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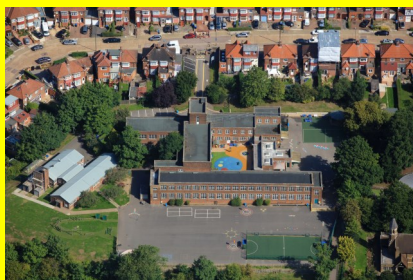
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Dear Parents & Carers,

It gives me great joy to start with some lovely news. We would like to congratulate Mrs Ali and her family on the arrival of a baby daughter. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing Mrs Ali and her family all the best for an exciting time ahead!



As you are aware, Mrs Dean will be starting her maternity leave in December. We have appointed a temporary Deputy Headteacher to cover her role whilst she is on leave and I am pleased to announce that we are welcoming back Mr David Williams in this role. Mr Williams worked as Deputy Headteacher at OGPS two years ago so he already has a good understanding of the school. He is a very experienced senior leader and has held positions of Deputy Headteacher, Head of School and Headteacher in recent roles. We look forward to welcoming him back to work with us.

I know many of you have already spoken to Mrs Dean to pass on your best wishes. As a school community we are so happy for Mrs Dean and look forward to welcoming a new member to the OGPS family!

Parent Governor Update: We started the nomination process with two vacancies but, due to two further parent governors resigning, this increased to four vacancies. When the nomination process closed on Friday 23rd Nov, we had four nominations for parent governors which means we do not need to hold an election and all four nominees have been appointed as parent governors. I have included their personal statements later in the newsletter so you will be able to read about the new members of the Board of Governors.

The Friends & Family of Goldsmith (FFG) organised a movie themed disco at the start of November which was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped and to those who came along. We raised £465.00 for school funds.

Our School Council for 2018/19 have selected their chosen charities for the year and are supporting 'Brent Food Bank' & 'Send My Friend to School'. Our harvest appeal provided 472 meals for the foodbank and our school council are coming up with creative ways to raise more money for their chosen charities.

Best wishes,

Mr. James Simmons,

Headteacher

Anti-Bullying Week Nov 2018

Throughout 'Anti-bullying Week' the children worked on activities focusing on the theme of 'Choose Respect'. The week started by the children taking the opportunity to celebrate their uniqueness and individuality with 'Odd Socks Day'. It was brilliant to see the array of colour and designs!

During the week, the children have been developing their understanding of what bullying is, thinking about ways it can be tackled and how we can all be part of the solution. One of the key focuses has been to enable them to identify the difference between a friendship issue and bullying.



In our achievement assembly at the end of the week, we celebrated EYFS & KS1 children who showed great care, kindness and respect to others and new 'Anti-bullying Ambassadors' were selected from each class in KS2. They will work with Miss Beck, our PSHE & Wellbeing Champion, to ensure the theme of 'Choose Respect' and Anti-Bullying stays at the forefront our minds for the rest of the year.

Welcome to our New Parent Governors...

As you read on the front page, we welcome four new Parent Governors to the OGPS Board of Governors. Our thanks and congratulations go to;

To help you get to know them, here are their personal statements...

Hemal Davda Statement

I am a qualified accountant, working for a Property Management Company. In my current role as a Director I understand the difficulties in running and planning for a company, which I believe would contribute significantly towards role of Governor.

I bring an honest and hard-working approach to my work. It is the same attitude I would bring to this important role. I would look to work with parents, teachers, the Head and other Governors to help drive the continued improvement needed to provide our children with the best chance of success.

My children's future is of the utmost importance; therefore, I would be delighted to be given the opportunity in making a difference in the education, not just for my daughter and son who attend the school, but the school as a whole, I am a strong believer in the value and importance of a well-balanced education

Omar Iqbal Statement

I currently have 3 children in Oliver Goldsmith in Years 2-6

I myself was a former pupil

I have been part of Oliver Goldsmith and the local community for over 35 years.

I have over 18 years' experience working for the Home Office and have the skill set and knowledge to make a valuable contribution to the running and improvement of Oliver Goldsmith.

I will work around the clock to support the Head and Governors in striving for excellence and creating opportunities for all our children to realize their full potential.



Naim Hasani Statement

My name is Naim Hasani and I am a father of three children, two of whom attend Oliver Goldsmith Primary School. I would welcome the opportunity to join the existing dedicated governors to support the school.

As a parent and with my profession as a solicitor, I believe I have the experience needed to support the school in achieving best results, whilst ensuring that the school maintains its high values in education. I have a vast experience in dealing with people of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities.

I have previously worked as a social worker for the local authority, in the children and family department. I believe in honesty and caring for each other in the community. I am passionate about the education that children receive and I believe that every child should get the best possible education and opportunity to succeed in life.

If elected, I will do my utmost best to support the school to ensure that strategic development is achieved and high-quality standards of teaching and caring for children are upheld. I will be a strong parent voice in ensuring that the school is not only achieving but that it is constantly striving to exceed the expectations and secure the best start in life for every child

Himesh Patel Statement

Education and development have always been a passion of mine both growing up and as part of my career but none more so than now as a parent of three children. Being able to serve as a Parent Governor at OGPS will allow me to positively influence our children's education and experience. I would work with parents, teachers, the Head and other Governors to help drive the continued improvement needed to provide our children with the best chance of success.

I hope to provide OGPS with the benefit of my career as a Chartered Accountant. As a Head of Finance at Tesco for 12 years I have a broad experience of working on complex problems but also as part of senior leadership teams. In my current role I have a large team who I lead and develop to business partner 800 of the largest stores in the UK. We focus on supporting our Directors to deliver performance through driving capability and keeping things simple. All the while looking for opportunities to deliver the same performance for a reduced budget – something which I know OGPS must grapple with all the time too.

Tesco actively encourages me to dedicate time outside of work to support my broader development and thus my commitment will be total, Being available to listen to parents and pupils, bringing different skills to the school from business life and caring passionately about the welfare of all involved in the school are the key qualities I believe a Parent Governor must possess.



Premier League Stars Poetry Competition 2018

Our English leader, Mrs Dhall, is encouraging children to enter this competition. This year the focus is on celebrating diversity. Children should see their class teacher for an entry form and make sure that their entry is given to us by **Friday 14th December**.



The details...

- A Poetry competition for Year 1-6 - there are two categories KS1 and KS2
- The poems need to be written around the theme of diversity- ways to celebrate similarities and differences that bring us together
- The competition is open until Friday 14th December 2018
- Poems should be no longer than 20 lines or 250 words
- The theme of diversity is inspired by the poem 'Beautifully different, Wonderfully the same' Joseph Coelho
- You can continue this poem or start a new poem
- The poems can be of any structure and don't have to rhyme
- Entries need to be written on an 'entry activity sheet'

The Prizes...

- There will be a top national prize and 10 regional prizes (KS1 and KS2)
- National winner: A visit to the school by a children's author or poet to lead a workshop and the Premier League trophy!
- The winning poems read by a Premier League star
- Regional winners: Poems published in an official Premier League Writing Stars book
- An invitation to a national celebration
- A framed version of the winning poems
- Poetry book bags for the winners' schools



You can read the poem 'Beautifully different, Wonderfully the same' Joseph Coelho on the next page of the newsletter....





Premier League Primary Stars

**Beautifully different,
Wonderfully the same**

By Joseph Coelho

The same laughter erupts
when a joke finds its giggle.
Same whoop, same cheer
different smiles.

The same rhythm rocks us
when a dance makes us wiggle.
Same hands, same feet
different styles.

The same warmth in our bellies
when we choose to be kind.
Same hug, same high-five
different bodies.

The same happiness finds us
when friendship binds
Same goal, same win
different players.

The same sadness within us
when darkness creeps.
Same eyes, same sobs
different tears.

The same joy on our faces
when we're no longer apart.
Same blood, same beat
same hearts.



Take part in our Premier League Writing Stars competition.

Find out more at: [PLPrimaryStars.com](https://www.plprimarystars.com)

#PLPrimaryStars



In the last parent survey, parents requested a calendar of dates for the academic year. Over this and the next page you will find all the key dates. The following dates are in the school website calendar. Some dates may be subject to change!



Dates for your Diary...

Thurs 29th Nov:	Meeting for Prospective Parents for Reception September 2019, 9.00am
Fri 30th Nov:	Y3 Hanukah Assembly - Y3 Parents invited from 9.00am
Mon 3rd Dec:	Last week of clubs for the autumn term
Thurs 13th Dec:	Christmas Fair Donations Day
Fri 14th Dec:	OGPS Christmas Fair in the afternoon led by Y6 Pupils & our FFG Team
Mon 17th Dec:	Y3 Pupils visit the Millfield Theatre
Tues 18th Dec:	Theatre Presentation in school for R, Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y5
Weds 19th Dec:	Y2 Nativity - Y2 Parents invited from 9.00am
Thurs 20th Dec:	Christmas Jumper Day & End of term party afternoon
Fri 21st Dec:	End of Autumn term at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2019

Mon 7th Jan:	Staff CPD - No children in school
Tues 8th Jan:	Children back from holiday - soft start from 8.40am
Mon 14th Jan:	Clubs start this week
Mon 14th Jan:	Maths Week 2
Fri 25th Jan:	Be bright, Be Seen Day!
Mon 11th Feb:	E-Safety Week
Tues 12th Feb:	Safer Internet Day 2019
Friday 15th Feb:	Break up for half term at 3.30pm

Half term break: Mon 18th Feb to Friday 22nd February 2019

Mon 25th Feb:	Back to school...
Thurs 7th March:	World Book Day 2019
Mon 11th March:	Parents Evenings will be held this week (Weds & Thurs) more details to follow...
Mon 18th March:	Spring Term Learning Adventure "Let it Grow!"
Fri 29th March:	French Day
Mon 1st April:	School Musical 2019 to be performed this week - more details to follow...
Thurs 4th April:	Y4 Easter Assembly, parents with children in Y4 invited to from 9.00am
Fri 5th April:	End of term at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2019

Tues 23rd April:	Children back from holiday - soft start from 8.40am
Tues 23rd April:	Clubs start
Tues 23rd April:	Maths Week 3 - Competition Week!
Mon 29th April:	Y5 Gordon Brown Residential Week (4 nights Mon-Fri)
Mon 6th May:	Bank Holiday - School Closed!
Mon 13th May:	Y6 National Curriculum Assessment Week (SATs)
Fri 17th May:	Y1 Vesak Assembly, parents with children in Y1 invited to from 9.00am
Mon 20th May:	Walk, Scoot to Bike to School Week!
Thurs 23rd May:	School Photographer - Class Photos being taken
Fri 24th May:	Y5 Ramadan & Eid Assembly, parents with children in Y5 invited to from 9.00am
Fri 24th May:	Break up for half term at 3.30pm

Half term break: Mon 27th May to Friday 21st May 2019



Summer Term 2019



Half term break: Mon 27th May to Friday 21st May 2019

Mon 3rd June:	Back to school...
Mon 10th June:	OGPS Proms Week!
Fri 14th June:	Reception Assembly, parents with children in Reception invited from 9.00am
Weds 19th June:	Whole School Learning Adventure begins
Fri 28th June:	Parents Visit Learning Adventure Zones
Mon 1st July:	EYFS Sports Day
Fri 5th July:	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (to be confirmed! - this date may change!)
Thurs 11th July:	Performing Arts Concert Evening Concert
Sat 13th July:	FFG Summer Fair (date to be confirmed by FFG, this my change)
Mon 15th July:	Optional Parents Evening
Thurs 18th July:	Y6 Leavers Assembly, parents with children in Y6 invited to from 9.00am
Fri 19th July:	End of term at 1.30pm

Please Note: Where changes to events need to be made, we will update parents via the newsletter and calendar on the school website. We try our very best to stick to the dates we set but sometimes changes are unavoidable.

Safeguarding Zone : E-Safety Update

What safety options are there on YouTube?

Turn on 'restricted mode'

This hides videos that may contain inappropriate content. YouTube

says that "no filter is 100% accurate, but it should help you avoid most inappropriate content". To do this:

- On the website: click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account; in the drop-down menu look for 'Restricted Mode'
- In the app: tap Settings, then 'Restricted Mode Filtering', and turn it on

How else can I help ensure my child's safety online?

The tips below will help you to set rules for your child about accessing videos on the internet and their online behaviour, and support them to understand the risks and what to do if something happens.

- Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet, and discourage them from using headphones
- Chat to your child about what online videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share
- Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate, or create a playlist for them
- Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty
- If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before they upload it
- Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them, such as a school uniform or street name
- Regularly check comments made on your child's videos. Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happens
- If another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this content to be removed by using YouTube's privacy complaint process

Where else can I go for support?

- Policies, safety and reporting, YouTube: https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/2676378?hl=en&ref_topic=6151248
- YouTube Kids parental guide, YouTube: <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504>
- The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



DATES TO HELP PARENTS PLAN AHEAD....



Term Dates for 2018-19

- Autumn Term: Mon 3rd Sept to Fri 21st Dec 2018
(with 3rd & 4th Sept as CPD days - children start back Weds 5th Sept)
Half term week Monday 22nd Oct to Friday 26th Oct 2018
- Spring Term: Monday 7th Jan 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019
(with 7th Jan as CPD Day - children start back Tues 8th Jan 2019)
Half term week Monday 18th Feb 2019 -Friday 22nd Feb 2019
- Summer Term: Tues 23rd April 2019 to Tues 23rd July 2019
(with 22nd & 23rd July as CPD days - **children finish Friday 19th July**)
Half term week Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Term Dates for 2019-20

- Autumn Term: Mon 2nd Sept to Thurs 19th Dec 2019 (with 2nd & 3rd Sept as CPD days)
Children (Y1-6) start on Weds 4th Sept
Half term week Monday 21st Oct to Friday 25th Oct 2019
- Spring Term: Monday 6th Jan 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020 (with 6th Jan as CPD Day)
Children return to school on Tuesday 7th Jan 2020
Half term week: Monday 17th Feb - Friday 21st Feb 2020
- Summer Term: Monday 20th April 2020 to Tues 21st July 2020*
Children return to school on Monday 20th April 2020
Half term week Monday 25th May 2019 to Friday 29th May 2020

(*Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July as CPD days)

NOTE: children finish Fri 17th July 2020

To confirm the Staff Training days are as follows for 2019-20

- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Tuesday 3rd September 2019
- Monday 6th January 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020
- Tuesday 21st July 2020

The dates for the 2020-21 academic year will be set and published to parents early in the autumn term of 2019.



Don't forget to visit our school website which has lots of information about school life.

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