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**School Newsletter: The Goldsmith Gazette**  
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Dear Families,

**Y6 Assembly:** This morning we were treated to a brilliant assembly from our children in Year 6. They took us on a journey through their learning from the year so far that included gymnastics, writing suspense stories, facts from Ancient Egypt, maths, Picasso and cubism as well as their learning about Hinduism. The children shared their learning about the story of Diwali. It was lovely to have so many families in attendance today.



**Happy Diwali & Happy New Year!** To all those celebrating at the weekend and next week, we wish you a very Happy Diwali and a prosperous and healthy New Year! If your child will be absent for religious absence, please do let the office know in advance; one day's leave is always granted. We hope you have a lovely time celebrating with your family, friends and the wider community.

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK:** Next week begins with a day of odd socks to mark the start of anti-bullying week. We will have special whole assemblies on both Monday and Friday plus the children will spend time within their PSHE lessons focussing on the theme of anti-bullying. **DON'T FORGET YOUR ODD SOCKS ON MONDAY - EVEN ADULTS CAN JOIN IN WITH THIS ONE!**



**Wet, Windy & Colder:** With the arrival of colder and wetter weather, please make sure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat to wear to and from school - do make sure their name is on the coat so we can re-unite lost coats with their owners! It is time to start breaking out the hats, gloves and scarves!

**School Day Timings:** The school gates open at 8.35am; children are expected to be **in their classrooms for the register to be taken at 8.45am** so that learning can then start promptly at 8.50am. When children arrive late, even by one or two minutes, learning is disrupted. **Please ensure your child arrives at school in time to be in their classroom for registration at 8.45am.**

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

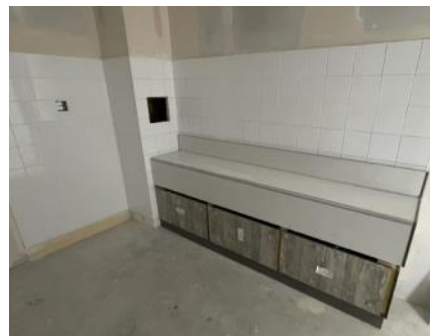
With best wishes,  
**Mr. James Simmons**  
Headteacher



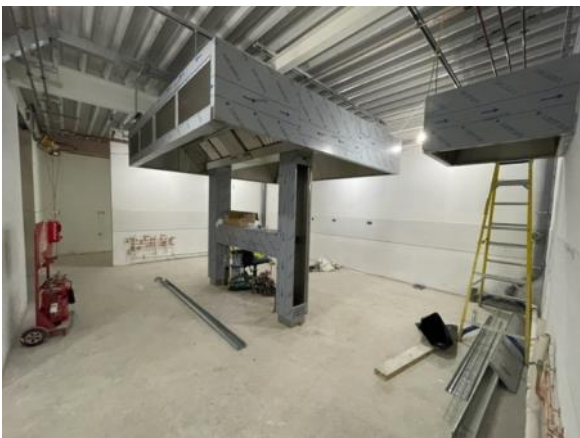
**Dining Hall Update...** We can provide you with the following update and photos after our recent progress meeting. Externally, the cladding and roof fixtures have all been completed, this includes drainage for rain water.



Internally, the tiling and preparation work for key areas has been completed and we await the fitting of the toilets and sinks...



The kitchen equipment is due to be fitted in the week beginning 27th November...



A further update meeting with a director from Cosmur and a representative from Brent is scheduled to take place on **Friday 14th December at 9am**. Please come along to hear the latest information or ask these key people a question.



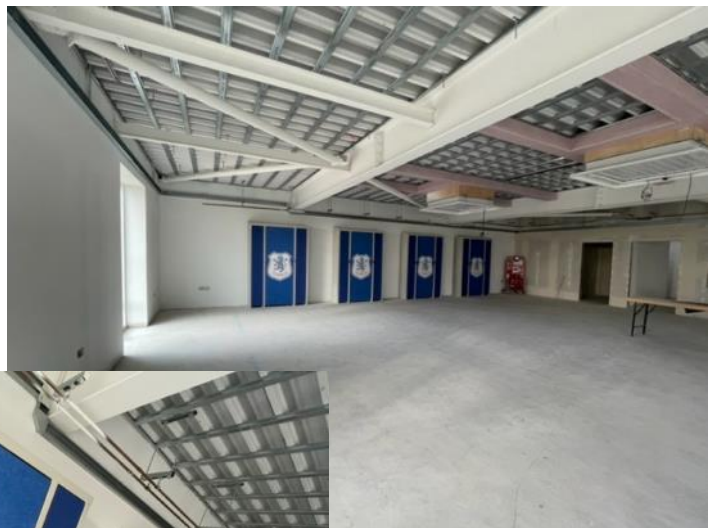
**Dining Hall Update...** The internal doors, which had been delayed, have now arrived and are due to be fitted across the building.

Whilst the dining hall project is being financed, led and managed by Brent Council, we have invested our own money to maximise on building we will be getting. The school has invested money so that an additional room is being built for us. This room will become the centre for our Breakfast Club and After School Club provision and will mean that we can have extra clubs taking place in other indoor spaces available in the future.



We have also invested extra money in making sure the floor space for the dining hall area is as large as possible so we can use the space in a more flexible way as well as having more children eating indoors at one time during the lunch break.

Finally, we have invested in some smart, space saving tables and benches so that even when we don't need the tables, they fold away into a very small storage area, leaving us a greater space to use for other activities.



## Parking Reminders:

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 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**.
- Cars should **NOT** be parking in the disabled bar marked along Coniston Gardens.
- 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, contact **Brent's Parking Enforcement Team 020 8937 4972**.



**Please remember that the school car park and Holy Innocents Church car park SHOULD NOT be used by parents or family members when dropping children off or picking them up.**

**The school car park SHOULD NOT be used by parents or family members when dropping off or picking up children to or from the Breakfast Club or the After School Club.**

## PE Days

Children have TWO PE lessons each week. On the days that children have PE they should wear their PE kit TO SCHOOL rather than their school uniform.

Our School PE kits is as follows;

- Grey or black shorts or grey or black track suit bottoms
- Plain white t-shirt (no logos or designs)
- School jumper or cardigan
- Trainers suitable for being active (these can be any colour)

Here are PE days for Autumn Term 2023 - We do our very best to keep to these days, if it needs to change for any reason, we will text families to let you know.

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1M	PE Day				PE Day
1N	PE Day		PE Day		
2B	PE Day				PE Day
2P			PE Day		PE Day
3AV	PE Day				PE Day
3C				PE Day	PE Day
4H	PE Day				PE Day
4L	PE Day				PE Day
5B	PE Day			PE Day	
5R	PE Day			PE Day	
6D		PE Day		PE Day	
6S		PE Day		PE Day	



## Key Dates for the Autumn Term Ahead...

**Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.**

### **Autumn Term Part 2**

- Mon 13th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week at OGPS
- Fri 1st Dec: FFG Fancy Dress Disco (letter to come)
- Weds 13th Dec: Y3 Assembly - Hannukah & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Weds 13th Dec: Donations in for our Christmas Fair (letter to come)
- Fri 15th Dec: Christmas Fair Day run by Y6 pupils & FFG volunteers
- Mon 18th Dec: Y2 Assembly - Nativity (letter to come)
- Tues 19th Dec: Non-uniform day - Party Afternoon
- Weds 20th Dec: End of Autumn Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

**Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.**



## Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024...

**Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.**

### **Spring Term Part 1**

- Tues 9th Jan: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Mon 15th Jan: OGPS Maths Week Begins!
- Mon 15th Jan: Extra Curricular Clubs begin today
- Fri 26th Jan: Be Bright, Be Seen Day!
- Mon 5th Feb: Spring Learning Adventure Week - "OG Sustainability Champions"
- Tues 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day
- Fri 9th Feb: Break up for half term at 3.15pm

### **Spring Term Part 2**

- Mon 19th Feb: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Weds 6th March: Parents' Evening 1
- Thurs 7th March: Parents' Evening 2
- Fri 15th March: French Learning Adventure Day
- Tues 19th March: Spring Musical Performances
- Mon 25th March: Y4 Assembly - Easter & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Thurs 28th March: End of Spring Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

**Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.**



## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024...

**Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.**

### **Summer Term Part 1**

- Mon 15th April: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Tues 16th April: Y5 Activity Week - Residential to Gordon Brown Centre
- Thurs 2nd May: Local Elections & London Mayor Election Day
- Mon 6th May: Bank Holiday
- Mon 20th May: Walk to School Week
- Weds 22nd May: Y1 Assembly - Vesak & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 24th May: Break up for half term at 3.15pm

### **Summer Term Part 2**

- Mon 3rd June: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Mon 10th June: OGPS Proms Week
- Fri 14th June: Y5 Assembly - Eid & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 21st June: Reception Assembly - (letter to come)
- Fri 28th June: Summer Learning Adventure Day  
"OG Neuro-Diversity & Disability Champions"
- Mon 1st July: EYFS Sports Day (to be confirmed)
- Fri 5th July: KS1/KS2 Sports Day (to be confirmed)
- Weds 10th July: Performing Arts Concert
- Tues 16th July: Transitions Day - meet new teachers/class
- Thurs 18h July: Y6 Leavers Assembly - (letter to come)
- Fri 19th July: End of Summer Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

**Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.**





## Key Dates for the future...



### **Please Note:**

- Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.
- Holidays or visiting sick relatives are not considered an exceptional circumstances.

### **A Reminder of school timings:**

- 7.45-8.35am Breakfast club (only if booked in advance)
- 8.35-8.45am Soft start time - drop off time – gates close 8.45am
- 8.45am Registration (when children **must be in their classroom**)
- Lunchtime Will last for 60mins (11.50am-12.50pm)
- 3.15pm End of the school day - pick up time - children collected by 3.20pm
- From 3.15pm Afterschool Club wrap around care provision and other clubs

### **Term Dates for 2023-24**

Autumn Term: Friday 1st Sept 2023 to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023  
*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 is a CPD – no children in school*  
**Children (Y1-6) start on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023**  
*Half term week Monday 23rd Oct to Friday 27th Oct 2023*  
**Children break up for Christmas Holidays on Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023**  
*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 is a CPD day – no children in school*

Spring Term: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 is a CPD – no children in school*  
**Children return to school on Tuesday 9th Jan 2024**  
*Half term week: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024*  
**Children break up for Easter Holidays on Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Summer Term: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024  
**Children return to school on Monday 15th April 2024**  
*Half term week Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024*  
**Children break up for Summer Holidays on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school*

### **To confirm Staff Training days (CPD days) as follows for 2023-24**

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024



## Key Dates for the future...



### **Please Note:**

- Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.
- Holidays or visiting sick relatives are not considered an exceptional circumstances.

### Term Dates for 2024-25

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd Sept 2024 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
*Tuesday 3rd September 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
***Children (Y1-6) start on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024***

*Half term week Monday 21st Oct to Friday 25th Oct 2024*

***Children break up for Christmas Holidays on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024***

Spring Term: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
***Children return to school on Tuesday 7th Jan 2025***

*Half term week: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2025*

***Children break up for Easter Holidays on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025***

Summer Term: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

***Children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April 2025***

*Half term week Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025*

***Children break up for Summer Holidays on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024***  
*Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
*Tuesday 22nd July 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school*

**To confirm Staff Training days (CPD days) as follows for 2024-25**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

***In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2025-26 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2024 when they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.***



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