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Dear Families,

Firstly, thank you for responding so quickly last Friday to our text to arrive early to collect children. With so much rainfall, our drains could not cope and we needed to evacuate four classrooms as they ended up 2cm underwater! Over the weekend we had cleaning teams onsite to clear, shampoo and clean everything! We are thankful we could get everything up and running again for Monday morning! Our thanks to Mrs Babhanian and Carlton who worked tirelessly to undo the damage done by the water!

Secondly, we are in the process of recruiting a new Admin Officer to start on September. The closing deadline for applications is 4pm on Mon 28th June. You can find out more using this link. <https://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/key-information/vacancies-join-the-team>

Thirdly, we have the school photographer on site on Thursday 24th June so ALL children should come to school wearing their smartest school uniform and their perfect smile. As the photographs are being taken outside we can only take class photos. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!

We continue with all our Covid 19 measures in place and look to the future for an announcement by the Government regarding what will happen from Mon 19th July. Please continue to wear a mask when dropping off and collecting children at the start and the end of the day. If your child is unwell and shows one or more of the main Covid symptoms (cough, high temperature or loss of smell/taste) then please keep them away from school, isolate as a family and book a PCR test as soon as possible. Keep in touch with the school office so we can help.

You can find lots of important information on the following pages about the themes listed below, please take some time to read them;

- Dates & events for the end of this term
- RHE at OGPS (Relationships & Health Education)
- NEW Reception Outdoor Equipment
- Learning Adventure Summer 2021
- KS2 Skateboarding
- Y5 & 6 Activity Week
- Planning for Sept 2021 - Transition & Uniform
- Community News

As the half term draws to a close, we want to make sure the end to the summer term 2021 is more memorable and more positive than last year!

Best wishes
Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher



Dates & Events for the end of this term...

Mon 28th June:	Learning Adventure Week 2021 "OG:US This is Us!"
Weds 7th July:	Sports Day: Nursery (see below)
Thurs 8th July:	Sports Day: Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 (see below)
Fri 9th July:	Sports Day: Y5 & Y6 (see below)
Thurs 15th July:	End of Year Reports sent home
Fri 16th July:	Letter home about new classes & teachers for 2021-22
Weds 21st July:	Transition Time for classes - meet your new teacher
Thurs 22nd July:	Last day of term for Nursery
Thurs 22nd July:	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (AM)
Thurs 22nd July:	Year 6 Leavers' Pupil Celebration (PM)
Fri 23rd July:	End of term at 1.30pm with staggered finish in place as follows...
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception & Y1 pick up 1.20-1.25pm• Y2 pick up 1.30-1.35pm• Y3 & Y4 pick up at 1.20-1.25pm• Y5 & Y6 pick up at 1.30-1.35pm

Sports Days 2021 Information to Parents

Children missed out on Sports Days last year so we want to make sure they take place this year. In order to keep everyone safe, we will have sports days activities spread out over a few days. Unfortunately we are not able to have back up plans so in the event of bad weather, sports days would have to be cancelled; if this happens, we will text families ASAP.

When & Where will Sports Days be held?

Weds 7th July:

- Nursery Sports Day will be held onsite at OGPS in the school grounds
- Events will take place during the children's usual sessions

Thurs 8th July:

- Y1 & Y2 will take part in the **MORNING**
- Y3 & Y4 will take part in the **AFTERNOON**
- Taking place at Hendon Football Club in Silver Jubilee Park
- Reception Sports Day will be held on site at OGPS in the school grounds in the **AFTERNOON**

Fri 9th July:

- Y6 will take part in the **MORNING**
- Y5 will take part in the **AFTERNOON**
- Taking place at Hendon Football Club in Silver Jubilee Park

What do children need to wear or bring?

- Children should come to school in PE kit on their Sports Day
- Make sure they have put on sun cream and have a hat
- A named water bottle to make sure they have access to water

Can families come and watch?

- We will be writing to families on Friday 2nd July to confirm whether we can have some family members attend and if so, what the restrictions and advice will be.



RHE at OGPS (Relationships & Health Education)...

Our new Relationships & Health Education Policy is being implemented from this half term in line with statutory government guidance. We consulted with parents, staff and governors back in Feb 2020 but the national lockdowns meant that the implementation of this policy has been delayed until now.

Under the new guidance from the DfE, Relationships & Health Education has become a statutory part of the curriculum. To find out more, please visit our policy page and read/download the policy. To see what we need to cover across the school, go the appendix pages on p6-9.

<https://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/key-information/policies>

In the remainder of the year, the theme across the school is "Changing Me". At OGPS we have always covered the theme of body changes in puberty in Y5 & Y6 and continue to cover the same aspects as we have always done in previous years.

We will be holding Parent Times in the Autumn Term on this policy to ensure that all parents, including new parents joining us in September have access to the same information. If you have any questions, please contact the school office and a senior leader will get back to you as quickly as we can.

NEW Reception Outdoor Equipment...

We are continuing to develop our school environment to support our children's' learning. Over the half term break we installed new physical development equipment into the EYFS Reception free flow area. We know that children missed a great deal of physical activity due to national lockdowns and we know that this new equipment will support pupils develop their co-ordination as well as their gross and fine motor skills.

We held a virtual opening ceremony with the rest of the school and children have loved exploring their equipment ever since...



Learning Adventure Summer 2021 starts Mon 28th June...

Our Learning Adventures have been established since 2015 and we have worked hard to keep them alive through our recent challenging times!

The aims of our summer learning adventure are to;

- Celebrate the rich diversity of our school community;
- Demonstrate our commitment to respecting one another;
- Enable everyone at OGPS to feel valued;
- Instill greater confidence and self esteem in our pupils through teaching each other;
- Improve children's collaborative skills and speaking and listening skills.



From Monday to Wednesday, children in each class will be sharing information about their background and influences so that children can learn from each other. On Thursday they will prepare an online lesson to lead with another class to share what they have learned from each other. On Friday, classes will be paired across age groups and they will lead a live lesson - our children become the teachers; older pupils teach younger ones and younger pupils teacher older ones!

How can families help?

- Talk about your family background with your child so they can share information with the class about what is important to them. E.g. This might be about a member of your wider family who may have done something special, it might be about a home country that is important to you and what it is like there, it might be about your religious or cultural background or be linked to food or music.
- If your family moved to settle in the UK, what was this like for them?
- Can you help your child to share a different language with their class? Do they know any songs or rhymes that they could tell in a home language as well as in English?
- Could you join a class online and share something special with them about your background or your interests? Could you tell a short story/part of a story in another language or in English? Could you talk about your favourite foods or recipes? Could you show a childhood toy, share some artwork or share a photograph and say why it holds special memories?

If you can help, please get in contact with the school office and leave us your details.

KS2 Skateboarding...

Part of our PE action plan is to introduce children to new and exciting activities and increase their physical activity. Children across KS2 had the chance to take part in skateboarding lessons which they all really enjoyed!



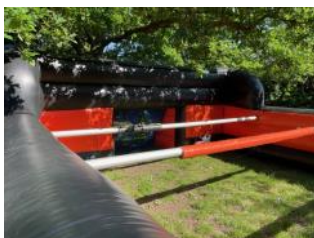
Y5 & 6 Activity Week...

Children in Y5 & 6 have missed out on residential trips over the last two years; we wanted to make sure they could have a memorable activity week before the end of term.

Last week children took part in a range of exciting activities including a long day out at the Gordon Brown Activity Centre where they enjoyed archery, shelter building, wall climbing and the dreaded death jump, not to mention a campfire and team building challenges.

Back at OGPS they experienced human table football, fun golf as well as forest school activities such as fire making!

All the children had a fantastic week; we hope they made memories to last a lifetime!



Transition for September 2021...

We are returning to our usual transition policy for September 2021. This means that children in Reception will be mixed to create two new classes as they move into Year 1. Children in Y3 will also be mixed to create two new classes as they move into Year 4. All other classes will remain together as they move to their next year group. For more information, you can refer to our Transition Policy & Procedure for Class Allocation on our policy page; here is the link:

<https://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/key-information/policies>

School Uniform for September 2021...

Our uniform, policy was reviewed last July with a view to reducing financial pressures for families. We reduced the number of branded items of clothing with the school badge and changed some colours so that parents can access cheaper clothing from a range of suppliers.

The school has a uniform and its colours are royal blue, grey and white. All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform and black footwear at all times. *All items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.*

The uniform consists of the following

- Royal Blue Sweatshirts with the school badge
- **White Polo Shirts ONLY, they DO NOT have to have the school crest.**
- Grey trousers in the winter or grey shorts in the summer term.
- Grey skirt with the white polo shirt or the grey pinafore with the white polo shirt if preferred.
- Summer dresses in gingham blue check may be worn for the summer term.
- Nursery children may wear the school blue jogging bottoms.
- Socks/tights should be in school colours of grey, white or black.
- Leggings may be worn under dresses/skirts but must be in school colours (grey, white or black).
- Hijabs or hair bands etc. must be in SCHOOL COLOURS, i.e. blue, grey, white or black.

Footwear must be ALL BLACK, without "flashes", coloured trims or laces.

- Black trainers may be worn but they must be ALL BLACK
- Girls should not wear ballet style pumps; shoes must have straps to hold the shoes in place for safety reasons.
- Boots (shoes that go over the ankle) may be worn in the second half of the autumn term and in the spring term. Children must be able to walk and play safely in boots. Children should not be wearing boots in the summer term.

For PE & Sports

- **Grey or black shorts**
- **Plain white t-shirt without any logos/badges or designs**
- **Grey or black jogging bottoms may be worn in the winter months.**
- Royal blue jogging bottoms may be worn in the winter months.
- Plimsolls for EYFS and KS1 children for outdoor sessions.
- Trainers for KS2 children will be needed for outside games sessions.

Children go swimming in Y4 for the full year, further guidance is issued to children at the start of year four regarding what they need to wear and take with them.

Uniform Suppliers

To support an affordable uniform and provide parents with as much choice as possible, only items with the school logo need to be purchased from our supplier. Our uniform supplier is *Mayfair* which is located on *Kingsbury Road*.

Jewellery

- We do not allow jewellery unless it needs to be worn for reasons of faith.
- Earrings must be small plain stud earrings.
- Any other jewellery or adornments linked to religious custom and practice must be removed at the owners own risk during PE or physical activity.
- If children choose to wear a watch they should only do so when they can take full responsibility for it. Smart watches with cameras are unsuitable to have at school.

Items of School Uniform



Kit for PE & Sports



Reception & KS1 (Y1/2) children need black plimsolls for outdoor PE.

KS2 (Y3/6) children need trainers for outdoor PE sessions – these do not need to be black but need to be suitable for playing outdoor games.

Community News...

Are you looking for an activity outside of school for your child? Brownies, for girls aged between 7 & 10, based at Holy Innocents (next door to the school) have spaces if you are interested.

Through regular meetings, special events, day trips, sleepovers, camps and holidays, Brownies learn new hobbies, play music, explore other cultures and get adventurous outdoors. Brownies are girls aged seven to ten who become a member of a Six and follow a programme called the Brownie Adventure.

Try out something new at www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies.



Brownies

We do cool stuff

Brownies opens up a world of exciting challenges and the opportunity to try new things and make brilliant friends.



Every Tuesday in term time
6.15 - 7.45pm
Holy Innocents Church Hall
Phone Peggy 020 8205 7597



Registered charity number 304014

Please Remember...

Cars should not be stopping or parking on the zig-zag lines for the safety of our children; nor should they be blocking residents driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.



Please show children that it is important to follow rules and that is important to be polite to others!

Do Remember...

- Cars should **NOT STOP or PARK** on the yellow zig-zag lines **BETWEEN 8.15am-9.15am and 3.00-5.00pm**.
- Cars should **NOT** be blocking residents' driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.
- Cars should **NOT** be performing dangerous manoeuvres such as three point turns outside the main gate of the school or end up driving onto the pavement.
- Cars should **NOT** be parked in Holy Innocents Church car park on Kingsbury Road; it is their **PRIVATE PROPERTY AND NOT A PUBLIC CAR PARK**.
- Finally, please **switch off your car engine** if you are waiting around the school area to help reduce emissions in our local area.

If you do see a vehicle obstructing the pavement, stopped or parked on the yellow lines or blocking a neighbour's driveway I would urge you to contact Brent's **Parking Enforcement Team** on 020 8937 4972.



Covid 19 Update

For drop off and pick up times and which gate to use from **MONDAY 7th JUNE...**

Year Group	Which Gate?	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery AM	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.35	11.35
Nursery PM	Kingsbury Rd Gate	12.30	3.30
Reception	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.45-8.50	3.20-3.25
Year 1	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.45-8.50	3.20-3.25
Year 2	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.35-8.40	3.30-3.35
Year 3	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.45-8.50	3.30-3.35
Year 4	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.45-8.50	3.30-3.35
Year 5	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.35-8.40	3.20-3.25
Year 6	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.35-8.40	3.30-3.35

If you have more than one child, start at the gate for the earliest drop off and we will guide you what to do next. Senior staff and other staff are available each day to help you.

Please continue to socially distance from other families as you arrive and leave school.

PE Days Remain the same until the end of term...

Class/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RN		✓			
RP					✓
1O		✓		✓	
1T	✓		✓		
2B	✓		✓		
2D		✓		✓	
3AV		✓	✓		
3B	✓			✓	
4M	✓		✓		
4P		✓		✓	
5L		✓	✓		
5S	✓			✓	
6C	✓		✓		
6S		✓		✓	

Key Dates for the future...



Term Dates for 2020-21

Summer Term: Monday 19th April 2021 to Fri 23rd July 2021
Children return to school on MON 19th APRIL 2021
Half term week Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021
Children break up for the summer holiday on Friday 23rd July at 1.30pm

Please Note:

- **Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.**
- **Holiday is not considered an exceptional circumstance.**
- **If you are thinking about travelling abroad this summer, follow the latest guidance and ensure that children are able to return to school on THURS 2nd SEPT 2021 so that their transition into a new year and their learning is not disrupted.**

From September 2021, our new school timings will be:

- 7.45-8.35am Breakfast club
- 8.35-8.45am Soft start time - drop off time
- 8.45am Registration (when children must be in their classroom for the daily register)
- Lunchtime Will last for 60mins and be staggered for different phases
- 3.15pm End of the school day - pick up time
- From 3.15pm Afterschool Club wrap around care provision and other clubs

Term Dates for 2021-22

Autumn Term: Weds 1st Sept to Fri 17th Dec 2021 (with 1st Sept as CPD day)
Children (Y1-6) start on Thursday 2nd Sept
Half term week Monday 25th Oct to Friday 29th Oct 2021

Spring Term: Tues 4th Jan 2022 to Fri 1st April 2022 (with 4th & 5th Jan as CPD Days)
Children return to school on Thursday 6th Jan 2022
Half term week: Monday 14th Feb - Friday 18th Feb 2022

Summer Term: Tues 19th April 2022 to Fri 22nd July 2022 (with 19th April as CPD day)
Children return to school on Wednesday 20th April 2022
Half term week Monday 30th May 2021 to Friday 3rd June 2022
Friday 22nd July is a CPD Day
Children break up for the summer holiday on Thursday 21st July 2022

To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2021-22

- Wednesday 1st September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Wednesday 5th January 2022
- Tuesday 19th April 2022
- Friday 22nd July 2022

In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2022-23 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2022 as soon as they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.