

Newsletter

Beginning of Term 4 – 21/02/2022

End of Term 4 – 31/03/2022



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Principal's Message

Dear parents/carers

As Term 4 begins it is surprising to me how quickly the year is going. It has been said time flies when you are having fun and that is certainly true at Oasis Academy Skinner Street. When in the academy the sound of laughter and busy chatter rings out. The children continue to dedicate themselves to their studies and their achievements are a great source of pride. As you will see in your children's reports we continue to focus on developing reading, a key ingredient in success.

I love seeing our pupils choosing their book from the vending machine each week and the pride at having their name displayed on their classroom doors. Our attendance prize winners were thrilled to receive their Kindle's and I know there are many children hoping to win one this term.

This term we are going to be welcoming you back into the academy for parents evening and hopefully will be able to resume normal activities such as the Easter bonnet parade and Egg competition. We are looking for members to join our hub council, PTA and to volunteer to read with children in classes. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please email office@oasis-skinnerstreet.org.

I would also like to thank all of you for your ongoing support and compassion over what has been a difficult start to the year. I hope as the weather improves we are able to welcome you to more events. If you have any feedback about the Academy or suggestions on how we could improve please email me directly on principal@oasis-skinnerstreet.org.

Mrs V Richmond
Principal

Messages



Communication

My Child At School (MYCAS)

As you will be aware, we use the My Child At School (MYCAS) App to communicate with parents. This allows us to send information including text messages, emails etc in the most efficient and timely way, for example, details of trips, events, first aid treatment administered etc.

If you have not yet used MY Child At School and would like support with this, please email office@oasis Skinnerstreet.org and a member of the Admin Team will contact you.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils during term time at 07.45hrs but a polite reminder, places must be booked and paid for via My Child At School (MYCAS) 24 hours in advance.

Places are limited and we regret we are unable to accept pupils who have not been booked on and paid for using this system. Unfortunately, should you book a place for your child and they do not attend, we do not offer a refund as this place has been allocated to your child.

Thank you for your co-operation.

National Offer day- Primary School Place

19th April 2022 - Parents/ carers will find out which school they have been allocated for their Reception 2022 children.

How to contact us

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Attendance

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Inclusions@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year Groups

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Year1@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year2@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year3@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year4@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year5@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year6@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Social Media:

Follow us on Facebook:

@OasisAcademySkinnerStreet and Twitter:

@OasisSkinnerSt

Visit our website:

www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org for up-to-date news and information.

Leading Parent Partnership

As you will be aware we have been working towards the Leading Parent Partnership award and we have sent out several surveys to gain your responses. Thank you to those of you who have responded. Your feedback is greatly appreciated, and we will look at this and see how we can improve our communication and relationships with you.

Parents Evening: Wednesday 16th March 22
Book via MCAS – Booking goes live Monday
28th February at 6pm.

- White tee shirt for PE (or a tee shirt in their team colours)
- Black shorts for PE
- Black PE shoes
- Academy book bag (with Academy logo)

iPad's

Please ensure that your child brings in their iPad everyday into school, fully charged, as they use their iPads for a range of different reasons

Place2Be

This term, Miss Husband is hosting coffee morning/afternoon sessions in The Hub with Place 2 Be Family Practitioner, Jules. During these sessions, Jules will provide lots of useful information about parenting managing your child's wellbeing and behaviour. If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please register your interest by emailing place2be@oasisskinnerstreet.org. Places are limited so first come, first served!

Uniform

Pupils in correct Uniform receive 1 house point every day they are in school, which is an opportunity to earn **190 house points each year**. Pupils convert house points at the end of each academic year to rewards, so every house point counts!

Our Academy uniform is :

General Uniform

- White Polo shirt
- Navy (with Academy logo) polo shirt
- Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with Academy logo)
- Black shorts, trousers or skirts
- Black or white socks
- Smart black shoes
- Purple gingham dresses can be worn in the summer

Sports Uniform

- Black shorts
- A white t-shirt (or a t-shirt in their house colour) for PE. **Please note: Logo / football shirts are not accepted.**
- Plain black PE trainers or pumps

If a child does not bring a kit for PE they will be expected to use the spare kit provided by the Academy.

Uniform can be ordered via our uniform supplier Uniform base, either online or in store at the Chatham branch. Visit them online at <http://www.uniformbase.co.uk/> The Hub also has a limited supply of uniform available – please email ski.hub@oasisskinnerstreet.org for more information

House Point Shop

We are very excited to announce that we will be opening our house point shop! The children will have the opportunity, once a term, to purchase a reward of their choosing with their own house points amount- the more house points they have – the more they can choose!

Cavalier

Ocelot

Gannet

Trafalgar

uniformbase

Rewards

Year 6 Bikeability

Last term some year 6 children were given the opportunity to take part in Bikeability, where they learnt how to ride safely on the road. This was a great experience for them, and we are proud of the progress they made during the 2 days activity.



PTA meeting

There will be a PTA meeting shortly to discuss our ideas for the Mother's Day sale and plan our fundraising events for the rest of the year. Please look out for more information on this.



Eco Committee

The Eco committee have been working hard this term thinking about how we can improve the school grounds and welcome birds to the playgrounds and secret garden. Using recycled objects we created a range of bird feeders that you may see up around the school.

The Eco Committee are also looking at arranging a community litter pick around the school at the end of March to coincide with The Big School Clean up project that is happening around the country. Look out for more details later in the term.

ECO Tip - Sick of receiving endless letters through your mailbox and stashing bills, important documents and files in cupboard drawers? The solution is simple: go paperless. Transforming to a paperless lifestyle entail being pretty computer savvy. You could set up an online filing system using the Cloud and opt to go paperless for your significant documents, such as bank statements and phone bills. Just ask your providers to opt you into paperless, and away you go – saving lots of trees and transport costs along the way.

KS1

We continued to work hard on developing our reading and writing skills last term. It is crucially important that children read at home, at school we aim to read with children daily as we know the impact this has on all aspects of their learning. If you have any questions regarding reading with your child please ask your child's teacher and they can help.

Year 1 have been working very hard on their learning this term. They have been producing some wonderful writing using their capital letters and full stops. Year 1 would like to share their beautiful stain glass windows, which were created to show how art can portray Bible stories.



Reminder: PE Days are

EYFS: Friday

Year 1: Thursday & Friday

Year 2: Monday & Thursday

EYFS

This term our topic is - Under the Sea. We will be learning about who lives in the sea, sea safety and looking after the sea. In Maths we are focusing on number bonds to 10 and in phonics we are practicing words such as cat, dog, mat etc.

PE for EYFS is every Friday. Please ensure they arrive in school in their PE kit. Please ensure your child is wearing black shorts/joggers – not multicoloured.



Year 2 have shown great resilience in the past term, we have been pushing ourselves to be the best learners we can be. The Year 2 team are very proud of them. We also thoroughly enjoyed NSPCC Number Day which was a fun day

to enjoy lots of maths activities, including dressing up!



KS2

Year 3 this term we are learning about forces in science, while in PE lessons they will be focusing on Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. In Computing, the children will continue to learn about coding. In History they are focusing on Cleopatra. This term in RE Year 3 are looking at signs and symbols within the Judaism religion. Excitingly, they are learning how to play the ocarinas in

Year 5 this term we are learning about forces in science, while in PE lessons they will be focusing on Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. In Computing, the children will continue to learn about coding. In History they are focusing on The Islamic Golden Age. This term in RE Year 5 are looking at signs and symbols within the Sikhism religion. Excitingly, they are learning how to play the Xylophones in music.

Challenger Troop this term is Palm Class every Friday.



music.

Year 4 this term we are learning about states of matter in science, while in PE lessons they will be focusing on Outdoor and Adventurous Activities. In Computing, the children will continue to learn about coding. In History they are focusing on figures in History digging deep into the life of Boudica. This term in RE Year 4 are looking at signs and symbols within the Hinduism religion. Excitingly, they are learning how to play the Ukulele in music.

Year 6 this term we are learning about electricity in science, while in PE lessons Oak Class will be focusing on Outdoor and Adventurous Activities, however Rowan Class will be going swimming. In Computing, the children will continue to learn about coding. This term in RE Year 6 are looking at signs and symbols within the Buddhism religion. In music, the children will continue to practice using Garage Band, which they will use to create their own music.

As well as all of this, the children will all be focusing on the Global Goals and taking part in the largest lesson, with all Oasis Academy Schools across the country. They will be focusing on different global goals and as a class, deciding what they will do in order to help meet those goals.

Reminder: PE Days are

Year 3: Tuesday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Thursday

Year 6: Friday
(Rowan Class Swimming)

Term Dates 2022/2023 will be
release soon!

Key Dates

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| Friday 25th February 2022 | Term 4 Newsletter Pupil reports available |
| Thursday 3rd March 2022 | World Book Day |
| Monday 14th March 2022 | Easter Egg Decoration Competition launch |
| Wednesday 16 th March 2022 | Parents Evening |
| Friday 18th March 2022 | Red Nose Day |
| Monday 28th March 2022 | Deadline for entries for Easter Egg Decoration Competition |
| Thursday 31st March 2022 | Easter Egg Decoration Competition Winners announced Last day of term 4 for Pupils |
| Friday 1st April 2022 | OASS Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 19 th April 2022 | Term 5 begins |
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Attendance

At the end of Term 4 we will be celebrating pupil's attendance with 2 prize draws with the chance to win a fantastic prize!

Any pupil with 96% or more attendance, no lates and no unauthorised absences between 21st February – 31st March 2022 will automatically have their name entered into the prize draw for a Kindle.

There will also be a separate draw for the most improved attendance in Term 4 and again there will be a prize draw for a Kindle.

#MissSchool
#MissOut





World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 3rd March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we will have plenty of fun activities taking place throughout the day including:

- Inviting children to **dress up** as their favourite **book character**. You can find lots of **creative ideas** at worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas. **Rewards will be given for the most creative costumes.**
- Meet, listen to and ask questions to a **local children's author**.
- Get children and parents to celebrate at home with the World Book Day [digital events](#) and [Author & Illustrator Academy](#) where children can meet the creative minds behind this year's £1/€1.50 books.
- Do a [World Book Day activity](#) at home and bring it into school or ask a parent/caregiver to email a picture to office@oasisskinnerstreet.org
- Find World Book Day related events and activities at worldbookday.com/partners

Just **ten minutes** of sharing stories **daily** makes a huge difference to a child's future success.



Use your £1/€1.50 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book!

Getting a free £1/€1.50 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1/€1.50 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1/€1.50 book OR get £1/€1.50 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99/€3.99 or more. You can help your child choose their £1/€1.50 book by showing them the exciting 'Look Insides' at worldbookday.com/books

Bookshops and supermarkets are a big part of what makes World Book Day special and thousands will be taking part in World Book Day 2022, with many putting on special events to celebrate World Book Day. Your local bookseller might be on the high street or could be a supermarket. Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco all stock the £1/€1.50 books. You can find your nearest bookseller at booksaremybag.com.

There are also lots of fun reading ideas and resources for you to enjoy with your child at home on the World Book Day Family Hub as well as brilliant book recommendations for all ages.

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school and hope you will join in too with your child at home.

World Book Day could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you, you make it happen!



Our Safeguarding Team have put together a list of contact numbers to support our families at this time. Remember, if you do have any safeguarding concerns, you are welcome to contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads on safeguarding@oasis Skinner Street.org.

| Service | Contact |
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| Police - Non Emergency | 101 |
| NHS - Non Emergency | 111 |
| Health visitors | 0300 123 4444 – option 2, then option 3 |
| Midwives – Rainham and Gillingham | 01634 382108 |
| Medway Food Bank | 01634 757057 info@medway.foodbank.org.uk |
| Medway Council Emergency Services (Risk of harm to a vulnerable person/homelessness/serious incidents) | 01634 304 400 www.medway.gov.uk |
| MDAS Medway Domestic Abuse Service (Free helpline) | 08009179948 |
| Children and Family Hub Gillingham and Twydall (including Early Help) | 01634 338877 |
| Family Line – emotional/practical/parenting advice | 0808 8026666 |
| SENDIAS Medway Family Action – Free helpline | 08088083555 |
| Samaritans | 116 123 jo@samaritans.org |
| Medway Citizens Advice | 01634 383760 |



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