



## Dear parents and carers,

It truly seems like 5 minutes ago that I took my first steps as Principal at Oasis Academy Johanna and yet, somehow, a whole term has gone by. And what a superb first term it has been. I have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome, bowled over by the respectful, enthusiastic children and amazed by the dedication and commitment of the staff who support children day in, day out. What an incredible team I have joined, and I very much have enjoyed my first term here.

Though covid rates are rising once more, we have still had very few cases. Thank you to everyone for wearing masks, staying 2m+ apart on the playground when collecting children and contacting school via telephone or email where possible. It is not certain what will happen over Christmas and in January, however we will keep you informed via email if there are any major changes before the start of the Spring term.

## Oasis Nurture

Read on to find out more about Oasis Nurture, however I wanted to say thank you to Maryam and the whole team at Nurture for their gift of Christmas food and games bags - these will really help many of our families over the Christmas holiday season. We are really looking forward to working closely with Nurture next term.

I hope you have a great Christmas and a blessed New Year. Stay safe and I hope to see you all, renewed and energised, in January.  
Dawn, Principal



Twitter: @OasisJohanna



## Seasons Greetings



Wishing you a Blessed Christmas  
full of joy and happiness  
and a New Year overflowing with peace and goodwill.

From Dawn, the staff and children at OAJ

## Nativity and Winter Concert

It is such a shame that we were not able to have families in to see the result of all the hard work of children and staff with their Nativity and Winter Concert performances. HOWEVER... now we are all able to watch it on repeat all over the Christmas holiday! A huge thank you to Lou who has worked tirelessly on the songs, staging and production. Thanks to Paul for videoing and putting the finished videos together for us, and to all the staff and parents for practising songs and learning lines. The final performances are staggering - you will be left speechless at the talent we have here at Johanna!



## Nativity and Winter Concert Link

Parents/Carers - please check your email for the link to this year's Nativity and Winter Concert. The link will be available **until Monday 3rd January** and should only be shared with family. No images or reproduction of any kind may be placed on social media.



# Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has already filled in the questionnaire and given feedback. We are really pleased that so far **100% of parents would recommend this school to another parent** which is excellent news!



Please do have your say - scan this QR code or click [HERE](#) - it takes 2 and half minutes on average to complete. Your views will help us know what we are doing well and where we need to focus our attention to improve things.



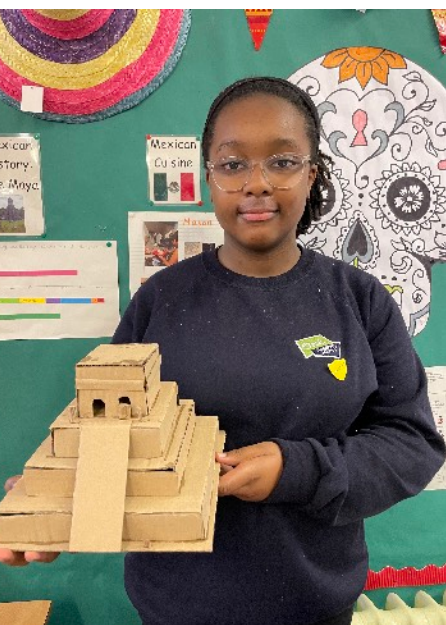
## 6 Violet: Hola Mexico!

Here is a showcase of the incredible Year 6 homework they have produced as part of their Hola Mexico topic.

As part of every child's homework, children can choose a creative project to do with family at home. Well done to those behind the scenes for all your help in creating these stunning projects.

## Thank you Dave

Thank you Dave for donating our fabulous Christmas Tree once again. You will find Dave at the end of Lower Marsh selling fruit and veg (and Christmas Trees) most days. Please pop along and say thank you in person!





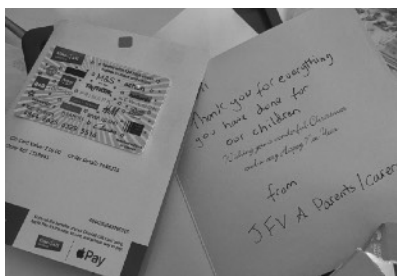


## Christmas Fund

We created an online fundraiser for the Christmas fund. This was to raise money for our school staff for all their hard work this year.

This year we raised an amazing total of £423!

We were able to give out a £10 gift card and a special hand-written Christmas card. We were left with £53 left over which the staff asked for goodies for Friday.



If you would like to volunteer with JFV or have any questions please email [OJFV21@gmail.com](mailto:OJFV21@gmail.com)

## Christmas Fair

Last Saturday JFV with the help of the Hub created a Christmas grotto, made tattoos and held a raffle - all to raise money for our school. It went amazingly well and the children were full of joy and lovely smiles.

We would like to deeply thank all parents/carers, children & Oasis staff for organising and volunteering. Everyone who helped received a thank card for their hard work. The superb Elves got a record of achievement for their work - well done!

We would also like to thank the local business and parents who kindly donated to our raffle, including Tesco, Boots, our local Avon representative, Pizza pilgrims, Greensmiths, our Lambeth councillor - Ibrahim Dogus, and finally many of our own parents.

We raised a total of **£288.95** for our school.

## Tea Towels

This year we helped the school create a Tea towel with student's self portraits. We had 200 tea towels ordered hoping to raise £500.

If you haven't ordered yet, you can order through the My Child at School app. Tap on 'School Shop' and you can buy yours for £4. They make great presents and a lovely bit of memorabilia for this academic year.

Limited stock - buy yours now!





# Welcome Oasis Nurture

Oasis Nurture Project were so pleased to be able to gift families here at Oasis Johanna earlier this week, which included a Christmas Bag with food items to use over the festive season and a games bag for each child.

The gift bag was provided for every household. If you don't need it, you could perhaps pass it on to someone in the community who might benefit. We will also be giving your children a little family gift of games to bring home.

## What is Oasis Nurture?

Oasis has created a project called Oasis Nurture to offer extra support to families. There will be a team of psychologists, legal advocates, arts and sports workers, therapeutic learning support and therapists available from next term to support children, so that they can achieve their full potential.

Working with Nurture, we want to support families with their needs and help remove as much stress as possible to make life easier and help children be more ready to learn.

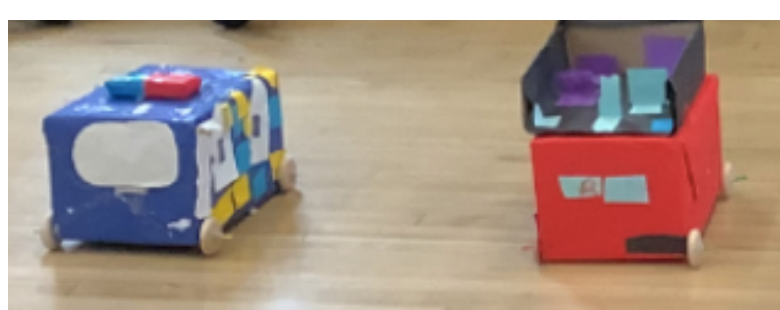
The team leader at the school is Maryam, she will be there to help connect you to the relevant sources of help within Oasis Nurture. You can spot her in the photograph in the top right (with the orange top, hauling along one of the gift bags).

We look forward to working alongside Nurture next term, to help you and your children.

Maryam and the team wanted to wish you a Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday!







## Orange - Vehicle Races

Year 1 have had great fun making their vehicles as part of the DT aspect of their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic. This week they raced their vehicles and here are the winners!







## Winning Design

Congratulations Batool for winning the Lambeth Design-a-Christmas-card competition. Her wintry snow scene has now been made into this year's Christmas Card from Councillor Claire Holland, Leader of Lambeth Council.

All the children voted in an assembly earlier this term, and chose Batool's design from a shortlist. We kept all the shortlisted candidates' identities secret until after the vote - just to be fair! Well done everyone for your excellent designs, and especially Batool for representing our academy in such a prestigious way. We are very proud of you.



## Grow your own Hyacinth

Bulbs were given out today to all children who wanted to take part in the annual 'Grow Your Own Plant' competition.



Children were given a hyacinth bulb along with clear instructions as to how to grow the plant. We hope to see many hyacinth plants later in the year - watch out for when we will collect them in. Why not share your photo of how your bulb is developing to our Twitter account: @OasisJohanna

### Tips to help you grow your bulbs

1. Use a 13cm diameter pot
2. Wash the pot and place some stones in the bottom
3. Fill with bulb fibre, water and let drain
4. Plant up to four tete a tete bulbs, with just the tip of the bulbs just showing through the soil or plant your daffodil bulb with 2cm of the bulb above the soil
5. Keep in a dark place for 10 weeks. Water this time to keep the soil moist
6. When the tete a tete growth is 4cm tall, bring out into the light or when the daffodil growth is 10cm tall, bring out into the light
7. Put the pot in the coolest place that you can find and pour water into the saucer
8. Bring your plant to school when asked by your teacher as it will show that you are looking after it and it will count as a point to your school



## COVID Update

The government have introduced a change in what they would like you to do should you or your child be a close contact of someone that has a confirmed case of Covid-19.

They are asking adults and children (aged 5 and over) to take lateral flow tests for 7 days should they be notified that they have been in contact with a confirmed case.

You can read the government's guidance by searching '[gov.uk contacts confirmed coronavirus](https://gov.uk/contacts-confirmed-coronavirus).'

### NHS Test & Trace – Close contact

If NHS Test and Trace contact you to say that your child is a close contact of someone who has Covid-19, they will ask for your child to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days.

After each test you will be asked to report the results online.

- If they test negative, they can continue to attend school
- If they test positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#)
  - o If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days.
  - o If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Lateral flow tests are available through community test sites, local pharmacies or [online here](#).

### Returning to school in January

As a reminder, we return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Please check that your child is well and has no symptoms of Covid-19 before returning to school.

### Thank you for your ongoing support.



**You must wear a face covering on public transport and in shops, unless exempt.**

## Violet: Taco Treats

Last week, Year 6 created their own healthy taco dishes as part of Design Technology within their 'Hola Mexico' topic. They have found classic and modern recipes to follow, showcasing some of the tastiest Mexican foods.





## Dates for Spring 1

<b>Christmas Holiday</b> Mon 20th Dec to Mon 3rd Jan	
<b>Tues 4th Jan 2022</b> <b>INSET DAY - School closed to children</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	
<b>Wed 5th Jan 2022</b> <b>Children return to school</b>	
<b>Week 2</b>	
Wed 12th Jan	Reception - Eye Screening
<b>Week 4</b>	
Tues 25th Jan	Y6/YR Height/Weight checks
Wed 26th Jan	Y2 Trip to Pizza Express
<b>Week 6</b>	
Fri 11th Feb	Last day of Half-term - 3.15pm finish (normal time)

## Lambeth Larder

A full list of places to go over Christmas for advice, support, emergency food, low-cost food and Christmas Day meals is available on our newsletter page: <https://www.oasisacademyjohanna.org/news-and-events/academy-newsletter>



## Stars of the Week

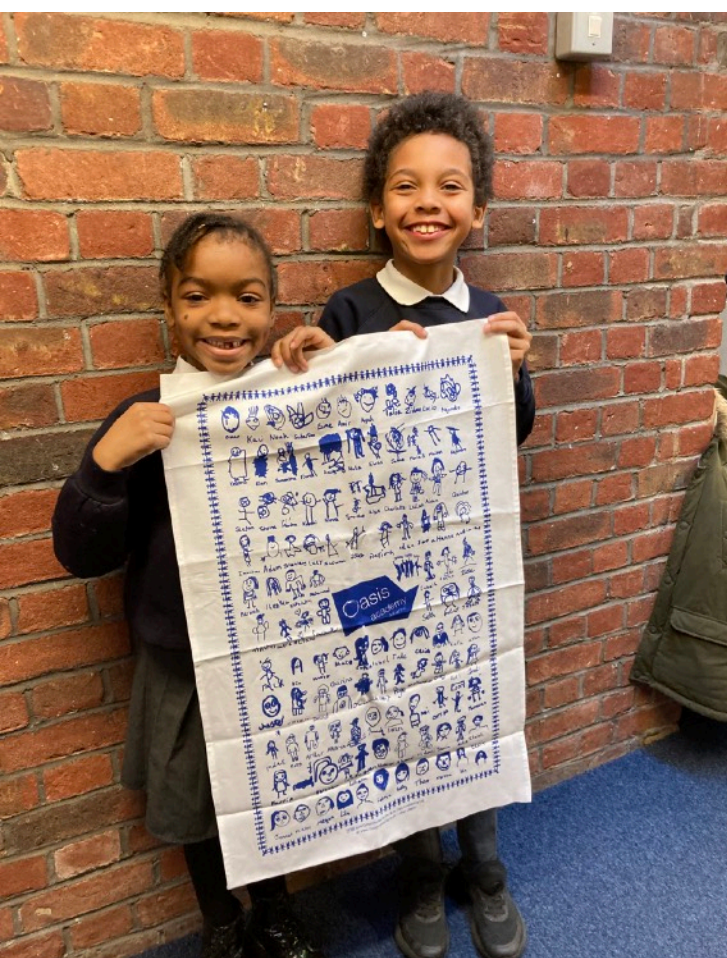
N	Sebastian	For great concentration in all activities.
Rainbow	Omar	For joining in all activities.
R Red	Farhana	For working hard with her learning this week.
1 Orange	Mohammed S	For spending a lot of time and effort on his homework.
2 Yellow	All of Yellow Class	For a great Nativity - well done!
4 Blue	Oliver	For improved self-control.
	Shanti	For great consideration.
5 Indigo	Maryam	For patience and perseverance.
	Kayla	For improved effort with homework.
6 Violet	Mia, Aiden, Theo, Jannat, Lily, Samia	For excellent Maya Temple models for homework.

## Attendance 93%

Well done year 5 Indigo and year 6 Violet on the best attendance this week. We have had a lot more children off with general coughs and colds but so far no known cases of covid this week.

Please ensure you take a lateral flow test with your child/ren and/or order a PCR test if your child has any of the covid symptoms.

	<b>Class</b>	<b>This week</b>
R	Red	85%
Y1	Orange	89%
Y2	Yellow	92%
Y3	Green	92%
Y4	Blue	90%
Y5	Indigo	95%
Y6	Violet	97%



**Have you got your  
OAJ JFV tea towel  
yet?**

Please look on the  
**My Child At School App - School  
Shop** and order yours for pick up  
after the Christmas holidays.

**Limited stock - buy  
yours now!**