

Parent Bulletin

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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

"Keep Allah in mind wherever you are, follow a wrong with a right that cancels it and treat people courteously."

(Source: At Tirmidhi)

Teaching of the week: Whenever we do something wrong we should follow it with a good action.

Attendance

The overall attendance was **95%** this week. Well done to Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 who had the best attendance this week.

Year Group	% Present
Reception	93%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	94%
Overall	95%

Lateness remains a major issue. Lateness was poor every day this week. Please ensure your child is in school no later than **8:30am** every day.

Day	Pupils arrived between 8:30am - 8:45am	Pupils arrived at 8:45am onwards	Total Pupils late
Mon	77	21	98
Tues	80	10	90
Weds	86	9	95
Thurs	76	32	108
Fri	62	8	70

Persistent Lateness

Unfortunately, many parents routinely come very late when picking up their child(ren) from school. Many staff members including site staff, senior leaders and the Principal are often left waiting at the school gates in the cold for more than an hour with the same parents arriving late with the same excuses. This is unacceptable, unfair, and contrary to our faith ethos and our home school agreement.

The main reason why many after school clubs have not restarted back is because many parents were picking up their children late. We are no longer prepared to stay behind after school standing around in the cold.

Despite accommodating siblings, many Year 6 pupils (and their siblings) who attend daily booster classes are also being picked up very late every day. From next week, we will be removing pupils from booster classes if they cannot be picked up on time. Please pick up your child(ren) on time.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you).

I hope you have had a good week.

Please note that the school will be fully open during the 3rd and 4th National Teachers' Strikes on **Wednesday 15th** and **Thursday 16th March 2023**.

We have a packed week ahead. *Thursday* and *Friday* will be **non-uniform days**. On *Thursday*, please encourage your child to wear clothes from the Arab World and on *Friday*, please encourage your child to dress up as a Scientist and wear a Red Nose that they have made at home. 😊

Science Week

All pupils will be taking part in *Science Week* on **13th – 17th March 2023**. Pupils will take part in a range of exciting Science lessons, activities, assemblies and competitions with a Science Fair on Friday. Please see our Science Week poster for further details.

Also, Star Academies have launched an exciting Science competition that is open to all pupils across the family of Star schools - the *Star Innovators Country Calling Challenge*.

- [CLICK HERE for KS1 \(Year 1 & 2\)](#)
- [CLICK HERE for KS2 \(Year 3, 4, 5 and 6\)](#)

On **Friday 17th March**, please encourage your child to dress up as a Scientist. This day will be non-school uniform day.

Arabic Day

Our **Arabic Day** will be taking place on **Thursday 16th March 2023**. Pupils will take part in a range of Arabic reading, writing, speaking and listening activities, Arabic songs, performances during special assemblies, and dressing up. Pupils will make key rings with their names in Arabic. Please encourage your child to come into school on *Thursday* wearing clothes worn in Arabic speaking countries. This day will be **non-school uniform day**.

We will have a special **Arabic Evening Show** in school on **Thursday 16th March, 6pm – 9pm** with performances from children in every year group and a LIVE performance from an Arabic nasheed group. Due to limited spaces, only pupils performing will be invited with their parents. Parents who are invited will receive a printed and electronic letter on Monday.

Upcoming Events

Mon 13 th March	Science Week begins Year 5 Parent Coffee Afternoon (PM) Year 2 Trip to Little Angel Theatre
Thurs 16 th March	Year 3 Trip to British Museum Arabic Day
Friday 17 th March	Science Fair Red Nose Day
Mon 20 th March	Pre-Ramadhan Bazaar

Holidays During Term Time

- Holidays during term time are not permitted. Only in cases of an emergency will an authorized holiday be approved. You will also be asked to provide evidence of flights and medical documents, if necessary, failure to do so could lead to a fine. Please also be aware that a Leave Of Absence (LOA) should always be filled out and submitted to the office at least 2 weeks prior to travelling.
- The attendance for Friday is an ongoing issue for the school. Even though school closes at 12pm on Friday children are still expected to attend. Many children are not attending on Friday's and they are missing out on valuable learning time.
- There are more and more children being picked up late from school. Please note that the school will be clamping down on late pickups and if you pick up your child/ren late on 3 or more occasions you will be invited in for a meeting with the Headteacher. If your child attends after school clubs, choir or boosters and they are consistently being picked up late, they will lose their place.
- Please ensure you are contacting the school to update them about any absences via telephone or e-mail. If your child is being picked up by someone who is not on the list of people who usually pick up your child then please notify the school office by midday.

What is Personal Development?

The wider personal development of pupils refers to the curriculum that we provide beyond the academic. Olive School Hackney support pupils to develop in many diverse aspects of life in order for our pupils to build cultural capital which enables them to be successful in society. The personal development judgement is used by Ofsted to evaluate the school's intent to provide for the personal development of all pupils, and the quality with which the school implements this work, focusing on the factors that contribute most strongly to pupils' personal development. Our Offer for Personal Development is phenomenal and starts from the beginning of the school day and is interwoven within the whole school day. We offer Personal development through some fantastic activities and practices in our school such as:

- Hadith of the Week
- Hadith of the Week Homework
- Recitation of Quran
- Following Faith and Character Education Framework (Character, Curriculum, Community, Charity)
- Charitable events
- Community work
- Enrichment Clubs
- Themed Weeks
- Trips/Visits
- Sharing of Curriculum Maps with parents
- Inviting parents to take part in activities such as reading cafes
- Workshops
- Choir

Pre-Ramadhan Bazaar (Reminder)

Our *Parent Shura Council* will be holding a pre-Ramadhan bazaar on **Monday 20th March 2023** at 1:30pm – 3:30pm in the school's Sports Hall. All proceeds will go towards our Turkiye/Syria Earthquake Appeal. We wish to encourage parents to run a stall at the pre-Ramadhan bazaar. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to express an interest in setting up a stall.

Reception Spring Walk

Reception pupils will be going on a Spring walk on Monday. Please can reception parents send their children to school with sensible clothing (coat and if possible, wellies).

National Careers Week

Thank you to the following parents who kindly volunteered to support us during National Careers Week last week. The children loved hearing about all the different professions and careers amongst our parents. We appreciate you giving up your time for the pupils. *Hazra Docrat, Silvia Fraga, Yasmin Gosai, Forhad Malik, Salma Rahman, Nadiath Adjibade.*

Parents Coffee Afternoon (for Year 5 Parents)

Our weekly parent coffee afternoon will take place on **Monday 13th March** at **1:30pm - 2:20pm**. Year 5 parents are invited to attend and speak with our Year 5 teachers.

Help with Rising Cost of Living

The impact of the cost-of-living crisis has affected us all. Here are some useful links that can offer helpful advice and support which we hope you will find useful.

General Advice: ['Cost of Living Crisis Survival Guide'](#)

Support Service Locator ([Hackney](#))

Parenting Resources ([City of London](#))

Domestic Abuse Support in [City of London](#) and [Hackney](#)

Council Tax Rebate in [City of London](#) and [Hackney](#)

Foodbanks: The Trussell Trust ['Find a Food Bank'](#)

(includes a [Hackney](#) specific page)

Search 'food bank' on the City of London [Family Information Service](#) directory

Hackney money help and advice [webpage](#)

Online Safety Guide

Safeguarding pupils is everyone's responsibility including parents. Online safety is a very important part of safeguarding. We have a rigorous and robust system in school to keep pupils safe online. We will be sharing guides with parents to develop awareness around how to keep your child safe online at home. [CLICK HERE](#) for our first guide with 10 tips around keeping your child safe online.

School Office

- A reminder that breakfast club payments (5 days) 24/4/23 – 20/7/23 is now on ParentPay.
- Just a quick reminder that the 2nd payment for the Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip is now on ParentPay.

Red Nose Day

It will be *Red Nose Day* on **Friday 17th March 2023** and we will be raising money for *Comic Relief*. As children will already be dressing up as a Scientist on Friday, please encourage your child to simply make a red nose at home which they can wear on *Friday* rather than dressing up in red. Please donate generously via ParentPay.



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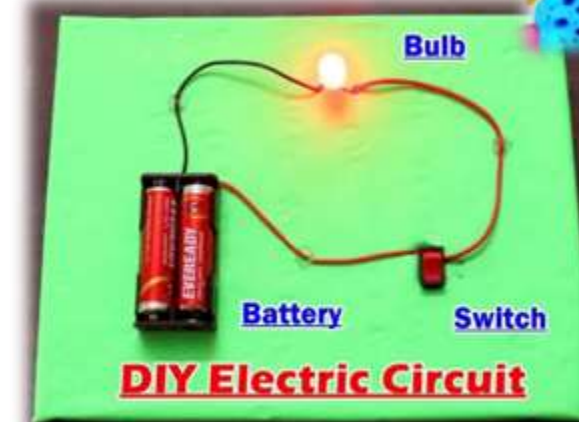
Science week

March 13th – 17th 2023

Take part in the
ultimate quiz!



Dress up as your
favourite scientist!



HOW TO MAKE a tornado
A JAR

DIET COKE
AND MENTOS
Experiment



You will be able to see and take part in many
amazing experiments!



The 3D PROJECT

Our theme is Connections!

**The connection between human actions and climate change could be a fantastic topic.
Or how atoms connect to form chemical bonds which make up everything around us.
Why not think how our organs are connected and create a brilliant project!**

Tip!

You could also link your 3D project with the current learning in science!

**Three best projects will win an amazing scientific prize!
Submit your projects by 16th March!**



Pre-Ramadhan **BAZAAR**

**Fundraising for Turkiye & Syria
Earthquake Appeal by Parent Shura
Council**

**A variety of unique parent-run
stalls, baked goodies, Krispy
Kreme doughnuts and much
more!!**

Please, come & support us

Let's raise some dough

**Location: Olive school Hackney,
The school's sports hall**

20th MARCH 2023 | 13:30 to 15:30