

Newsletter

December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy term at Oasis Academy Byron with many of our Christmas celebrations taking place. The carol concerts and nativity productions have been absolutely amazing, putting all of us in the Christmas spirit. The children have performed with such confidence and joy and we know they have delighted many of you who came to watch. None of this would have been possible without the hard work from such a dedicated staff team and we thank each of them for the part they played, once again in making all of our Christmas performances this year such a success.



Thank you to all of our children for their hard work and efforts this term. Children across the school have engaged superbly with their learning and made a great start in their new year groups. After a long term, they deserve a rest and we hope they will feel refreshed when they return in January. We are very grateful for the support you have provided the pupils and staff this term. Having this support is crucial for children's success in education and progress in their learning. We want you to know that everything you do to assist us is very much appreciated. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope the holidays bring everyone some rest, relaxation and time together as a family. We look forward to welcoming the children back to Byron on **Tuesday 9th January 2024.**

Best wishes,

Mrs Poplett (Principal) , Mr Norris and Miss Curtis (Assistant Principals)



The 9 Habit Awards



Reception=Mia J (Compassionate) and Shaiyan (Humble)

Year 1 = Diletta (Joyful) and Rayan (Hopeful)

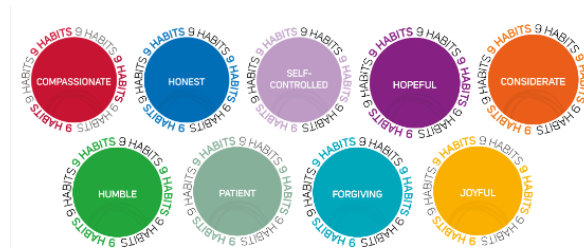
Year 2 = Zachary (Joyful) and Phoebe (Compassionate)

Year 3 = William (Humble) and Maya (Joyful)

Year 4 = Simran (Joyful) and Thomas (Compassionate)

Year 5 = Prince (Joyful) and Veera (Humble)

Year 6 = Dani (Compassionate) and Kiana (Honest)



It was wonderful to see the hall and playground packed with people enjoying this community event. Such events would certainly not be possible without the time and effort of parent volunteers and we would like to thank the members of the committee who dedicated their time to organising the fair, as well as the many parents/carers who helped in the setting up, running of stalls and clearing up. The fair made around £600. All funds will go directly to supporting all the children in the school. Plans for the next events in the Friends of Byron calendar are already underway and we encourage you to keep a look out on their Facebook site.

Parking Responsibly

We continue to be contacted by a number of local residents and parents/carers concerned by parking issues and driving outside the school gates. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that parking on zig-zag lines or roundabouts at any time of the day is prohibited. We appreciate your support in this matter.



School Christmas Lunch

Children and staff alike enjoyed a very festive Christmas lunch last Thursday. A big thank you to Thevi, Marie and Sutha who put together a delicious Christmas meal. All of our children enjoyed a Christmas cracker and some festive music during dinner service.





As of January, our teaching assistants in year 4 and 5 are swapping classes. This is a trial swap which will be reviewed at Easter.



**SAFER
SCHOOLS**

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle—technologically and psychologically—to impose such controls later. Click on our link [here](#) for a rundown of what to look for when setting up various internet enabled devices. You can also find support by using the Safer Schools App on your child's iPad.

A polite reminder to label your child's clothing with their name

We always do our best to return all your child's belongings at the end of the day. However, with 30 children in each class, this can be difficult if the belongings aren't labelled. All of their uniform looks the same and often the same size. Please help us to look after your child's belongings by clearly labelling everything. This also applies to hats, coats, scarves and gloves.

When we find clothing with names in, we will return it to the child.





Winter Holidays Support Line


Free Support Line for Young People
open from 23rd December to
1st January, 3pm - 6pm.

*Call us to speak to our practitioners
and for confidential support.*

0800 980 7475

www.talkofftherecord.org

Off The Record' Youth Counselling Charity;
Registered Charity No. 1051144

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Support for ages
11-25 in Croydon,
Merton & Sutton.

House Point Termly Winners:

This terms house point winners were Morpurgo house!

Well done for working so hard

Key Dates = Spring Term 1 & 2

Date	Event
Monday 8th January	INSET DAY- pupils not to attend
Wednesday 9th January	Spring 1 - start of term
Friday 19th January	FOB - Cultural Mufti Day
Thursday 8rd February	Lunar New Year Assembly -Y4 parents invited to attend
Friday 9th February	End of Spring Term 1 (finish normal time)
Monday 19th February	Start of Spring Term 2
Friday 23rd February	FOB Mufti Day UV Disco (R & KS1 =15:30– 16:30 / KS2 = 17:00 –18:00)
Thursday 28th March	Finish for Easter Break (normal time) FOB Easter Egg Hunt (3:30-17:00)

