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Dear Families,

It has been a challenging end to the term with the extreme heat we have faced but I want to say that I am so proud of the way the children have dealt with the difficult weather as well as offer my thanks to families for collecting children earlier than usual. I hope you have managed to stay cool this week!

I also want to say a specific thank you to Mr & Mrs Asani for organising the donations from families which then paid for ice lollies to be delivered to us. They arrived at the perfect time yesterday and today; they were very gratefully received. Also, thank you to Mr & Mrs Asani for donating sports medals which will be going out to our class sport stars tomorrow!

We are not saying farewell to any members of staff this year but I do have two lovely staff announcements to make. Firstly, Miss Brown's baby arrived and has been named Xavier; mum, baby and family are all doing very well. Secondly, Mrs Dean is expecting her second child! I am sure you will want to join me in sending them both messages of congratulations!

I do want to say a public THANK YOU to the entire staff team at OGPS for their dedication to securing the very best for our children. I am so proud to be part of such as a caring and committed team. Also, THANK YOU to the members of our Board of Governors for their work. Finally, THANK YOU to all families for their constant support; in partnership we can achieve so much!

Uniform Policy: Along with this newsletter I have sent our school uniform policy to help you prepare for September! We have ensured that our school uniform is as reasonable to purchase as possible by reducing the number of items that show the school badge. Please **do not** buy blue polo shirts as we have moved to white polo shirts only: they do not need to have the school badge. Likewise for PE, children should wear white t-shirts rather than coloured t-shirts with the school badge.

I want to take a moment to wish our year six pupils every success and happiness as they move to their high school. It has been a pleasure to see them grow into the amazing children they have become in their time with us. Their leaver's assembly earlier today was a fitting farewell; it was great to have so many families with us!

All that remains is for me to wish you a happy summer holiday. We hope you find time to rest, refresh and recharge! Have fun, make memories, smile and laugh!

Stay safe and well; my very best wishes to you all.
Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher

Learning Adventure

Learning should be an adventure and it was great to see so many families join us for the end of our recent learning adventure. Children became the teachers and taught each other about a range of ideas centring on the theme of disability. We received lots of great positive feedback from families who visited; thank you for your kind words! You can see photos of the learning adventure using this link...

[Learning Adventure Summer 2022 OG Disability Champions.pdf](#)

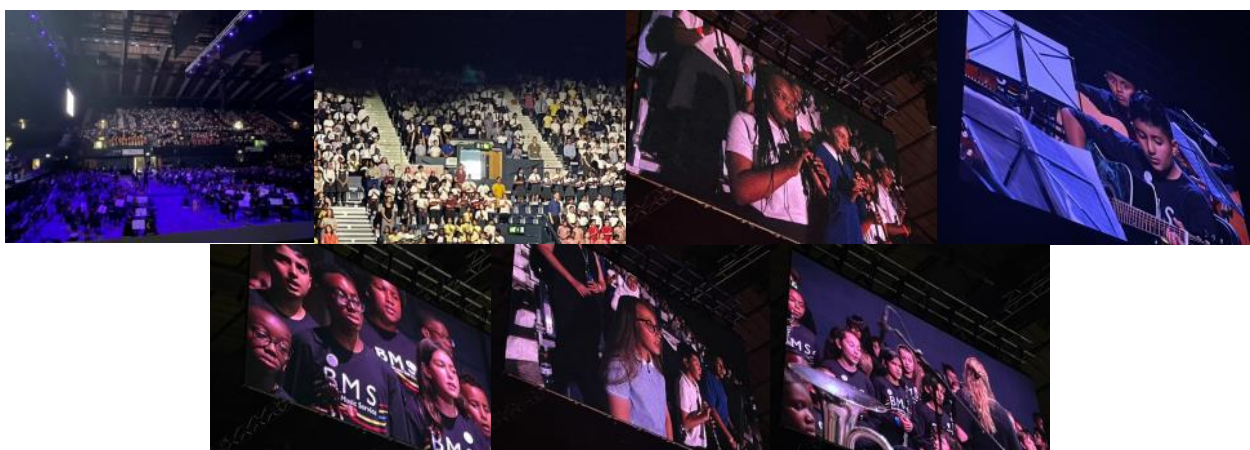
Performing Arts Concert

Last week, children put on a great performing arts concert to families - here are a few photos...



Brent Makes Music

Wednesday 13th July was an amazing night! Pupils from OGPS joined with children right across Brent of all ages to put on an incredible concert at Wembley Arena. It was wonderful to see so many families there supporting our children. It was a long day for the children but one I know they will remember for the rest of their lives! Here are a few photos...



Dining Hall update

Whilst the extreme weather yesterday and today has slowed progress, overall the project is going very well. Here is an up to date photo to show the progress that has been made...



Parking Outside the School...

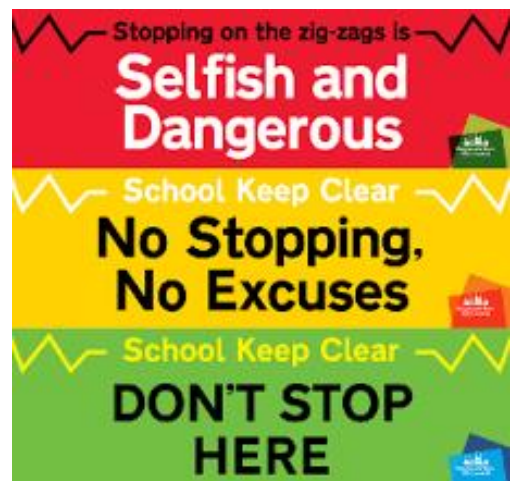
On Friday 15th July, I was approached by a local neighbour who let me know that cars have been parking illegally in the allocated disabled space along Coniston Gardens round the corner from the school. The disabled bay has been specifically put in place for one of our neighbours by Brent Council as they have a disability. It is most upsetting to hear that families are using this space and stopping our vulnerable neighbours being able to park in the space that has clearly been granted to them.

Coniston Gardens & Kingsbury Road...

Remember that **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.

- Cars should NOT STOP or PARK on the yellow zig-zag lines BETWEEN THE TIMES SHOWN.
- Cars should NOT be blocking residents' driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.
- Cars should NOT be parking in the allocated disabled space along Coniston Gardens around the corner from the school.
- 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, call **Brent's Parking Enforcement Team on 020 8937 4972**.



Term Dates for 2021-22



Summer Term: Tues 19th April 2022 to Fri 22nd July 2022

(with 19th April and 21st July as CPD days).

Half term week Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Children break up for the summer holiday on Weds 20th July 2022

School finishes at 1.30pm on Weds 20th July 2022

Thursday 21st July is a staff CPD Day

Friday 22nd July is our school's additional Bank Holiday (Queen's Jubilee)

Term Dates for 2022-23

Autumn Term: Thurs 1st Sept 2022 to Fri 16th Dec 2022 (with 1st & 2nd Sept as CPD days)

Children (Y1-6) start on Monday 5th Sept 2022

New Reception children will receive letters with start dates

New Nursery children will receive letters with start dates

Half term week Monday 24th Oct to Friday 28th Oct 2022

Spring Term: Tues 3rd Jan 2023 to Fri 31st March 2023 (with 3rd & 4th Jan as CPD Days)

Children return to school on Thurs 5th Jan 2023

Half term week: Monday 13th Feb - Friday 17th Feb 2023

Summer Term: Mon 17th April 2023 to Fri 21st July 2023 (with 21st July as a CPD day)

Children return to school on Monday 17th April 2023

Half term week Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Friday 21st July is a CPD Day

Children break up for the summer holiday on Thursday 20th July 2023

To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2022-23

- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Wednesday 4th January 2023
- Friday 21st July 2023

Please Note:

- **Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.**
- **Holidays are not considered as an exceptional circumstance.**



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