

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There's lots of exciting things going on at Old Ford at the moment. Sarah-Jayne our immensely talented music teacher has started violin tuition with some of our KS2 pupils. She is also busy preparing the choir for the Young Voices concert at the O2 in a couple of weeks.



Our classes have also been busy planting bulbs ready for our 'Old Ford in Bloom' competition coming up later in the spring - watch this space for more news on this.



Jakir has started up girls and boys boxing clubs in addition to the multitude of sports clubs we already run and you can read below how successful we've been in our inter-school sports competitions!

You may have seen our Room 13 tote bags for sale in various shops on the Roman Road. Our Room 13 management committee have been making a nice little profit from the sale of these bags which they will use to support the running of the art studio (we still have some available for £3.00 from the school office if you don't have yours yet)

We have lots more lined up this year so keep an eye on the newsletter and Twitter feed for more news!

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

At our Academy Council meeting this week, parents and carers were interested in knowing what the children have covered in that week's assemblies. In addition to singing assemblies, award assemblies and class assemblies we cover a number of topics including looking at fundamental British values such as democracy, respect and freedom of speech. This week in assembly the pupils learnt about how the school keeps them safe and how they can help keep themselves safe at school. We discussed fire evacuation, parking around the school as well as safety on educational visits.

TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM



Don't forget to check our Twitter and Instagram feeds and check out all of the exciting things taking place at OFPA!

PARENT/CARER CONFERENCES

Advance notice for your diaries -

These will take place on the following days:

Mon 20th Jan - Y5

Tues 21st Jan - Y2

Wed 22nd Jan - Y3

Thurs 23rd Jan - YR

Fri 24th Jan - Y6

Mon 27th Jan - Nursery

Wed 29th Jan - Y1

Fri 31st Jan - Y4

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE 2.00pm FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY

Please be advised that school will be closing at **2.00pm on Friday 24th January.**

To support the continued professional development of our staff.

There will be no after school clubs on this day.

ACADEMY COUNCIL

Thank you to those of you who attended the Academy Council meeting on Tuesday. The minutes of the meeting will be up on the school website shortly. The next meeting will be at 9.00am on Tuesday 3rd of March.

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Please note. The national May Bank Holiday this year falls on **Friday 8th May**, rather than on the usual Monday. School will therefore be closed on **Friday 8th May**.

OLD FORD PRIMARY ACADEMY'S AMAZING SPORTING SUCCESS CONTINUES!!!!



This week, our Year 5/6 girls cricket team won the London Borough of Tower Hamlets girls' cricket competition! Now we not only have the best boys' cricket team in the borough, but we also have the best girls' team!
Well done everyone!

Take a look at our interschool sports competition record so far this year - It's impressive!



- Boys' Y5/6 indoor Cricket - 1st place (14 schools)
- Girls' Y5/6 indoor Cricket - 1st place (12 schools)
- Y5/6 mixed Parasport - 1st place (9 schools)
- Mixed volleyball - 2nd place
- Y5/6 mixed athletics - 3rd place
- Mixed KS2 bowling - 4th place (15 schools)
- Y3- 6 Cross country - 8th place (22 schools)



RELATIONSHIPS, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION

In September 2020 there is new government statutory guidance coming into effect as to what schools are required to teach in relation to the above topics. As required by the guidance, we will be holding an engagement process to gain parents/carers views on the new law and will be consulting on a new draft Trust policy. There will be a meeting for parents/carers on **Monday 10th February at 9.10am** at school to launch this process and to look at what the new requirements mean for OFPA.

WEEKLY VALUES

Zahin **RI**, Ezra **RC**, Adam **RE**, Keyaan **1I**, Muhammed Kara **2C**, Raeid **2E**, Taqwaa **3I**, Tamjeed **3C**, Nabil **3E**, Jack **4C**, Raihan **4E**, Koray **5I**, Seray **5C**, Sarah **5E**, Anas **6I**, Sajida **6C**, Jamil **6E**

SPORTS VALUES

Umar Farooq **2E**,
Amelia **3E**

9 QUESTIONS

9 Questions' Every week we will be interviewing a member of the Old Ford community and asking their views on life, the universe....everything!
This week it is **Laura** from NE!

1. Who are you and what do you do at Old Ford Primary Academy?

Laura Brown and I am a teacher in the Nursery.

2. What is the best thing about working at Old Ford?

My wonderful children in my class and their parents. I love the support and encouragement from all the people in the school too.

3. Pick 4 words which describe you energetic, friendly, talkative and fair

4. What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is Pie, mash and liquor, which I often have at lunchtime on the Roman road



5. If you were a cartoon character, who would you be and why?

I would be Moana as I love travelling, going on adventures, being outdoors and being part of a caring community.



6. What is your favourite book?

The monkey puzzle because it is adventurous, funny and has amazing rhymes.



7. What is your favourite film?

Wizard of Oz

8. If you were stranded on a desert island, which one item couldn't you live without?

Tools for cutting and constructing with.
If I had a range of tools I could construct a home, bed and a beach chair to watch the wonderful sunsets.

9. Do you have a piece of inspirational advice for everyone at Old Ford?

Never be afraid to ask for help with work, feelings or any other issues that might be eating away inside.

Children's Event

Half Term Activities
15 February - 23 February

Our World, Our Pledge
Sunday 16th, 23rd February & 1st March
2:15 - 3:00pm
Our planet is in danger, and it needs your help! Over three weeks we will work together to build a huge art-project. Let's get creative and busy rebuilding this world. Afterwards, make your own pledge and plan of action to improve the environment.

Save the Planet, Find the Solution
Thursday 20th February, 2:30 - 3:30pm
There are so many problems facing our environment. What are they and what can we do? Join us on our scavenger hunt. You have to find and match the solutions around the library. Your mission, should you choose to accept it: to save the planet.

This Hidden Island:
Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Competition
Tuesday 18 February, 2:30 - 3:30pm
This February half term, authors will be hosting free writing workshops at the Idea Stores. Attend a workshop to get ideas and inspiration to write your own story or poem and enter Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Competition.

Please note children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult

All events are Free!

CAKE WITH KEVIN

