



# OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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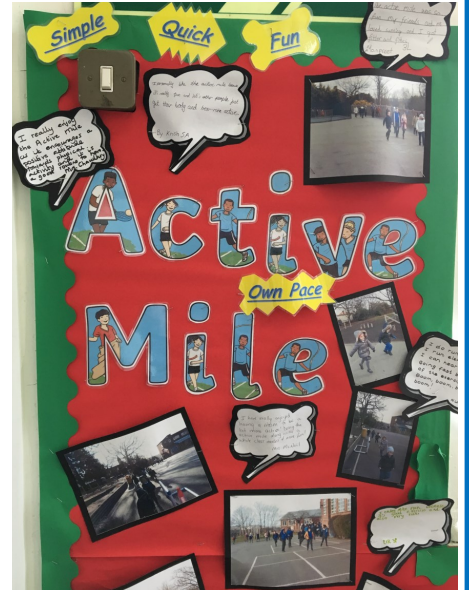
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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a very busy half term, especially with the launch of our new active mile where children walk, jog or run in our playgrounds for an additional 10mins every day! You may have read or heard about the Daily Mile, this is our OGPS version to get us active, fitter and healthier!

There is much to look forward to after the half term break in the run up to Easter!

- Parents' Evenings will give you a chance to meet with teachers, look at your child's work and see displays of work around the school. A separate letter will be sent home with all the details.
- We celebrate World Book Day on Thurs 7th March. This is more than just dressing up for the day and fits with other work we are doing to encourage a love of reading for pleasure. A separate letter will be sent home with all the details to help you get ahead and prepare for the day.
- Our annual spring musical will take place just before we finish for the Easter break. Children have been working incredibly hard and are looking forward to welcoming audiences to see their magical production of "Aladdin".



**Car Parking Update** - whilst many families and parents are very supportive of the school and our local community, a few parents ignore road markings and continue to park on yellow lines and blocking driveways. After my recent letters, still this week I have had two neighbours unable to leave their own homes to go to work due to cars blocking their driveways! A BIG THANK YOU to those who are following the rules and being thoughtful to others!

May I wish you a happy and safe half term break. We start back on Monday 25th February at the usual time of 8.40am.

Best wishes,

**Mr. James Simmons,**

**Headteacher**

## Spring Learning Adventure - Let It Grow!

This spring term we will be renovating our school garden and creating a brilliant and exciting learning space for all children across the school.

We need your help! If you have any particular skill in gardening or know of someone within the community that may be able to help, please get in contact with Mr Crawford and Mrs McNeil through the school office and let us know if you can help!

**OUR  
SCHOOL  
NEEDS  
YOU!**

## Planning Ahead for High School Sept 2020...

If you have a child currently in Year 5 and are looking at High School for entry in Sept 2020, then the information below might be useful to you. You can find out more by visiting their school website



# CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

## MUSIC APTITUDE TEST DATES FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2020

We are pleased to announce 10 percent of new intake places will be for students who have an aptitude in Music. These places will be available for September 2020 admissions in accordance with our published admission criteria for 2020.

**Parents/Carers are invited to make an application by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

Application forms are available from the school website: [www.claremont-high.org.uk](http://www.claremont-high.org.uk)

**Students will be asked to complete a Music Aptitude Test on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Auditions will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

**Please return all completed applications to:-**

Admissions - Music Applications

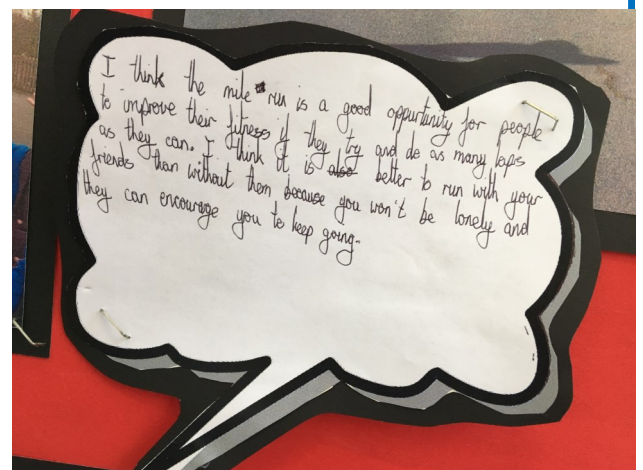
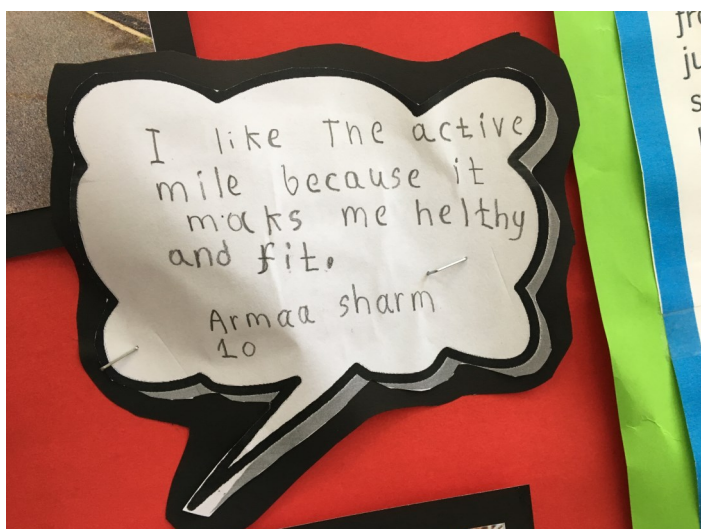
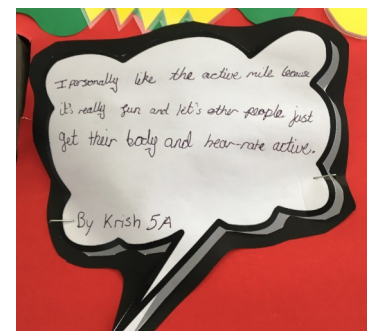
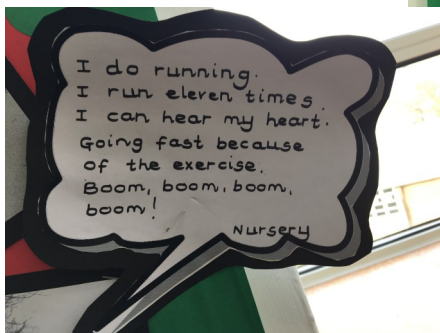
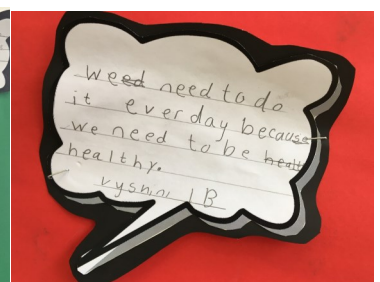
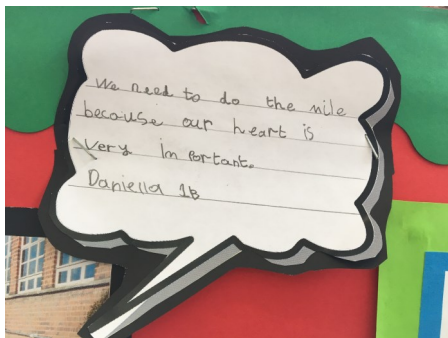
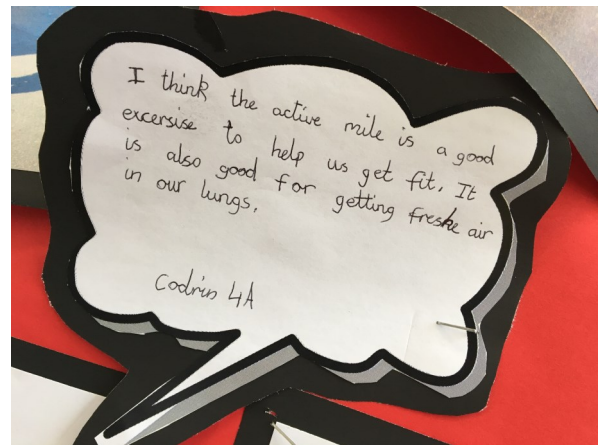
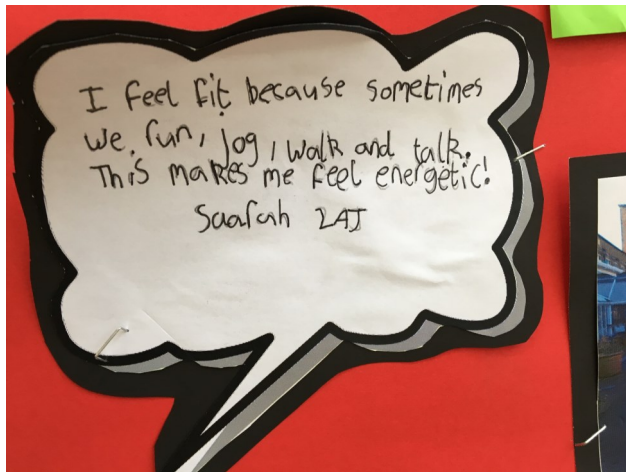
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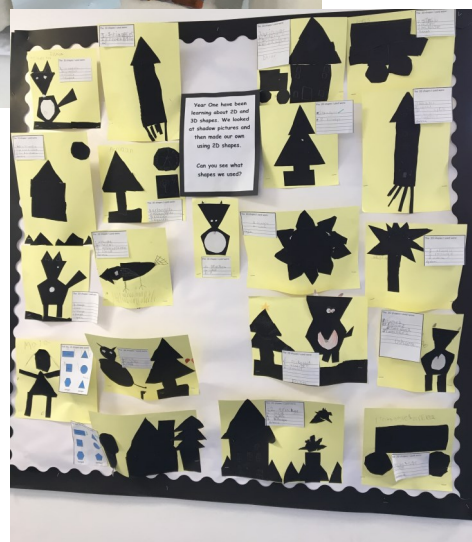
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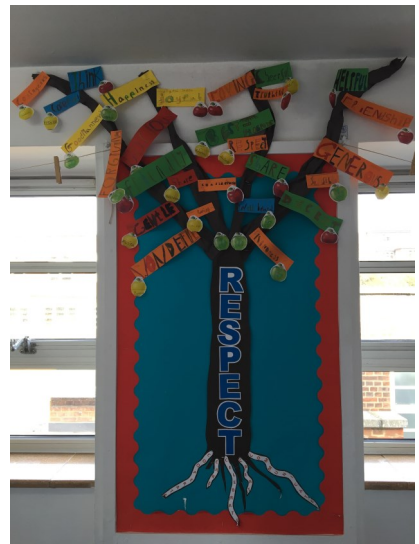
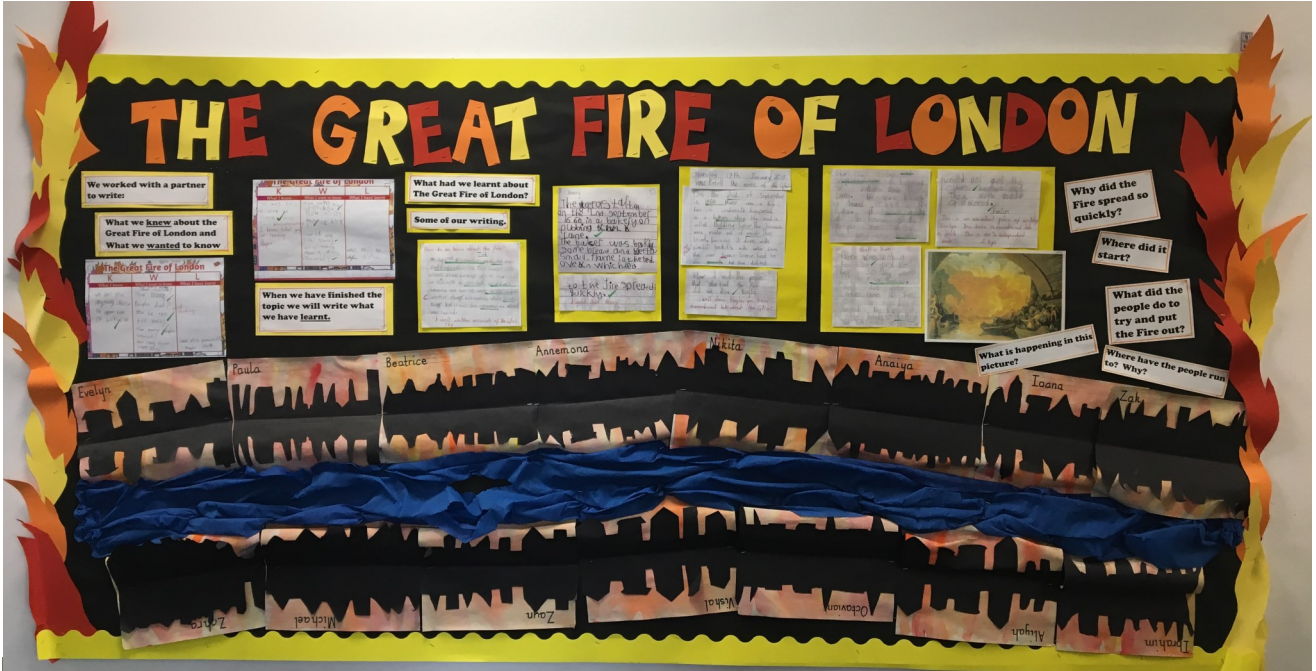
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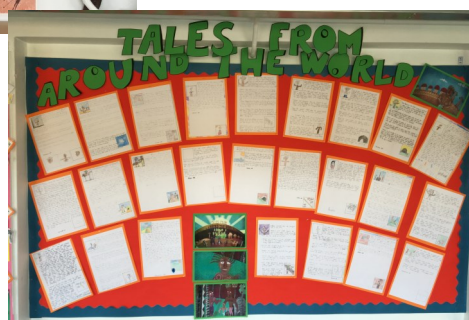
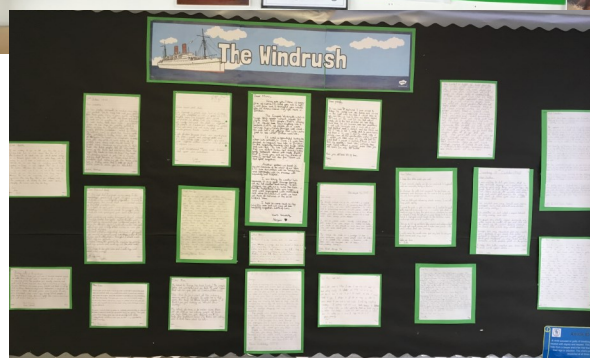
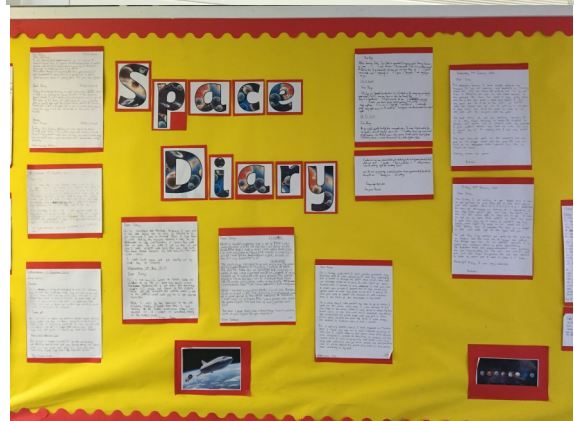
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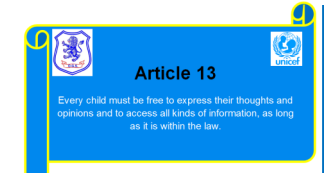
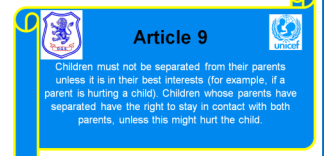
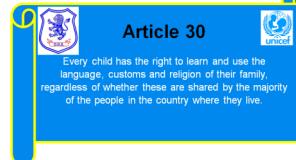
## OGPS is a "Rights Respecting School"

This half term we have focused on the following themes and articles...

- New Year/Resolutions - Challenge & Determination
- Maths Week - Perseverance
- Martin Luther King Day and Black History - Mutual Respect & Tolerance
- Holocaust Memorial Day - Compassion and Individual Liberty
- Chinese New Year - Mutual Respect & Tolerance
- E-Safety - Responsibility & Integrity

After the half term we will be focusing on...

- St David's Day - Mutual Respect & Tolerance
- British Science, Technology and Engineering Week - Aspirations & Perseverance
- St Patrick's Day - Mutual Respect & Tolerance
- Spring Learning Adventure - Let It Grow! - Learning and knowledge
- Mother's Day - Compassion
- New Life & Easter - Mutual Respect & Tolerance



## Safeguarding Zone : Child Protection and Safeguarding

Our school feels it is of the utmost importance to have good systems for protecting children and safeguarding their welfare, throughout all the activities which the school undertakes.



- *This means that staff and volunteers must be alert to possible concerns about every pupil and to report these concerns on to the right person/organisation.*
- *The school has a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy which can be found on the website.*
- *It is important for parents to be aware that:*
- *Staff and volunteers in the school have a duty to report concerns about a child, whether this means the child may be in need of additional support or help of some kind, or whether it is thought that a child may have been abused or be at risk of abuse.*
- *There are four categories of abuse: physical, sexual, emotional, neglect.*
- *In some cases the school is obliged to refer children to children's social care staff, for children to be assessed for their needs, or if an investigation into possible child abuse is required. In many cases there will already have been discussions between school staff and the parents of the child, and the situation and concerns will not be a surprise to the parents. However, parents may not be told that the school has referred their child to children's social care if it is thought that this might put the child at risk.*
- *Children's social care tries to carry out its enquiries in a sensitive fashion. It has to gather information and generally it can be open with parents about the steps being taken.*
- *If you think your child may have been abused you should contact Brent Social Services (Brent Family Front Door).*
- *If you think the abuse may have happened in school, contact the Head Teacher or Deputy Headteacher who is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Child Protection.*

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...

#### Spring Term 2019

Friday 15th Feb:	Break up for half term at 3.30pm
<b>Half term break:</b>	<b>Mon 18th Feb to Friday 22nd February 2019</b>
Mon 25th Feb:	Back to school...
Thurs 7th March:	World Book Day 2019
Mon 11th March:	Parents Evenings will be held this week (Weds 13th & Thurs 14th March) (see separate letter from school)
Mon 18th March:	Spring Term Learning Adventure "Let it Grow!"
Fri 29th March:	French Day
Mon 1st April:	School Musical 2019, tickets will go on sale after the half term break - more details will follow in a separate letter after the half term break, but performances that parents will be able to buy tickets for will take place on...
	<b>Tuesday 2nd April (afternoon performance - in school day)</b>
	<b>Tuesday 2nd April (evening performance after school)</b>
	<b>Wednesday 3rd April (evening performance after school)</b>
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 (if you need support with child care, please speak to the school office)

#### 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 31st 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 may 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 (if you need support with child care, please speak to the school office)

**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.**



## DATES TO HELP PARENTS PLAN AHEAD....



### Term Dates for 2018-19

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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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