

Academy Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024
Spring Term
Issue: 2



It was good to return to the normal routes for drop off and pick up this week. You will notice that there is still some wood to be cleared away which will be taking place this weekend. Whilst the route is now safe, further works will take place on the trees when the weather is more suitable.

As it is the start of a new term, we have a new set of virtues to focus upon. This term's virtues will be **friendship, love of neighbour, self-control and reflection**. Our current focus of **friendship** teaches about being a good friend and showing friends our love.

Attendance continues to be a key priority for us this term and you may have seen in the press that this is also a national and government priority. Children miss out when they are not in school and poor attendance will affect your child's progress. In winter there are more bugs and colds going around. We do ask that you send your child to school unless they are very unwell, have a temperature or an upset stomach. If they become unwell at school we will always call you if they need to go home, but we know that sometimes being in school with their friends can help them feel a bit better. Please do check we have up to date contact details if these have changed recently.

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 received a wonderful music lesson from Miss Elena this week. These music lessons will continue for these classes for the rest of term. Key Stage 2 will have the Southwark Singing Programme, which is a Diocesan music education programme, starting from 23rd January. We are looking forward to working with both of these over the next few weeks.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Wrap up warm!

Card Machine

As you may be aware the card machine has been out of use.

We now have a replacement handset, therefore we are back up and running!

We would just like to apologise to everyone for the inconvenience due to card machine not working



Stars and Extra-Curricular Activities

We are introducing a cheaper rate for children who would like to use the Stars provision for 15 minutes following an extra-curricular activity. This will run from 4:15pm (when the extra-curricular club finishes) until 4:30pm (When the Twilight Stars session finishes).

This will be available from next week at the cost of £2. The 15-minute session is listed on School Gateway as Post Club Stars Provision.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Arthur – EYFS
 Levi – EYFS
 Isaiah – Year 2
 Jenson – Year 2



Attendance

EYFS	87.7
Year 1	100
Year 2	96.6
Year 3	100
Year 4	91.1
Year 5	90.3
Year 6	97.1
Whole School	93.67

The winning class this week was **Year 1 and Year 3** gaining 3 stars in the space race for having 100% attendance. **Year 6** gained 1 Star for achieving over 97%.

How many children were late for school this week?



INCREASING ATTENDANCE
 BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE
 THE CHANCES OF GAINING
 GOOD QUALIFICATIONS



MISSING TWO DAYS
 A MONTH MEANS A
 CHILD MISSES 10%
 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR



100s OF SUBJECTS | 1000s OF CLASSES
 ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



TURNING UP JUST
 5 MINUTES LATE
 EVERY DAY ADDS UP
 TO OVER 3 DAYS
 LOST IN THE YEAR!

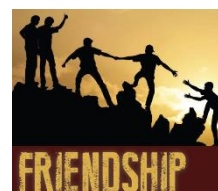
Nursery Star of the Week



Leila



VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

EYFS	Hunter
Year 1	Astia
Year 2	Poppy
Year 3	Sofia and Sofia
Year 4	Poppy
Year 5	Noah
Year 6	Erika

Parent/Child Survey

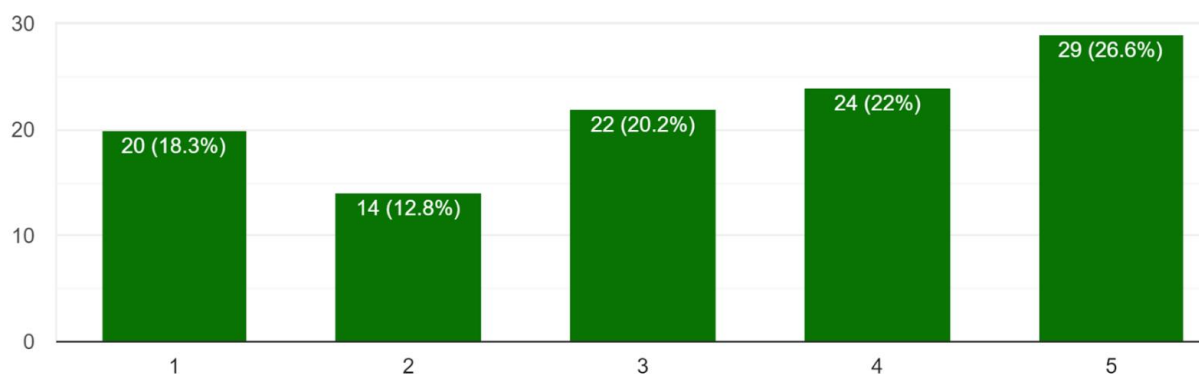
Last term we carried out a survey to check on the wellbeing of our children. The survey showed how happy the children are at school and home, which is great to hear. The questions which stood out, we have included below.

1 means - not at all, and 5 - very much so.

As you can see lots of children have said that they are not getting a good night's sleep. It also showed that many children have worries at home or at school. Please talk to your child to see what their worries are and let us know if there is anything we can do to help. Thank you for your continued support.

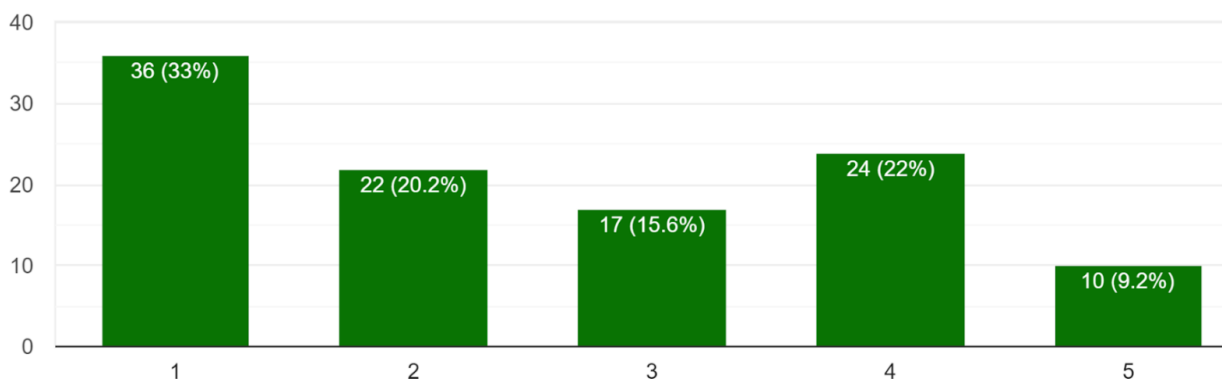
I have a good night's sleep

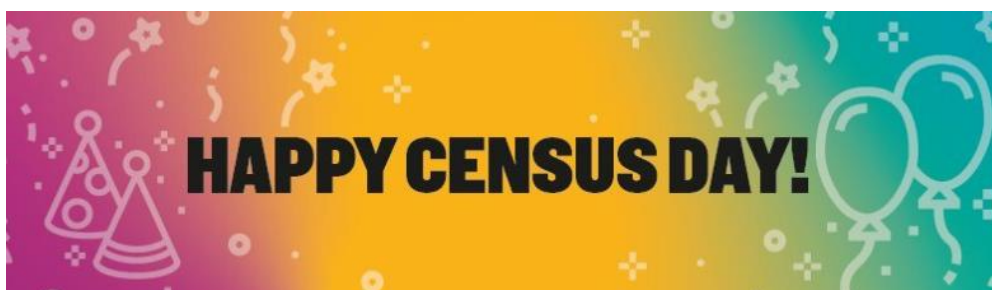
109 responses



I feel worried

109 responses





NUMBERS FESTIVAL

MENU

THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2024

Beefburger 1,5,6
60% burger + 40% bun = 100% delicious
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Cheese & Tomato Wrap Stack Triangles 1,7
How many sides are there?
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Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9
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Spaghetti Zeros 1
Sweetcorn & Peas
Jacket Wedges
+++

Millionaire Biscuit 1,7
Ice Cream 7
Fruit Pots
Yoghurt 7

Allergen code: 1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame
6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs
12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten

Complete the Sudoku Puzzle correctly and take to the counter at lunchtime to be entered into a draw for a prize.

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the numbers 1 to 4. Don't guess - use logic!

	4	2	
2			3
1			4
	3	1	

☐ How many Mr Nourishes are on this flyer?

Name: _____

Class: _____

Census Day Themed Lunch

Census day this term is Thursday 18th January and the school will be having a special lunch menu.

We would like all children to take a school dinner on 18th January to ensure that the school gets the full funding for Universal Free School Meals.

Please see the Numbers Festival menu to the left!

*Jacket potato will also be available

Henri Matisse

JANUARY'S INSPIRED BY ART CHALLENGE



Henri Matisse was a French artist known for his use of colour and shape. When he was young, he did lots of paintings but as he grew older he began to make striking collages, which are pictures made by using cut out bits of paper.

Henri Matisse's early paintings were very exciting and were full of lots of different colours. This style was very different to the work of most artists at the time. He enjoyed painting portraits and still life. Matisse likes to use simple shapes in his work and arrange them in playful and fun ways. He also likes to repeat similar shapes and fill the page with these shapes.

Your challenge is to create a piece of artwork that is inspired by Henri Matisse, you can use cut out coloured paper, paint or draw.



When recreating your own work inspired by Henri Matisse, think about these prompt words.

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| • Decorative | • Composition | • Expressive | • Simple |
| • Pattern | • Silhouette | • Abstract | • Bright colours |
| • Balance | • Fluidity | • Repetition | • Shape |

Below are the common colours that Henri Matisse uses in his artwork. Why not think about using these in your own artwork?



Hand in your creation to **Mrs Lee** by **Monday 29th January** for a chance to win an amazing arts and crafts prize!

Look out for the new monthly art competition in the newsletter at the beginning of every month.

For the love of books.

The teachers and staff explored new and exciting children's literature down at Orpington library last night. Make sure you get down there and borrow some of the exciting books they have.



Chatter Books Reading Group

Love reading? Come to our group for books, chat and fun



Meetings are once a month on Thursdays from 4-5pm

Reading Group for children aged 8-11

Chatting about books
Quizzes and games
Author Visits

Please contact
orpington.library@gll.org
to book a place

Pictures Alive at Orpington Library



Come and explore illustrated books with us and focus on a different illustrator/author each month!

Mondays
Once a month
4-5pm
Age: 4-7s and parents and carers

To book contact <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

Spring Term

Amendments are highlighted and Cancellations are in red.

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.

Monday 8 th January 2024	After School Clubs start
Monday 8 th January 2024	Year 6 Library Trip
Monday 15 th January 2024	Year 5 Library Trip (more information to follow)
Thursday 18 th January 2024	Year 6 Our Lady of the Crays
Monday 22 nd January 2024	Year 4 Library Trip (more information to follow)
Monday 29 th January 2024	Year 3 Library Trip (more information to follow)
Monday 29 th January 2024	Young Voices (more information to follow)
Thursday 1 st February	Year 5 Visit to Tate Modern (more information to follow)
Monday 5 th February 2024	Year 2 Library Trip (more information to follow)
Monday 5 th February 2024	Parent Consultation (more information to follow)
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Parent Consultation (more information to follow)
Thursday 8 th February 2024	Year 3 Church Visit
Friday 9 th February 2024	Half Term break begins – Stars 4:30pm finish
Monday 19 th February 2024	Back to School
Monday 19 th February 2024	Year 1 Library Visit (more information to follow)
Thursday 22 nd February 2024	Year 2 Bright Sparks Concert (more information to follow)
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March 2024	Year 1 Church Visit
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Easter Mass
Monday 25 th March 2024	Eggsibition entries in (more information to follow)
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Easter Passion – Year 4 (more information to follow)
Thursday 28 th March 2024	School Closes at 2pm – No Twilight or Evening Stars