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Dear Parents & Carers,

It is hard to believe that there is only one more half term of the academic year left! Time flies when you are learning and having fun!

I do want to say a special well done to children in Year 6 and Year 2 who have taken statutory assessments in the last few weeks. We are very proud of them!

There is a great deal to look forward to in the final half term as you can see...

Mon 3rd June:	School Photographer class photos
Weds 5th June:	Y6 Activity Days & Residential Trip to JCA Weds 5th-Fri 7th June
Mon 10th June:	OGPS Proms Week - Time for musicians to shine!
Fri 14th June:	Reception Assembly
Fri 28th June:	End of our whole school summer learning adventure & parents are invited into join the fun and visit our zones, 9.30-10.30am
Mon 1st July:	EYFS Sports Day at OGPS (afternoon)
Fri 5th July:	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day at Hendon Football Club (afternoon)
Thurs 11th July:	Performing Arts Concert Evening Concert - Dance the night away!
Sat 13th July:	FFG Summer Fair - an event not to be missed!
Tues 16th July:	Transition Day - children meet their teachers for 2019/20
Thurs 18th July:	Y6 Leavers Graduation Assembly

I hope you already have these dates in your diary and can come along to join in with the events your child is involved with.

Our Family & Friends of Goldsmith, FFG, are looking for parents to help make the summer fair on Saturday 13th July a fantastic event! If you can spare an hour, please let the FFG know through the school office.

Have a happy and safe half term break, see you on Monday 3rd June at 8.40am with our usual soft start. **Don't forget your smartest school uniform, your biggest smile and styled hair for class photos on the first day back!**

Best wishes,
Mr. James Simmons,
Headteacher



Y5 Activity Week

Y5 had a very exciting week; many went on a five day residential to the Gordon Brown outdoor activity centre whilst others took part in our own activity days back at OGPS.

The children at OGPS had a brilliant day on Tuesday as they created their own pop-up restaurant and prepared and served a three course meal to the adults they had personally invited. They worked incredibly hard (and fast) to make sure all the food was ready, not to mention creating home made placemats for all the guests.



They also had the chance to explore London with a trip down the River Thames as well as a flight over the Thames on the Emirates Airline at Greenwich.

To finish the week they brushed up their survival skills with some outdoor learning. They learned how to create a camp fire and even made their very own popcorn!

They were a fantastic group, Mrs McGrath & Mr Williams enjoyed every moment with them.

Y5 Activity Week

The children who went to the Gordon Brown outdoor activity centre also had a great time...



Assemblies this half term...

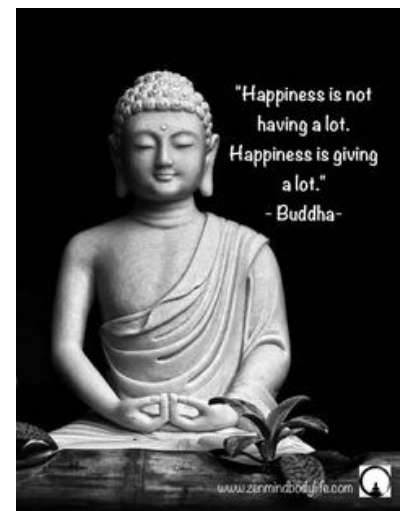
Orthodox Easter Assembly

On Friday 3rd May we had children from our Romanian community share with us what they did to mark Orthodox Easter. They explained to the school why Orthodox Easter fell on a different day to Easter and what customs they follow to mark the occasion. They wore some traditional outfits and showed us traditional treats!



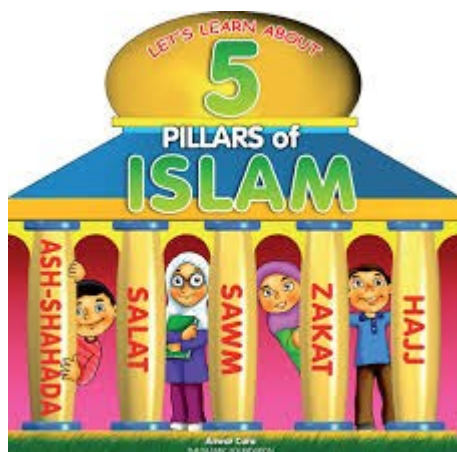
Y1 Assembly on Buddhist Celebration of Vesak Day

On Friday 17th May, our Year 1 children taught us about the importance of Vesak Day to those who follow Buddhist teachings. Their drama showed us about Buddha's life and how the things he saw shaped his life.



Y5 Assembly on Ramadan & Eid

On Friday 24th May, our Year 5 children shared the message of Ramadan and Eid ul-Fitr and why it is such a special time for those in our Muslim community. They taught us why fasting takes place in the holy month of Ramadan and why it is important to Muslims. They also shared some of the ways that the end of Ramadan will be celebrated when Eid ul-Fitr arrives in early June.





Blood and Transplant

BLOOD DONATION SESSION

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 2019

Morning Session: 8.55am - 12.30pm

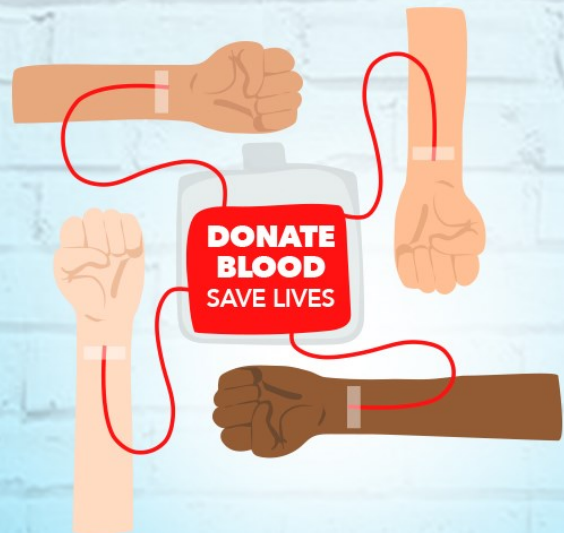
Afternoon Session: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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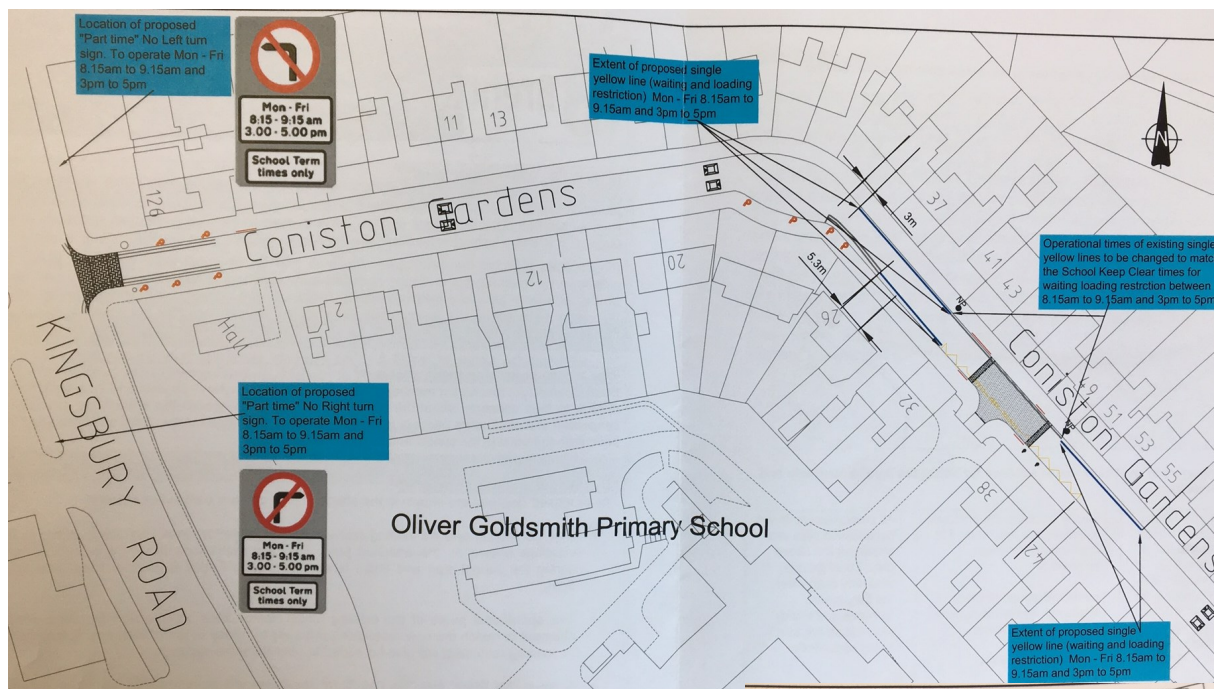


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Community News... Possible Changes to Coniston Rd to support Road Safety

Brent Council have sent a consultation document to residents living very close to the school on Coniston Gardens, Mardale Drive and parts of Springfield Gardens regarding proposed changes they wish to make to support safer traffic around the school at key times of the day.

The zig zags and yellow lines outside the school gates will be reviewed in their length and the times of the day they operate.



Most significantly, Brent Council are proposing that the turning into Coniston Gardens from Kingsbury Rd becomes a no right or no left turn during key times of 8.15am-9.15am and 3.00-5.00pm during term time only.

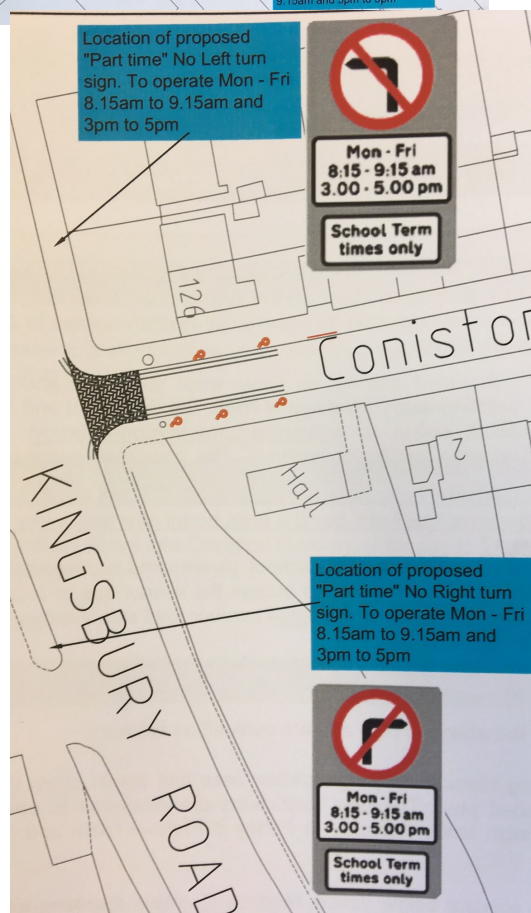
This change would effectively turn Coniston Gardens into a one way road during these time with cars only able to drive from Springfield Gardens & Mardale into Coniston Gnds and down the hill to the Kingsbury Rd.

Local residents will have already received a consultation feedback form if they fall within the consultation area. Once the consultation has closed, Brent will inform residents and the school of their plans.

Whilst changes may disrupt some journeys, the changes would improve the safety along Coniston Gnds for our children who use this entrance each day.

If you want to take part in the consultation process (closes 31st May) click the link below...

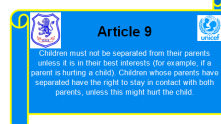
<https://consultation.brent.gov.uk/highways-and-infrastructure/oliver-goldsmith-primary-school-school-travel-plan/consultation/intro/>



OGPS is a "Rights Respecting School"

Next half term we are focussing on the following themes and articles...

- Trooping the Colour - Compassion & individual liberty
- Father's Day - Compassion
- Summer Learning Adventure - teamwork and creativity
- Our Community - Mutual respect & tolerance
- Our achievements this year - Success
- New class, New Year - Determination & confidence
- Memories, reflections, moving on - Achievement & success



Safeguarding Zone : Health and Safety



Babies and young children learn about their world by exploring it. This means that, as soon as they are able to, they will crawl, touch and grab at whatever is in their line of vision. They are curious by nature and need careful and gentle guidance from a young age about what danger is, and what to stay away from.

Shouting at or smacking children will not teach them about safety. Most accidents happen in the home and this is why it is important to ensure that your home is safe for all of your family, especially young children.

There are many situations each year in which children have overdosed on their parents' drugs and medicines.

Warning Signs: Spend some time exploring your home as if you were a young child. This will show you the many potential dangers that, if not removed, could harm your child.

Some dangers around the home:

- Makes sure that all medicines and drugs are locked away well out of reach, and your use of them is private, to avoid your child copying you.
- Certain rooms are necessarily full of danger, such as the kitchen, and should remain out of bounds or made safe by the use of safety devices.
- Are your children contained enough within the house? Is the safety chain high enough on the front door even for a very active toddler?
- Crawling and exploring are an essential part of their development - keep an eye on your young children, especially near wires and sockets.
- Small children should never be left alone with pets. Even trained and good natured animals can turn on them.
- Make sure that all irons, saucepans and hot drinks are kept out of the reach of children. Scalding and burns are common and avoidable accidents
- Inhaling cigarette smoke is bad for children's health. Children will be affected by passive smoking and your smoking may encourage them to smoke themselves when they are older.
- Check toys for safety marks. Ensure that your child does not play with toys that are not suitable for their age, especially if the pieces are small enough to choke on. Unsafe toys can be very dangerous.



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!

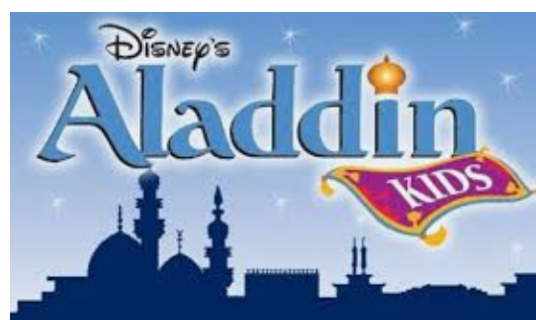
Dates for your Diary...

Summer Term 2019

Half term break: Mon 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Mon 3rd June:	School Photographer in today taking whole class photographs
Weds 5th June:	Y6 Activity Days & Residential Trip to JCA Weds 5th-Fri 7th June
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, 9.30-10.30am
Mon 1st July:	EYFS Sports Day at OGPS (afternoon)
Thurs 5th July:	End of year reports are sent home
Fri 5th July:	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day at Hendon Football Club (afternoon) CONFIRMED
Thurs 11th July:	Performing Arts Concert Evening Concert
Fri 12th July:	Letter sent home about new classes for 2019/20
Sat 13th July:	FFG Summer Fair
Mon 15th July:	Optional Parents Evening, 3.50-5.30pm
Tues 16th July:	Transition Day - children meet their new teachers today
Thurs 18th July:	Y6 Leavers Assembly, parents with children in Y6 invited to from 9.00am
Fri 19th July:	End of term and end of school year 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.



REMINDER:

We do have some DVDs of our recent production of Aladdin Kids still available so if you would like a copy please contact the school office.



DATES TO HELP PARENTS PLAN AHEAD....



Term Dates for 2018-19

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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