



Oasis Academy Johanna Newsletter

Friday, 10th January 2025



New Principal Message

Dear Johanna Family,

I am delighted to write my first newsletter to you all as your new Principal here at Oasis Academy Johanna. I feel extremely privileged and honoured to lead your school and am very much looking forward to getting to know all of you, the children, the staff and the families. Having previously worked in several inner city London schools and with local authority school improvement teams, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together.

I am keen on building a whole school community that thrives on mutual respect and values positive relationships. To achieve this, it is vital we work in partnership with parents and carers, that you have a voice and that as a school we are approachable and listen to your views.

I will be holding some drop-ins over the next few weeks so please keep an eye on the "Key Dates" section of the newsletter. Please feel free to attend to meet me and I will also be on the school gates most days. Please come and say 'hello'!

As a parent myself, I am very much aware of the responsibility that staff and I have in providing high standards of teaching and learning. My vision for our school is that we deliver this through a high expectation, high support approach, meeting the needs of all children and supporting them to fulfil their potential regardless of their starting point.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks and hearing your views,

Paul C



School office announcements:

Absences

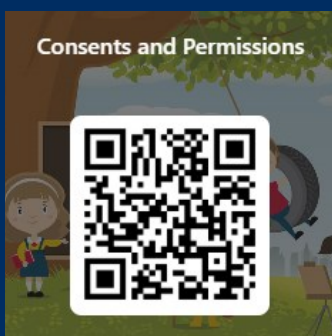
If your child is unwell or going to attend school late, you **must** let the school office know at the start of the day, between 8:30-9:00. The school office can be reached on 0207 928 5814.

School lunches

Should you wish to change your child's lunch from a school dinner to a packed lunch (or vice versa), please inform the school office. This helps reduce food waste and makes sure we have enough meals for everyone. Please speak to the office if you have made this change.

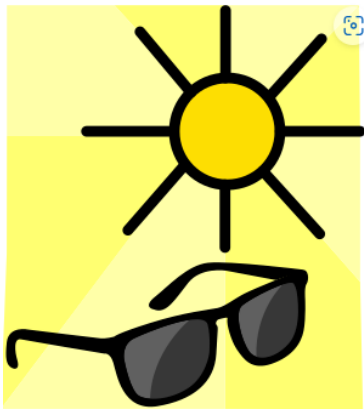
Photo Permission

We still have a very low number of replies for the updated photo permissions. Please could all parents fill in for every child so we can have up to date permissions. Should you need any help or support with this, please just let the school office know.



Bright Monday

Bright Monday is coming on **20th January**. This is due to be the day with the least amount of daylight, so here at Johanna we're going to light the day up in other ways and bring the happiness!



Children and adults can dress in their brightest clothes, so leave the school uniform at home. After school, parents and carers are invited to bring cake and come into the hall where we'll share bakes, music and more!

Attendance

Attendance took a dip in the last week of the Autumn term with 90% attendance. Well done Yellow class on 95%! Overall attendance for the term was 94%.

Let's see if we can beat that in spring!

EYFS Red Class	84%
Y1 Orange Class	81%
Y2 Yellow Class	95%
Y3 Green Class	94%
Y4 Blue Class	90%
Y5 Indigo Class	93%
Y6 Violet Class	91%

New Year, New Learning

Children have returned to school excited to get started on their new topics and learning for the spring term. Next week, we will share one page curriculum overviews for each year group so you know what your child will be learning and working on during this half-term. Here's what children have already started looking at, this week:

Nursery and reception

Children have been learning about castles and knights, making their own castles and designing beautiful shields.



Year one

In year one, children have been learning about the Royal Family and important people in our country.

They worked together to construct their very own class Buckingham Palace!



Year two

Year two have started a new topic of money in maths and in DT are creating puppets that use sliders..

In English, they have started a new book called "Grandad's Island" and are learning about all the mysterious things that are found in Grandad's attic...



Year three

The children in year three enjoyed drama sessions in which they explored the emotions, sights and sound of the circus experience.



Year five

In year five, children have been learning all about healthy lifestyles, especially about healthy eating. They've been completing food diaries to look at what they actually eat!

Year six

This term, year six are learning about the big topic of World War II. The children had a lot of questions so expect them to be experts on the topic by half-term!

Key Dates

Date	Activity
13th January	Y3—Pedestrians day
13th January	Meet the principal, coffee/tea drop-in, Silver Rm, 3.15-4:00
20th January	Bright Monday
22nd January	Y5 Young Voices @O2 Arena
28th January	Y6—Visit to Unicorn Theatre
31st January	Vision screening in Reception
5th February	Y1—Pizza Express visit
26th February	School photographs
6th March	World Book Day
11th March	Y3—Visit to St John's
12th March	Y4—Visit to St John's

Year four

In year four, children have begun to look at the story of "Moon Man", the man in the moon who's biggest dream is to come to earth to join a fancy dress party. Using the training children previously received from the Unicorn Theatre, children created freeze frames from the story.



Nurture update

Wishing you all a wonderful start to the new year from Nurture! We hope your holiday season was filled with joy and rest.



We're excited to share that Nurture sessions are back in full swing this week, and we're here to support not just the children but you as well.

We are offering free **one-to-one counseling sessions for parents and caregivers**. These sessions provide a safe, confidential space for you to be heard and supported.

If you'd like to learn more or are interested in accessing this support, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact Faith at faith.adamah@oasisnurture.org.