



Dear All,

We've had a super final week of Autumn 1 where our learning has been centred around Black History Month activities and Religious Education. We've taken part in lots of lovely workshops and Green Trips have happened for most children as an incentive for positive behaviour choices in school. Many thanks to those parents and carers who joined us at OJR yesterday evening for our annual World Food event – we were able to sample lots of different cuisines from around the globe! Our Collective Worship theme for this week has continued with 'Miracles' and we've thought carefully about how the stories of Bartimaeus, the Feeding of the 5,000 and the Raising of Lazarus tell us how wonderful Jesus is. After half term we'll continue to think about other miracles and consider how we can all be kind to one another, following the example Jesus showed us. From all of us, we wish the whole school community a healthy and happy half term break! Lots of super, free activities are detailed below or included upon flyers coming home. We're looking forward to seeing everyone back to school for Autumn 2 on Monday 28th October at the usual school times, detailed overleaf. Poppies will be on sale at both sites after half term, the suggested donation is £1 if you or your child would like one. There will also be badges, wrist bands etc, available for a more generous donation. Please do look out for a 'Dates for your Diaries' list after half term and keep checking children's home-school journals for important dates, ie Parents' Evenings, next half term!

Parent Governor Vacancy

A ballot for the Parent Governor vacancy will be sent home in the new term.



Cycleway 4/BIG Coffee Morning

Mrs. Brenta met with a representative from Kier Construction, the company responsible for building the Cycleway 4 along from Tower Bridge to Greenwich. You may have seen the work being carried out along Tooley St. and they will soon arrive at Jamaica Road. It will cause some disruption to the flow of traffic, we just want you all to be aware if travelling to and from school, maybe allow yourself a few extra minutes. There are some leaflets available at both offices for more information. Kier construction will soon be visiting us to present an assembly on road safety and will be bringing along their mascot! They will also be coming to our next BIG coffee morning, Thursday 21st November at OJR. Lots of local organisations will be here - watch this space for further details! Put the date in your diary now, the last one was very successful.



OCTOBER HALF TERM CYCLING COURSES

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over October half term. Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are all running from Dulwich Park and Burgess Park. Training is in small groups with 2 fully qualified instructors. BOOK NOW WITH CYCLE CONFIDENT. Places are limited so for more info or to book, visit www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group or call 020 303 16730.

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HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

SALMON CENTRE: Saturday 19th October, 12pm-3pm there is a Community Day with lots of exciting activities, all FREE and for all ages!

FAIRYTALE TRAIL: As part of London Literature Festival, Southbank Centre has created a free fairytale trail for families to follow at their own pace. Solve puzzles and take part in games and creative activities using the trail kit — we've heard a rumour of a reward for anyone who completes it. Southbank Centre, free, just turn up, 21-27 October.

POPPING POEMS: As part of Poetry International festival, Southbank Centre hosts a show of Poems That Pop, making the art form accessible to children and their families. Southbank Centre, free, just turn up, 12pm.

DIWALI: Saturday 26th October. Celebrate the festival of light with a day of family-friendly activities. Watch Bollywood music and dance performances — and have a go yourself — and take part in craft activities themed on light. The day ends with a parade. National Maritime Museum (Greenwich), free, just turn up, 11am-4.30pm.

For more FREE half term activities go to:

<https://www.timeout.com/london/kids/activities/free-things-to-do-with-the-kids-in-london>

eChristmas Card competition

Please do ask your child to complete the attached template for our usual eChristmas Card competition for local construction company, Macai Construction. Every year they choose one of our children's designs to send as their eChristmas Card. In exchange for this they very kindly supply a children's bike for first prize in our Christmas raffle, as well as prizes for the winning design. So get creative over half term, lots of bright colours and glitter! Please return to the office by Friday 1st November for judging.



Christmas Fair (Friday 6th December OJR)

If you are having a clear out at half term we would be grateful for donations of any good quality (nearly new) toys and games or books. There will be some non-uniform days after half term for the usual bottles and toiletries (please do NOT send in toilet rolls or bathroom cleaning products). We would love to have full bottles of perfume, bubble bath, shower gel etc. You will be hearing from your child's teacher after half term about ways in which you can help with the fair. If you are extra keen to help please do let Mrs Brenta know! If you work for any organisation who would support us with a raffle prize, please can you talk to Mrs Brenta. Please see letter attached regarding raffle tickets – do try to help us raise as much money as possible this year!



Open Mornings for Reception 2020-2021

Please note open mornings for prospective Reception children 2020-2021, Thursday October 31st, Thursday November 7th, Thursday November 14th, at 9.30 am at Old Jamaica Road. Jim Hutchinson, Vice Chair of Governors, will talk at 10am.



Attendance for this half term has been brilliant - 98% across the school!

<u>Class attendance for this half term:</u> Please see the website for a full breakdown our policy and criteria for attendance trips. Please be advised of our start times—08:55 at KS2 and 09:15 at KS1. Children are arriving to school increasingly later – please do be prompt and ready for school!			
Class:	Attendance:	Class:	Attendance:
6 Canada	98 %	4 Kenya	95 %
6 Mexico	97 %	3 Norway	98 %
6 Peru	99 %	3 Sweden	98 %
5 China	98 %	Belgium class	96 %
5 India	99 %	2 France	98 %
5 Japan	97 %	2 Spain	97 %
5 Russia	98 %	1 Germany	97 %
4 Egypt	96 %	1 Italy	98 %
4 Ghana	97 %		
Weekly Winners: 5 INDIA - Very well done! 😊			



Dates and Trips: Any parents who could come on trips to help would be greatly appreciated; please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Any last minute trips that may occur, we will try our best to let you know as well in advance as we can.

Monday 28th October

First day back after half term – children should arrive back to both sites at normal times.



Tuesday 29th October

Year 6 Canada to the Library.

Wednesday 30th October

Year 1 to Royal Festival Hall – Brightsparks Concert.
Years 2&5 Fire safety talks.

Thursday 31st October

Year 5 India to the Library.
Reception 2020-2021 open morning at OJR (details above).

Friday 1st November

Reception 'Build a Bear' morning – see EYFS newsletter.
Year 4 Football team competition at Bacon's College.



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