

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we have had a 'pop up bookshop' on site...and here's the great thing: All of our pupils were able to select two books each, and take them home to keep - for **FREE!**

We hope you enjoy reading the books with your children!



Children's
 Book
Project

CHARITY MUSIC VIDEO

All the pupils in the Paradigm Trust have been learning a special song called '**Hands Around the World.**'

On **Tuesday 26th November**, they will be filmed for a 'charity music video' to raise money for [Save the Children.](#)

We would like as many pupils as possible to wear **green** or **red** on Tuesday or they can wear a festive Christmas jumper.

WINTER CONCERTS

Our annual winter concerts will take place in St. Pauls' Church (next door to the school) on **Monday 16th December** at the following times:

10.00am - Reception, Y1, Y2

2.00pm - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

PARENT CARER SURVEY

Have you completed this **survey** yet? We want as many of our parents/carers to complete it and tell us what they think of our school.

It's completely anonymous and you might win a **£50.00** voucher!

Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

The logo for 'edurio' is displayed in a light green, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter 'i' has a small green square above it, and the letter 'o' has a small green square to its upper right.

Design a recycling robot

Competition time!

Can you design a recycling robot for Old Ford? The best design will be chosen and made by our school councillors.

Remember - it needs to hold recycling from within the school.

Please return them to your class teachers and your councillors will bring them to their next meeting



Deadline:
3rd December 2024

ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO OUR 'MY CHILD AT SCHOOL' APP?



All our important information goes out via the app so sign up today!

To sign up, go to

<https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

and click on the 'Sign up' link, via the App or on a desktop/laptop.

**IF YOU NEED HELP SIGNING UP,
WE WILL BE HOLDING DROP IN
SESSIONS AT SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND
FRIDAY AT 9.00AM**

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES IN TERM TIME

We follow government guidance on term time holidays (see [here](#)) and we **do not** authorise pupil holidays during term time. We encourage parents/carers to take their holidays during one of the scheduled holiday breaks.

You can be **fined** or face **legal action** for taking your child on holiday during term time.

GIRLS' SPORTS LEADERS

We are excited to introduce our girls' sports leaders who will play a crucial role in encouraging other girls to engage in physical activities both inside and outside school. Leaders are very passionate about sport but also committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every girl feels empowered to participate.



PLEASE **DO NOT** PARK ON THE DOUBLE YELLOW OR ZIG-ZAG LINES WHEN YOU ARE COLLECTING OR DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILDREN.



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CHILD SAFETY COMES FIRST

Supporting you, for a brighter future

Every family sometimes needs support to help their babies and children thrive. Family Hubs brings together local services and advice for children, young people and their families, including Start for Life services for 0-2-year-olds.

Click [here](#) for more information



IMPORTANT!!!!

Please make sure you clearly label ALL of your children's clothes with their name and class.

We have dozens of lost jumpers and coats that get left in the playground and lost because we don't know who they belong to!



Just get a pen and write their name and class on the label inside!



FRUIT AT BREAK TIMES

If you would like to provide your child with a **piece of fruit** to eat at break/play time, please do so!

Please note: **Only fresh fruit*** is allowed.

No fruit snacks, bars or anything else!

please give these to your child **before school and do not bring into the office! Our staff are very busy in the mornings!*

PARENT/CARER SCHOOL DINNERS ARE BACK!

There will be 10 places available for parents/carers to have school dinner with their children on the following dates:

Year 6 - Thursday 3rd October

Year 5 - Thursday 10th October

Year 4 - Thursday 17th October

Year 3 - Thursday 24th October

Year 2 - Thursday 7th November

Year 1 - Thursday 14th November

Reception - Thursday 21st November

Nursery (Full time pupils only) - Thursday 28th November

If there are more than 10 people that sign up for a date, we will select 10 randomly and will let you know if you have been chosen.

Sign up using the Google form link [here](#)



ACADEMY COUNCIL

The minutes from all historic meetings are on our website [here](#)

Our next meeting is on
**Tuesday 14th January at
9.15am**

Come in person or join online
[here](#)

Future meeting dates: 14th January, 4th March, 29th April, 10th June



BOW COMMUNITY HUB

**BOW COMMUNITY HUB, PRIESTMAN POINT,
RAINHILL WAY, LONDON E3 3EY**

Opening on Wednesday 27th November 2024

The launch of our new youth club safe space at Young Tower Hamlets for young people in the borough.

- Hang out in the safe space,
- Meet new friends,
- Use our facilities,
- Attend trips
- Opportunities for training & qualifications
- Take part in activities
- and many more

Be the first to meet us: Get to know the youth workers in the club and see the building. Come and take part in some activities and games.

Contact Tobi from YTH for more information

Phone: **07738 265076**

Email: **Tobie.bolanle@towerhamlets.gov.uk**



NOTICES

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Full information about how your child's year group is organised, staffing and what they will be learning this half term is available on our website [here](#)



COFFEE MORNING

Every Thursday, 9.00am with Shabina



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PARENTS/CARERS

Please do not use the pupil toilets before and after school!
These are for the children - not you!

PLAYGROUND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Please remember that there are no staff on duty in the playgrounds before and after school so parents/carers should supervise their own children.

Children should not be playing with balls or on the climbing frames

MANNERS

As part of our
'Manners and
etiquette' work, we
are practising our
**conversation and
listening skills.** Look
over the page to see
what we are
learning...

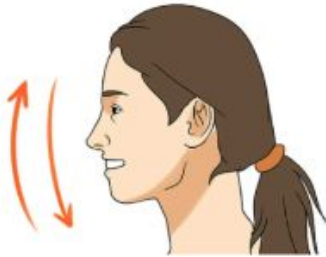
Listening Skills

How do you show good listening?

1. Look at the person speaking



2. Nod occasionally



How do you show good listening?

3. Use verbal affirmations



4. Ask follow up questions



How do you show good listening?

5. Don't interrupt!



6. Keep open body language



What does a good conversation look like?

Good listening



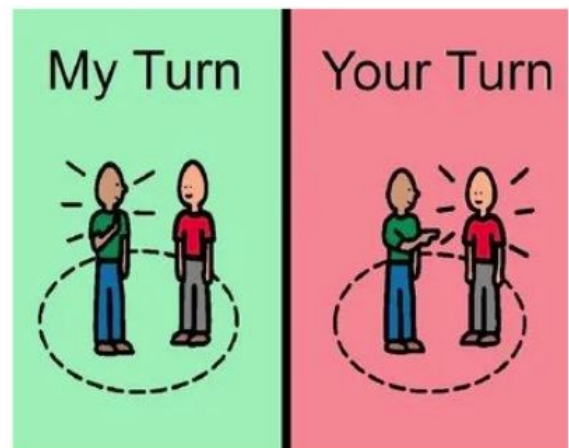
Speaking clearly



Asking questions



Taking turns to speak



Using appropriate body language



MOBILE PHONES AND E-SAFETY

As you know, an important part of our curriculum is teaching pupils about **esafety**.

We know that a lot of our pupils spend a lot of their time online, either through **online gaming** or on **social media apps**.

This can sometimes lead to contact with inappropriate people and/or exposure to inappropriate language.

We **strongly recommend** that you monitor your children's usage of the internet and that you are aware of what they are doing online.

Please see social media apps **age ratings** below.



More information on age ratings [here](#)

**CAKE WITH KEVIN
VALUES
WINNERS!**

Over the page...

THIS WEEK'S VALUES WINNERS



5E - Amelia

'Community: Amelia, you have been super helpful and super awesome with helping those around you. You are very patient and calm in how you explain things to your classmates. I've been so impressed that I am seriously considering hiring you as a PA!

3I - Amina

Excellence: - Amina has shown excellent effort in her work last week.

2E - Aniss

Aniss, I am incredibly proud of you as you have behaved in such a mature way, and have improved with your behaviour. Your work these last 2 weeks has also been fantastic. Keep it up.



THIS WEEK'S VALUES WINNERS



RI - Arafat

Arafat - integrity - You are always doing the right thing. You are a super star who always tries his best. We love seeing your big smile every morning. Well done Arafat, keep up the good work.

5I - Archie

A massive congratulations to Archie for working extremely hard to stay focused during all lessons. You are definitely making the best use of your learning time. We are very proud of you!



Integrity doing the right thing even when no one is watching	Community working together; learning from, and supporting, others	Excellence enabling everyone to achieve more through education
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THIS WEEK'S VALUES WINNERS



3C - Ariah

Excellence- Ariah, I am very proud of you and how you have excelled in the past few weeks. You are leading class discussions and setting a great example to your class. You always share your ideas and complete your work to a high standard. Keep it up!



3E - Ayub

EXCELLENCE - well done Ayub! You have done SUCH a great piece of Extended Writing. I am so so proud of you! Keep up the good work :)

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6C - Brody

Brody always makes good choices during the school day. Their commitment to school makes them a role model for other students. He never fails to impress me. Well done Brody!



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5C - Fawzan

Fawzan, you have been working very hard to 'pick up the pace' during your lessons. You have successfully met the success criteria for Science and Maths. Well done Fawzan!

1C - Evelina

I would like to nominate Evelina for a community value award. Evelina you always do the right thing! You're someone who likes to help out in class, even when no one has asked. You make things easier for everyone because you are a great team player. We see how hard you work, and it really makes a difference. Thank you, Evelina for being so thoughtful and helpful. We appreciate everything you do!

6I - Ilwad

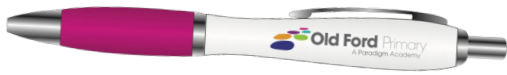
Well done Ilwad, you have had a fantastic week. Showing determination, positivity, kindness and hard work. It has been a pleasure to see you flourish! Keep it up!

4E - Izyan

Izyan- You demonstrated our value of Integrity very well this week. You explained what happened clearly. Well done!



THIS WEEK'S VALUES WINNERS



RC - Mahirah

Mahirah is a joy to have in the classroom. She is always so kind and helpful to everyone. She is a perfect example of integrity.

2C - Liyana

Excellence - Well done for always asking for help when you need it and not being afraid to try difficult things. I am very proud of your resilience and perseverance. Keep on smiling and keep up the brilliant learning attitude!



2I - Uzayr

Excellence award for your amazing effort during extended writing lessons. You always persevere (try hard) without your writing - remembering to use ambitious adjectives and great handwriting. Keep up the fabulous work!



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11 - Saif

Well done for working really hard in Maths and showing great understanding. Keep up the good work!

RE - Yaqub

For coming into school happy and beginning to come out of his shell. Well done Yaqub! Keep it up!



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UNIFORM

Pupils should **ONLY** be wearing the uniform pictured below. If pupils are not in the correct uniform, we will be calling parents/carers for them to bring this in. **NO 'HOODIES' OF ANY COLOUR**



P.E. UNIFORM

Please make sure your child has black jogging bottoms or shorts and a black T-shirt.

Black T-shirts are available from the school office for £2.00



Scarves should be dark blue or black



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

The afterschool care club at OFPA no longer operates. We have made an arrangement with **Olga Primary School** who have agreed that we can use their club. Their club runs from 3.30pm - 6.00pm daily and children are given a hot meal.

Each day, a OFPA staff member will collect the children from Old Ford and walk them over to Olga (which is about 5 minutes walk away.) Parents/carers will then collect the children from there. More information about the Olga provision can be found here:

<https://www.olga.towerhamlets.sch.uk/info/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/>

You can enrol your child through OFPA and we will pass your information on to Olga.



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COLLECTING PUPILS AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please could you wait until all pupils are in their lines before speaking to the teacher and collecting your child.

We need to make sure that all of our pupils go home with the right adult!

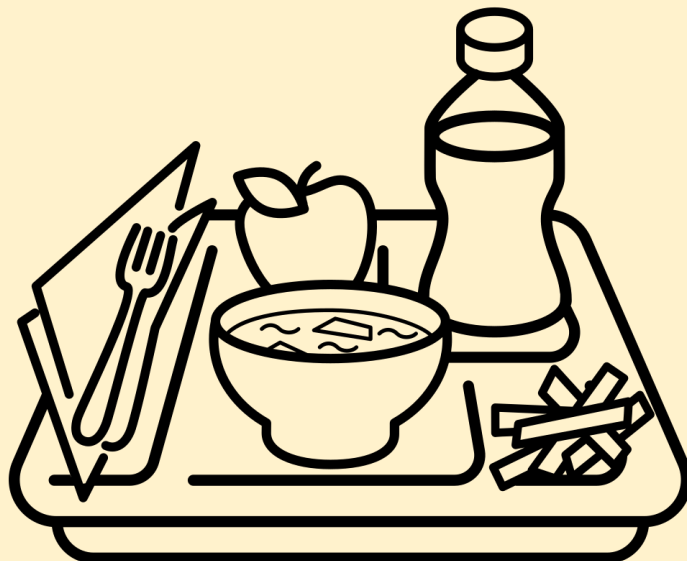
REMEMBER - SCHOOL STARTS AT...



DON'T BE LATE!

How are lunches organised at OFPA?

- All pupils play in their playground.
- A midday meals supervisor will come out to the playground and ring a bell. All the children stop and look.
- The midday meals supervisor will hold up a sign with the name of a class on it (e.g. 3E) and all the children line up and are walked in to the dinner hall.
- This is repeated for all classes.
- At the end, a sign is held up saying 'Last Call' This is an opportunity for any children who have missed their lunch to go in.



MENU FOR 2024/25

(From October 2024)



LUNCHTIME CO[®]

WEEK 1 MENU

WEEKS: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03

Old Ford Primary



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Roasted Vegetable, Tomato & Chickpea Pasta Bake & Mixed Vegetable

Thai Chicken Curry Served with Fragrant Rice & Medley of Green Vegetables

Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, and Gravy

Beef Bolognese served with Spaghetti, Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels Served With Wholegrain Rice & Mixed Vegetable

Roasted Butternut Squash & Spinach Thai Curry Served with Fragrant Rice & Medley of Green Vegetables

Quorn Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage and Gravy

Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese served with Penne Pasta, Homemade Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

PASTA & JACKETS

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

Pasta Twists with Homemade Tomato and Vegetable Sauce served with Fresh Salad and Chunky Bread

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

Pasta Twists with Cheddar Cheese Sauce with Fresh Salad and Chunky Bread

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

DESSERTS

Ice cream Mondays Or Fresh fruit pot

Natural yogurt with healthy toppings Or Fresh fruit pot

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Treat day Friday with cake Or Fresh fruit pot

Making lunchtime the **highlight** of your day

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Margarita Pizza
Served with Baked
Potato Wedges, Peas &
Sweetcorn

Marinated
Jerk Chicken Served
With Rice & Peas, Mixed
Vegetable

Roast Turkey served
with Roast Potatoes,
Carrots, Broccoli and
Gravy

Italian Meatball in a
Rich Tomato Sauce
Served with Pasta &
Mixed Vegetables

Breaded Fish Fillet
served with Chips,
Garden Peas or Baked
Beans

MEAT FREE

Rainbow Pizza Served
with Baked Potato
Wedges, Peas &
Sweetcorn

Sweet Potato & Black
Bean Jerk Curry
Served With Rice &
Peas, Mixed Vegetable

Cauliflower, Broccoli
Lentil Cheese Bake
Served with Roast
Potatoes, Carrots,
Broccoli and Gravy

Italian Vegan Meatball
in a Rich Tomato
Sauce Served with
Pasta & Mixed
Vegetables

Vegan Sausage Roll
served with Chips,
Garden Peas or Baked
Beans

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MAIN MEAL

Traditional Macaroni
Cheese Served with
Homemade Garlic &
Herb Bread, Seasonal
Vegetables

Turkey Tikka
Served with Rice,
Naan Bread Finger
and Mixed vegetable

Chicken Sausage served
with Potatoes, Yorkshire
Pudding, Carrots,
Broccoli & Gravy

Beef Lasagna Served
with Homemade Garlic
Bread & Mixed
Vegetables Or Fresh
Salad

Fish Fingers Served
with Chips, Garden
Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Moroccan Vegetable &
Chickpea Tagine Served
with Crusty Whole meal
Bread

Vegetable Tikka
Served with Rice, Naan
Bread Finger and Mixed
vegetable

Quorn Sausage
served with Potatoes,
Yorkshire Pudding,
Carrots, Broccoli &
Gravy

Tex Mex Vegan Mince
& Cheese Burrito Served
With Mixed Vegetables
Or Fresh Salad

Fishless Fish Fingers
served with Chips,
Garden Peas or Baked
Beans

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 <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>National Hispanic Heritage Month Tuesday 16th</p> <p>International Day of Peace Thursday 19th</p>	 <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>World Teachers Day Friday 4th</p> <p>Black History Month Thursday 17th</p>	 <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>Guy Fawkes / Bonfire Lunch Tuesday 5th</p> <p>Diwali Thursday 7th</p>	 <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>National Odd Sock Day Thursday 4th</p> <p>Christmas Dinner Day Date to be agreed with school</p>	 <p>JANUARY</p> <p>Veguary Thursday 16th</p> <p>Chinese New Year Wednesday 29th</p>	 <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>National Pizza Day Monday 10th</p> <p>International Stand Up to Bullying Day Friday 28th</p>
 <p>MARCH</p> <p>Pancake Day Tuesday 4th</p> <p>World Book Day Thursday 6th</p>	 <p>APRIL</p> <p>Eid al-Fitr Tuesday 1st</p> <p>Easter Lunch Last Roast Dinner date before Easter</p>	 <p>MAY</p> <p>International Harry Potter Day Thursday 1st</p> <p>Spring Picnic Thursday 22nd</p>	 <p>JUNE</p> <p>World Environment Day Thursday 5th</p> <p>Healthy Eating Week Tuesday 10th</p>	 <p>JULY</p> <p>Ice Cream Station Tuesday 1st</p> <p>Leavers BBQ Lunch Agreed with each school</p>	

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is absent it is your responsibility to notify the school **ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** on the **MORNING** of the day of absence.

There are a couple of ways in which you can notify the administration team of your child's absence.

Please note: you do not need to speak to a member of the administration team to report your child's absence.

1) **Leave a voicemail** by calling the school on **020 8980 1503** and select **option 1 and wait for the beep after the message**. You will then be asked to leave a voicemail.

Please **clearly** state:

- Child's full name
- Child's class
- Reason for absence

OR

2) **Email** the school on **Info@oldfordacademy.org** and please put **ABSENCE REPORT in the subject line** and then state:

- Child's full name
- Child's class
- Reason for absence

If you do not report your child's absence they will have an **unauthorised absence** mark.

Please be reminded that three days of unauthorised absences will result in a penalty notice referral to the local authority and may lead to a £60 fine per child, per parent.

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Families Matter

A magazine full of news and information to support families
Featuring the SEND Information Supplement

Celebrating family learning



Read all about the Parental Engagement Team's family learning workshops in schools, including the newly developed Reading for Pleasure and Family Science Lab workshops, see pages 5-7.

Read the latest edition of the Families Matter magazine and monthly e-bulletin online at
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/familiesmatter

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Click [here](#) for the latest issue of 'Family Matters'

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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

LEARN PANTOSAURUS' FIVE EASY RULES FOR STAYING SAFE



P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.



A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU

No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see or tries to touch you underneath your underwear say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.



N O MEANS NO

You always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'No', it's your choice.



T ALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU

There are good secrets and bad secrets. If a secret makes you feel sad or worried, it's bad – and you should tell an adult you trust about it straight away.



S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP

It's always good to talk about stuff that makes you upset. If you're worried, go and tell a grown up you trust – like a family member, teacher or one of your friend's parents. They'll say well done for speaking out and help make everything OK. You can also call Childline on **0800 1111** and someone will always be there to listen.



Remember all of these rules and they'll help you stay safe, just like Pantosaurus

