

Newsletter

2nd October 2020
Issue 2



Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we come to the end of the fourth week, it is suddenly feeling very autumnal and we are all noticing the change in the weather. With this in mind, we kindly request that your child has their coat in school every day as our aim is to continue using our wonderful outside learning environment.

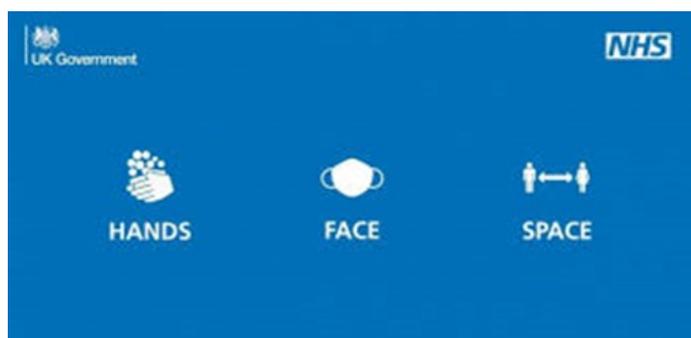
We are all adjusting to new ways of working and the children have all been amazing in how they have just accepted the way things are at the moment. Class teachers have been delighted with the pupils and how they have started the academic year, long may it continue.

Thank you for your endless support and in particular for continuing to wear a face mask or covering at drop off and collection alongside social distancing wherever possible at the school gates. The Government ask that we all remember the 'Hands, Face, Space' slogan ensuring we wash our hands regularly, cover our face and maintain our social distancing as much as possible.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Clare Wingrave

Principal





Technology Top Tips

The technology our children have at their fingertips is like a power tool: it can do amazing things, but can also be extremely dangerous if not used correctly. At Oasis Academy Byron, we aim to give all of our pupils the ability to safely and effectively use technology both in school and at home.

TOP TIP: Setting up parental controls on the internet at home.

There is no filter on the content that comes into your house unless you set up parental controls through your internet provider. Without these controls, children can accidentally stumble upon all sorts of upsetting images, videos or content.

The major broadband providers in the UK have joined together to help make setting these controls easy and quick. Set aside 10 minutes, make yourself a cup of tea and go to...

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>



Nut Free School Reminder

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

First aid staff in the school are trained to use injector pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.



Year 1 Art



Year 1 have been busy learning about different colours and how they make us feel. They looked at the work of painter Mark Rothko and created some of their own. What moods or emotions do you think they show?

In PHSE, year 6 have been learning about gratitude and how to view life with a positive outlook. They created a positivity tree where kind comments and inspirational quotes are gathered.

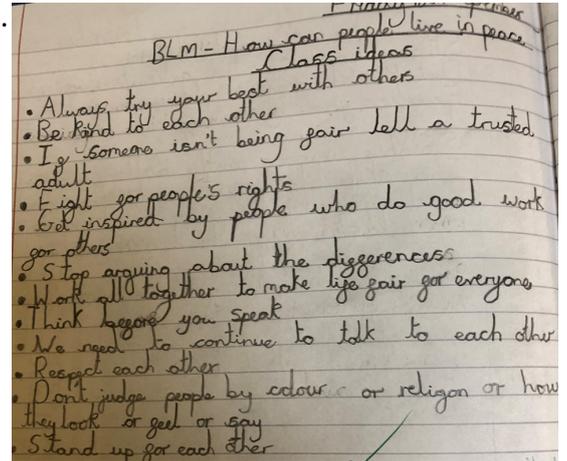


Whole School Learning

Year 4 talked about the protests they have seen on the news on behalf of Black Lives Matter. They discussed the principles of equality and justice. The children then produced a class Social Contract with their ideas on what would support harmony for everyone in the world. All classes have been using the text Here we are by Oliver Jeffers to discuss Black Lives Matter.



Thank you Amy (year 4) for sharing your thoughtful ideas.



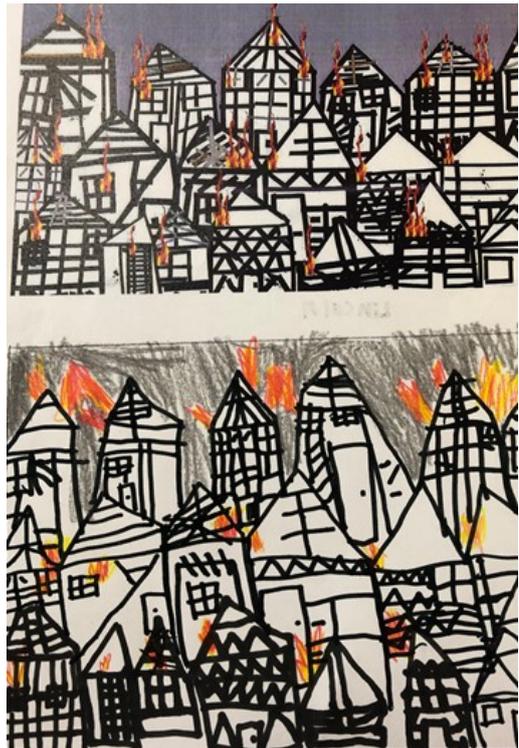
Please help!

Please help protect our lovely grounds by standing on the edge of the pavement rather than on the grass. It is beginning to look muddy and we would really appreciate your support with this.



Year 2

Year 2 have just started their new topic 'The Great Fire of London'. Below is a fantastic observational drawing by Lincoln. Great job!



Black History Month 1– 31st October

Harvest Festival Assemblies (in bubbles) Wednesday 7th October

World Mental Health Day 10th October

Opening Evening Booked Event for Reception 2021 on 14th October

Inset Day Friday 16th October

Parent/ Teacher Consultations (Online) Monday 19th-21st October

National Outdoor Classroom Day 5th November

Children in Need Friday 13th November Mufti Day & Bubble Cinemas.
Letter to follow

Anti Bullying Week 16th November –19th November

Inset Day Friday 20th November

Dates
for your
DIARY



Year 5

Year 5 are currently studying the brilliant text 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans. Kitty in year 5 has written a super piece of descriptive writing.



Prisoner 42 laid on the hard, mossy, damp cobblestone floor. Upon hearing a thunderous bang the prisoner shot up from his scumbers. The penetrating sound echoed and bounced off every wall in the small ravine. Prisoner 42 heard a booming voice, almost like a mortar. An evil, sly grin spread across the man's face as he heard the sound he'd been yearning for. Prisoner 42 saw an illuminous glow and thought to himself 'Is this my chance?! Can I escape?!' As his mind raced with possibilities, Prisoner 42 lurked beneath the voices, setting on his mischievous plan.

SCHOOL HOUSE POINTS

Ahlberg House 897

Donaldson House 940

Morpurgo House 923

Wilson House 802

Well done Donaldson House!



HARVEST



This year we are proud to be supporting Nightwatch

(A Croydon charity for those in difficulty or homeless) for our harvest food collection.

We're looking for long-dated tinned or dried food (**no nut products!**) in tied carrier bags.

Items needed are those with a long shelf life e.g.:

Tinned soup, meat, vegetables and fruit

Tinned pulses such as kidney beans or chickpeas

Packets of dried rice and pasta

Toiletries (such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant)

Jam, custard powder, powdered milk.

We shall be holding our bubble harvest assemblies on October 7th throughout the day.

Parent/Carer Consultations Online

Please keep an eye out early next week for information on our October parent/teacher consultations. These will take place through a Microsoft Teams link that can be accessed via a phone, tablet, laptop or computer. You will be able to meet your child's teacher for a 10 minute appointment on either Monday 19th October, Tuesday 20th October or Wednesday 21st October.

Each online meeting will last 10 minutes. We are really excited to offer this opportunity to ensure the parent/ school relationship can flourish!



Admission to secondary schools 2020/2021

Apply online at: www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions

The Secondary application form for 2020 will need to be completed online by 31st October 2020. To register you will need to have access to email as this is where e-admissions will send login and password details. Should you require assistance in completing the form, please contact us as soon as possible.



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Virtual Open Event

It is with regret it has been necessary to cancel our live open events

Virtual Tour - Principals' Talk - Department Videos

A wealth of information at your fingertips to help you make the right choice for your child's secondary school

Check our website under the 'Admissions' tab



Students at our Academy make better than expected progress

2019 GCSE Progress 8 score indicator.

Are you worried that your child is seriously ill?

Use this flowchart to help with deciding whether to keep your child off school during the pandemic



Would you have kept your child off school before COVID-19?

YES

Keep your child off school as you normally would do. Do they have any of these symptoms?

NO

Do they have:

- 1) A new continuous cough?
- 2) A fever (high temperature greater than 37.8 degrees measured by a thermometer)?
- 3) A complete loss or change of smell and/or taste?

Keep your child off school and at home. Call 119 or go to the www.gov.uk/coronavirus website and arrange for a self-test for COVID-19 to be done. (Please note your GP cannot arrange a test)

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test. If there are no tests currently available in your area you still need to keep your child off and follow this guidance until you can get a test or they are better.

YES

NO

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition?

YES

NO

A 'continuous cough' is defined currently as coughing for at least three hours a day. This is difficult to determine in a child. Any child who is coughing a lot throughout the day and night has a continuous cough. There can also be a very small percentage of children who may develop fever later.

Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already seen or spoken to them or had a letter in the post telling you what to do.

Children who are otherwise well and don't have a temperature but do have:

A runny nose OR sore throat OR mild cold without a fever **can go to school as normal**