importance of clear boundaries and rules at home around how much time our children are spending online, rules for what they are using/watching and also rules about making sure they are not alone in their rooms while they are doing it. The *smartphone free school campaign* may have smartphone in the title, but it is about ensuring children are safe online, at any age, on any device. Please spend a few moments this weekend checking your parental controls are up to date on devices and on your router/wi-fi at home.

Wishing those families celebrating Eid Mubarak!

Have a lovely weekend

Jen Brodkin

Tickets for the Osidge Summer Circus on sale now!



'Early bird' price of £11.50 per ticket until 6th May!

Book now at

pta-events/osidgeschoolassociation



Use the web address or QR code to go to Osidge's PTA Events page OR join this whatsapp chat to get instructions on how to book tickets https://chat.whatsapp.com/LHA1V J5m91dGLszlJp3HYS

Volunteer!

We need your help to make the summer circus happen! Volunteers will receive a half price ticket for the circus or a free burger & drink voucher.

Sign up to volunteer at

https://forms.gle/wBAVaocm51opHnCm7

Diary May 2025 March 2025 1st Year 4 Overnight Camp 31st Year 6 Shakespeare Workshop 2nd Year 5 Epping Forest Trip 5th April 2025 **Bank Holiday School** 1st $26^{th} - 30^{th}$ **Half Term Parents Evening** 2^{nd} Parents Evening June 2025 3rd Year 4 Play 9.15 4th Year 2 Hyde Park Trip 4th Last Day of Term 1.30 finish 7th Circus Returns to Osidge 7th - 21st **Easter Break** 30^{th} Year 1 Life Long Ago Workshop **July 2025** Year 3 London Zoo 18th Last Day for Pupils 1.30 finish

Osidge in Bloom







We will launch our annual 'Osidge in Bloom' competition this term. Classes will design and grow their unique class beds using a range of herbs, flowers, and plants. To make this project a success, we'd love to have donations of small potted plants, vegetables, and herbs.

Teachers will advise you about the types of things the class will be planting and your donations to the classrooms after the Easter break.

Each year, the group will be involved in the design process and the planting of their planter box. The winning entry will receive a special something and be awarded the title of 'Best in Bloom' at the end of the summer term.

Each class will care for and water the planters over the summer term.

Osidge in Bloom is also an excellent way for pupils to observe changes over time in Science topics such as 'Plants and Living Things'.

We look forward to learning more about plants and improving our scientific enquiry skills.

Watch out for the new planting beds around the school as the term unfolds!



Roll up, roll up! We have two fantastic sponsorship opportunities for local businesses!

Donate a raffle prize

We are looking for brilliant prizes for our raffle. If you run or know a business which can donate a prize, please email osidgeschoolassociation@gmail.com.

Advertise in the online circus programme

Advertise your business or service with an ad in our online circus programme.

Full page: £25

Half page: £15

Inside front cover: £35

To advertise, please submit your details

here:

https://forms.gle/hTEc6EXFayAbRySBA

Please share with any friends and family who own businesses.

An audience with award winning children's author M. G. Leonard at the Barnet Libraries Literary Festival



We welcome award winning children's author M G Leonard discussing her new book 'Hunt for the Golden Scarab'.

Book tickets at:

https://barnet-libraries.played.co/ or via the QR code below.



Finchley Church End Library
Saturday 3 May from 11am-12.30pm
including a Q&A and book signing
session.

Age guidance: 8-12yrs







Caring for people, our places and the planet



Donate a Fidget Toy - Bring Comfort and Joy!

We're collecting fidget toys as part of our STEAM week activities next term. These simple, yet powerful toys help with focus, relaxation, and stress relief, making a world of difference to those who benefit from sensory stimulation.

How You Can Help:

- Donate New or Gently Used Fidget Toys
- These should small toys that can fit into a hand
- **Drop-Off Locations:** Give to your child to give to your child's teacher or to Mrs Suleyman in 1S
 - Donation Deadline: Friday 4th April 2025

Your generous contribution will bring comfort and joy to many. Thank you for your support.







Talbies estate agents are excited to propose a collaboration that could benefit Osidge Primary School and its community.

For every property sold / rented through an affiliation with the School, we will donate 10% of our commission directly to the school's PTA. This partnership not only helps families and staff find their ideal homes but also contributes to the school's development and programs.

Here's how it works:

- Anyone who mentions Osidge Primary School when listing, purchasing or renting a property with Talbies will be part of this program
- Those listing their property benefit from reduced special rates
- After the sale / letting is complete, 10% of our earned commission will be donated to Osidge Primary School

So, whether you are thinking about selling / letting your property or looking for a property to buy / rent; working with Talbies will mean working towards providing additional funds for your children and pupils

Thank you for considering this opportunity to strengthen our community while supporting Osidge Primary School

After School Clubs Please call the organisers of the clubs to book a place

Monday 3.15 - 4.30 Yr1 - Yr6

Woody's Football – 07961 437202

www.woodyssportsacademy.com

Monday 3.15 - 4.20 Reception - Yr6

Spanish Club - 07848 837924

Email: daniel@olespanish.net

Tuesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 - Yr6

Minichef - 07946 507119

Email: saritakapur14@gmail.com

Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr4 - Yr6

Crotchet Club - 07432 423571

Email: dontmakemeplush@gmail.com

Tuesday 3.20 - 4.20 Yr3 - Yr6

RoboThink (coding) – 07888 871387

Email: <u>bookings@stem-club.co.uk</u>

Tuesday 3.15 – 4.15 Y1-Y6

Abacus Maths Club 07824067068

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15 Rec - Yr2

RoboThink Stem Club - 07888 871387

Email: bookings@stem-club.co.uk

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 - Yr6

French Club- 07587159327

Email: Imen3354@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 3.15 - 4.30

Dare to Dance - 07469 731 801

Email: d2dcompanycic@gmail.com

Thursday 3.15 – 4.30 Rec – Y2

Art Club 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Thursday 3.15 - 4.20 Yr1 - Yr6

Minichef - 07946 507119

Email: saritakapur14@gmail.com

Friday 3.20 – 4.30 Y3-Y6

Art Club Year 07921845330

Email: namitajain123yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 10.00 - 1.00

Stage Coach – 07435782533

Email: southgate@stagecoach.co.uk

Healthy Habits - Teeth

Did you know that poor dental hygiene is the #1 reason children are admitted to hospital?

One in 5 children have untreated cavities in their teeth. That's 20%. Or 6 children in each class!

Dental treatment is free for children in the UK. Register with a local dentist to get your child's teeth checked.

Children should brush for 2 minutes every day. Best if you supervise them to teach them how to do it properly.

Dr Ranj explains all!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHS27DHyIi0

NHS guidance

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Qa2K1CC3Hw

https://www.dentalhealth.org/oral-health-top-tips