



As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

How quickly time flies, we're now nearly half-way through the spring term! In the next two weeks the children will be taking part in their half termly assessments and as the school year moves on, these assessments become more and more important. Please do take the time to look at your child's homework to see how this reflects the work the children have learnt about during the week.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for some volunteers to help children with their reading in **Reception and Year 6**. If you have some time to spare each week and have a good standard of reading, please enquire at the Cazenove/UTC office for further details.

National Story Telling Week

It was lovely to see so many parents take time out of their busy schedules to come and read a story to the children. Both the children and staff loved hearing the stories, which added special bit of sparkle to the school day. Thank you so much for your time.



Please do continue to read stories to your children and listen to them read. Reading had been proven to help children with all aspects of their learning. Statistics from 2014 show that 1 in 5 children at the age of 11 could not read well. Only 35% of 10-year-olds in England report that they like reading 'very much'. This lags behind countries like Russia (46%), Ireland (46%), New Zealand (44%), and Australia (43%).



- 1st Barakah Class Assembly
- 4th Bike ability Training
- 5th/6th Safer Internet day workshops for children
- 7th Safer Internet Day workshop for parents, 9-11am Cazenove hall
- 8th Ibn Zayd Assembly
- 11th Fun Football Y 5
- 11th Girl's Football Y5&6
- 11th EHCP Open Surgery UTC
- 11th Y3 Science Museum Trip
- 13th Y3 trip to Shrek
- 14th Premier league Primary Stars Y6
- 15th Last Day of term
- 25th School re-opens
- 27th Y5 Dodgeball Tournament
- 27th Y5&6 Anti-Slavery Workshops



Uniform

Please be aware that we are monitoring the children's school uniform and that we do not allow **trainers** in school unless it is your child's PE day.

The PE uniform is black trainers and plain black jogging bottoms—we have seen many varieties of uniform recently. Unfortunately, if your child is not wearing the correct PE kit, they will not take part in the PE lesson.

Snow Procedures

In the event of severe weather, a public emergency or unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary for the school to close or partially close. If the school does close, you will be notified by text message. In addition to this, the school's website and twitter account will be updated throughout the day.



Round 1 of Olive's Got Talent has been completed with a variety of acts, from comedians to gymnastics! The children have shown that they are extremely talented!

Round 2 will take place on Tuesday 12th February with members of the SLT judging this heat—very exciting.



The finals will take place during the last week of February/first week of March, with a variety of renowned judges from the community—more details to follow!

Sports News

Two weeks ago we saw the Year 3 boys get to play in their first round of competitive football fixtures. There were several defeats, but there were promising signs and hope for the future as they come through the ranks. Their tenacity and sportsmanship is to be commended!

Last week saw four children from Year 4 take part in our very first Table Tennis tournament at Hackney's Youth Hub. Isa, Ahlam, Ayaan and Zainab played valiantly, earning themselves several wins! Congratulations to you all!

Matchday Mondays have started at Rotherfield Primary School, where children from Year 5 have been attending. The children have shown improvements week after week, consistently coming out on top.

Last week saw 36 children from Year 5 & 6 take part in the borough wide Cross Country race, where over 300 children took part. Mustafa, Maryam D, Zayed and Hussain all managed a very respectable top 40 spot. A big improvement from last time, where the highest placed position was 55!

This month really is a month of 'firsts', as we are taking part in our very first cricket tournament at Britannia Leisure Center.

This week marks the beginning of our third Cycle Confident Bike Ability. Tennis SERVE will continue for Year 6, while Personal Best will be visiting Year 3 for the final time.

As you can see, it's been a busy time for our sporting activities!



Safer Internet Day



This week we have been looking into online safety and how to protect ourselves and our children. This is a very important aspect of safety as children are all too often left alone with iPhones, tablets and PCs. We invited 2020 Dreams to present workshops to the children from Year 2 –Year 6.

There is a special workshop for parents on 7th February 9-11am in the Cazenove hall. The workshop will look at how to keep your children safe whilst using the internet and is free and open to all.

Coach Users and UTC Parents

Please could I respectfully remind you not to block the school coaches with your car if you are late to the drop off points. This is extremely dangerous and could entail your child losing their place on the coach.

A reminder to parents who drop their children off at the UTC—please **do not** park in Basing Place, the small road by the school. This blocks the coaches from entering the car park and stops college staff from entering the car park. We have had many complaints about this which causes the school unnecessary difficulties with the college itself.

Communication with Staff

We would like to encourage parents to come and speak to us if you would like information about the school or if you have concerns about your child.

General enquiries and information: Salma Ahmad (Office Manager)

Step 1: Arrange an appointment with the class teacher of your child's class.

Step 2: If you feel that the issue has not been resolved, arrange an appointment with the lead teacher of the year group. **Reception:** Ms Begum/Ms Mamodo, **Year 1:** Ms Begum, **Year 2:** Mr Katongle, **Year 3:** Ms Begum, **Year 4:** Ms Bauha-door, **Year 5:** Mr Sayed, **Year 6:** Ms Barrett

Step 3: Arrange an appointment with the Deputy Headteacher.

Step 4: Arrange an appointment to meet with the Headteacher.

Unless it is an emergency, parents will be unable to have a same day appointment, however an appointment will be made as soon as possible. The Office Manager will request some very brief details from parents regarding the nature of the meeting before the meeting can go ahead. This will ensure the staff are fully prepared for the meeting. Please do not stop members of staff during the start of the school day for an appointment, please go straight to the office.

Website and Twitter

Keep up to date with events at the Olive school Hackney:

olivehackney.com

twitter.com/olive_hackney

