

Newsletter



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FROM THE HEAD OF PRE- PREP

Dear Parents,

I have been overwhelmed with cards, and words of sympathy on my return to work on Wednesday of this week. Thank you so much for your prayers and for those of the children, this has been a tremendous comfort to me and to my four children. Many friends and relatives remarked on how lovely it was to have the school children from Oliver House at Michael's funeral last Friday. Michael himself would have felt very honoured that they were there. He always took a keen interest in developments at Oliver House and was very supportive of my work here. His funeral was a wonderful tribute to the man he was. He had been ill for some time but always bore all the frustrations he had with such humour and dignity; we are devastated to have lost such a wonderful husband and father. I hope to see those of you who can attend this afternoon at 4pm for the Mass to be celebrated for Michael.

In my absence I believe we had two wonderful productions of 'Eddie the Penguin' and 'Alice in Wonderland'. Well done to all the children for their hard work and good teamwork. I am looking forward to viewing both on DVD sometime soon.

As I write this the Reception and Year 1 children are enjoying their puzzle challenge session. I shall report on how the day went and what the children particularly enjoyed next week.

May I remind Parents that we do request that children are not taken out of school for holidays during term time except under exceptional circumstances. I would be so grateful if Parents could comply with this in the interests of children keeping up with very demanding curriculum requirements.

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SCHOOL TRIPS

All school trips are booked at least a term in advance. Costs for trips are worked out on the number of children in the class. If your child is unable to attend at short notice it may be necessary to charge you for the trip (unless your child is ill).

The Living Eggs project

Ten eggs, in an incubator, were delivered to the school on Monday 17th May. The first chicks hatched on Tuesday afternoon. It was very exciting to see first a crack, then to hear chirping noises and finally to see and touch a chick. The remaining chicks hatched on Tuesday night, Wednesday and Thursday and there is one more egg left. The newly born chicks have been placed in a brooder box which is in the Lower Nursery B classroom. They will stay in Oliver House until Friday 28th May and everyone is welcome to come in and have a look. If anybody is interested in rearing them at home, please speak to Mrs Boyle.



Caterpillars



We received 34 tiny caterpillars last week. They have eaten and eaten and are now rather big! Some of them have formed their chrysalis and should appear as beautiful butterflies in 8-14 days.



The Lower Nursery Trip

On Thursday 13th May the Lower Nursery classes went to Battersea Zoo. We saw some monkeys, otters, coatis, and many different kinds of birds. The children especially enjoyed going down a tunnel to see a Meerkat colony.

We also visited a play area where the fire engine was very popular.



The Art Exhibition on Thursday 20 May was a marvellous success.

Your child's art work is available for purchase in the school office. Prices are as follows:



£10 per picture
£25 for 3 pictures
£30 for 4 pictures

Character Development

The virtue for this half term is cheerfulness. Next week the target will be:

**Lower & Upper Nursery,
Reception & Year One -**

To bring joy to others by only saying positive things

Europe's Big Match is on this weekend



Oliver House Dads Vs Oakwood Dads
Saturday 22 May
12.30pm for 1pm Kick Off

Clapham Old Xaverians' Association Ground,
37 County Road, Norbury

After Match Refreshments will be available

Year 2 Trip

The Year 2 children went to the Florence Nightingale Museum on Thursday 20th May. The building has recently been renovated and the exhibits re-opened, marking the 100th anniversary of the death of the famous nurse as well as the 150th anniversary of the publication of her Notes on Nursing.

The children have been studying her life and how she rose to fame over recent weeks and the museum trip provided a good opportunity to handle artefacts and reinforce the learning that had taken place in class. An actress, dressed as Florence Nightingale gave the children a tour of the museum in character and helped the children to dress as nurses or soldiers in the Crimean war.

Other visitors to the museum commented on the excellent behaviour of the Oliver House students! Special thanks to Mrs. Yonge for her assistance on this trip.



PAT News

Bake Sale

There will be a PAT Bake Sale to raise funds for the BBQ in the playground after school from 3.30pm on Friday 28 May. Donations of cakes and biscuits etc would be gratefully received.

Craft Stall Reminder

PAT are looking for boxes with lids for their gift boxes together with fabric and ribbons to make notice boards.

Cricket Report

**Oliver House (137) vs Eaton House (157)
Years 4, 5 & 6**



It was a great start! Oliver House started bowling first and Sebastian Curtis, the team captain, organised his team very well. Eaton House found it difficult to score any points. Some poor fielding from the fielders allowed Eaton House to get 157 runs.

When we were batting there were some big hits from James Doran and Angus Logan. Overall Mr Russell was very pleased with the performance of our boys and it was one of the best matches he has seen so far this year. Hopefully we can win our home fixture on 15 June Vs Farleigh House. It is a 2pm start and all parents are welcome!

MERIT BADGES AWARDED TO

**RECEPTION H
Jakub Karst**

**RECEPTION T
Eva Funsch**

**YEAR 1 P
Sonsoles Ortega Golaracena**

**YEAR 1 R
Thomas Foot**

**YEAR 2
Magdalena Czartoryska**

**YEAR 3
Javier Seed**

**YEAR 4
Ana Jordan**

**YEAR 5/6
Milo Laghi**

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 22 May

Oakwood vs Oliver House Dads Football Match

Tuesday 25 May

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 27 May

Dads' Outing

Friday 28 May

Yr 1 School Trip – Painshill Park

Friday 28 May – Monday 31 May

Yr 6 Residential Trip – Marchants Hill

Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Half - Term

Monday 7 June

Oliver House in Bloom

Thursday 10 June

Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 11 June

Yr 4 School Trip – Painshill Park

Thursday 17 June

Prep & Pre-Prep School photograph

Friday 25 June

Reception School Trip – Natural History Museum

Monday 28 June

Yrs 1,2 & 3 Instrumental Assembly

Monday 28 June

Yr 6 School Trip - Southall Gurudwara

Wednesday 30 June

Sports Day – Lower & Upper Nursery

Thursday 1 July

Sports Day – Prep School

Thursday 1 July

Football Tournament (at Dolphin School) Yrs 3&4

Friday 2 July

Sports Day – Reception & Yr 1

Monday 5 July

Yrs 4, 5 & 6 Instrumental Assembly

Tuesday 6 July

Junior Prize Giving & Mass (TBC)

Wednesday 7 July

Football Tournament (at Dolphin School) Yrs 4,5&6

Thursday 8 July

Yrs 2&3 School Trip - Blacklands

Friday 9 July

Term Ends

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

For the benefit of new parents, these meetings are held every term with teachers and tutors of all children (15 minutes for each child). A choice of 3 dates is given and parents can request an early or late slot (which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis). Please indicate your preferred dates for this term's parent/teacher meetings below. Thank you.

Please be reminded about the importance of both parents attending these meetings as they help to foster the vital link between home and school.

- Please indicate in order of preference the dates below which are most suitable for you to come into school. Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice. Every effort will be made to arrange the first choice however on occasions the 2nd choice will need to be allocated.
- The slots are allocated on a first come first served basis.
- Please return this form to the school office asap. Once the slip has been returned a note confirming your meeting date and time will be placed in the book bags. Please look out for these slips.
- Once a meeting date has been arranged it will not be possible to change it, except in cases of emergency.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PLEASE RETURN TO MISS READINGS IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

NAME OF CHILD

CLASS.....

TEACHER.....

Please circle your preferred date & time slot with 1st & 2nd preference.

Tuesday 25th May

Pre Preparatory School	5.00pm – 6.45pm	EARLY	or	LATE
Preparatory School	6.00pm – 7.15pm	EARLY	or	LATE

Thursday 10th June

Pre Preparatory School	5.30pm - 7.30pm	EARLY	or	LATE
Preparatory School	6.00pm - 7.45pm	EARLY	or	LATE

Thursday 17th June

Pre Preparatory School	5.00pm – 6.45pm	EARLY	or	LATE
Preparatory School	5.30pm – 7.15pm	EARLY	or	LATE