

Parent Bulletin

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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: ***“Wealth is not in having many possessions. Rather, true wealth is the richness of the soul (heart/actions).”*** (Source: Sahih Al-Bukhari)

New Building Update

We hope you enjoyed watching last week's video update. Our Principal (Mr. Mirza), Deputy Principal (Ms. Nou) and Vice-Chair of Governors (Mr. Mehter) visited our new building again on Wednesday and recorded a video for all parents and staff. Here is a link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzCzhBk4OLI&feature=youtu.be>

We have been advised that the new building is still on track for completion on 16th October 2020, insha'Allah.

We are currently finalising the new drop off and pick up timings for Reception and Year 1 at the new building, Year 2 – 5 who use the coaches and Year 6 at Cazenove Road. We shall send these timings out with full public travel options in next week's parent bulletin.

Attendance Figures

Well done, there has been another significant jump in overall pupil attendance this week.

This week's attendance is **97.7%**. We have again exceeded our whole school attendance target of **97.1%**. Thank you to all pupils and parents who have made a huge effort to ensure they attend school every day. Here is the breakdown for each year group. Well done to Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 who all exceeded our whole school attendance target of **97.1%**.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	99.9%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	98.4%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	99.7%
Year 6	96.3%

Assessment Week

Next week will be HT1 assessment week. Although most pupils will not be taking test papers, teachers will be using work that pupils have completed for the past 5-6 weeks to determine how much progress all pupils have made in Reading, Writing and Maths. All Year 6 pupils will be taking mock SATs papers in Reading and Maths to help them prepare for the SATs in May 2021. Please ensure that your Year 6 child has had breakfast in the morning and has had enough sleep. The assessment results will us to determine any gaps in learning which will inform planning and intervention for HT2.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

Once again, I am so proud of the attendance figures this week. **98%** is a fantastic achievement, Masha'Allah! Well done to you all and let's keep it up.

Thank you to parents who joined me for this morning's online coffee morning. I enjoyed it immensely and hope you will join our new Somali parents' working group. Together we will achieve many great things at our school.

During my LIVE online assemblies this week, I spoke to all pupils about polishing our hearts. Please ask your child what I talked about during assemblies. Ask them how we can get black spots on our hearts and how can we remove them.

Next week, we are due to receive the new school building on Friday 16th October 2020, insha'Allah.

I wish to invite all parents to join me LIVE on **Friday 16th October at 8:45am – 9:30am** to take a virtual walk around our new building. I will take you LIVE online through the new building, insha'Allah.

Here are the Zoom login details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84970216806?pwd=STZmaTc1VTRXWUJlaUxtZFB0d1ZSdz09>

Meeting ID: **849 7021 6806** Passcode: **12345**

Please make du'a (pray) that we have completion of the new building next week and that we can start to move in. I pray you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Wa'assalam.

Your Voice Matters

We have now set up a permanent online form to capture your comments, suggestions, feedback or complaints. You can access this online form by clicking on the 'your voice counts' button at the top of this page. Here is a direct link: <https://bit.ly/2GWnuFf>

Dhuhr Prayers at School

Please can all Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils bring a thin prayer mat with them to school each day from this Monday in order to pray dhuhr prayers at school. Along with the prayer mat, girls should also bring along a hijab. As we are still maintaining protective bubbles, pupils will pray in their classrooms. Please can you get your child to practice performing wudu and prayers over the weekend.



Safeguarding Leads

Please note that our school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Ms. Anna Nou (Deputy Principal). Our Principal (Mr. Mirza) and all other Assistant Principals are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs). Please feel to contact us if you have any safeguarding concerns.

Travelling Abroad in School Holidays

We strongly recommend that all families of Olive School avoid going abroad on holiday during the upcoming half term holidays. You are highly likely to require two weeks self-isolation upon returning back to the UK which will have a devastating impact on your child's education. We must all ensure that children are in school every day. Please do not take the risk.

Somali Parents' Working Group

We are setting up a Somali Parents' working group at Olive School Hackney. This group will include the Principal, members of SLT, parent Governor and parents from the Somali community. The working group will meet once a month and focus on improving engagement with Somali parents and to raise the achievement of Somali pupils at the school. To join our Somali parents' working group, please complete the following form: <https://bit.ly/2l8Tkzg>

Family Learning Courses

We are very pleased to be able to share with you some exciting opportunities coming from New City College (the campus next door to our Olive School site in Hoxton). New City College are able to offer a wide range of courses for our parents which are either free or require a small fee that you will need to pay. They will take place from early afternoon until the evening, depending on the course that you select. Please look at the attached flyer for full details.

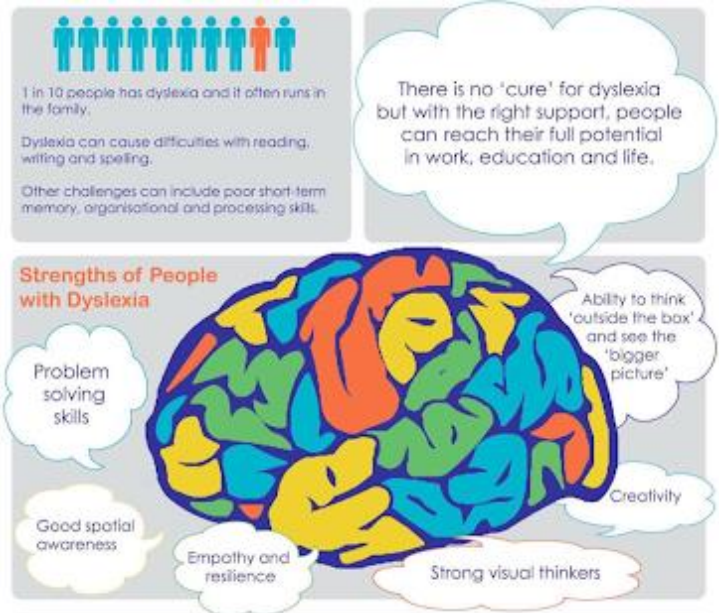
Dyslexia Awareness Week

This week is Dyslexia Awareness Week.

Did you know that 10% to 15% of the UK population have dyslexia. That's more than 9 million people.

Not everyone's dyslexia is the same. It affects people in different ways. Dyslexia is a combination of abilities and difficulties. A lot of people with dyslexia have some great strengths, including creativity and problem solving.

Please click on the following link to learn more about Dyslexia: <https://bit.ly/36QXfLn>



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Olive School



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Here are the courses that are available:

Adults only:

Act ESOL
Advanced emails skills
Computer Safety for Parents
Cooking for ESOL learners Entry level
English and Sewing skills (Entry level)
English and Sewing skills taster
Maths for ESOL learners Entry level
Mosaic
Drawing and Painting Skills
Life Drawing Skills
Pottery and Ceramics
Cake Decorating Skills
Cake Making Skills

Pastry Making Skills
African Clothes Making
Clothes Making Skills
Sewing Club
Dance and Music
Photography Skills
Employability and Computing
Food Safety in Catering
Plumbing, Carpentry and Electrical Skills
French, Italian and Spanish
Car Maintenance Skills
Motorcycle Maintenance Skills

Family learning:

EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)
EYFS – Play and Learn Together
EYFS – Supporting families from home to nursery
Transition
Family cooking (cook together, learn together and have fun together)
Family Digital Technology
Family Fun and Fitness
Family Gardening

Family Homework Club
Family Maths
Family money management
Fun with numbers
Keeping up with the children -maths and English....can be parents only or with children
Spanish for holidays
Story Sacks
Supporting your child with reading

To take part in any of these fantastic courses, and to find out any further details, here are the contact details you will need for the New City College:

Website – www.ncclondon.ac.uk

Address – Hackney Campus, Falkirk Street, London N1 6HQ (9:30am – 4:30pm, Monday-Thursday) (10am – 4pm, Friday)

Phone number – 0207 613 9116 (for courses which require payment); 0330 135 8000 (for free courses)

If you have any questions or queries about the courses, please contact the New City College directly, not the Olive School Office.