



June 2017 Newsletter

Trips and visits to places of worship - Summer term 2017

As part of school's RE curriculum, we have a regular programme of visits to each of the six main religion's places of worship on an annual basis. These visits form part of the school curriculum and, as such, are an essential method of:

"Developing positive attitudes towards people, respecting their rights to hold beliefs different from their own and to enable them to live in a world with many diverse religions"

(Taken from the aims of The Oval School's RE policy)

This means that, as children move through the school, they will all have had the opportunity to visit each of the places of worship you will see listed below.

This valuable experience enables all children to learn about faiths represented in Birmingham. Pupils will be given a tour at each place of worship and have the opportunity to ask questions but **they will not be involved in any act of worship.**

As an example, year one pupils visited Sikh Gurdwara last year and, at the end of a fabulous day, pupils said:

"It was a nice trip because we got to learn about Sikhism"

"I really enjoyed our trip to the Gurdwara"

"We learnt lots about the Gurdwara on our visit"

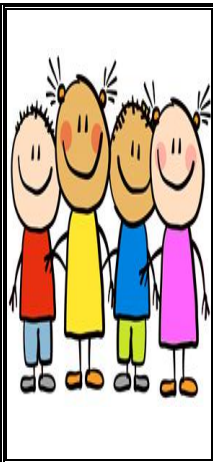
This year's programme of visits is as follows:

- Reception pupils - St Edburgha's Church
- Year 1 pupils - Sikh Gurdwara
- Year 2 pupils - Central Mosque
- Year 3 pupils - Synagogue
- Year 4 pupils - Birmingham Cathedral
- Year 5 pupils - Buddhist temple
- Year 6 pupils - Hindu temple

Please see school's RE policy on our website (www.theovalprimary.co.uk) for further information.

I know that pupils at The Oval School will benefit from these visits which will enhance the classroom learning and enable children to live in a world where people of different faiths are valued and respected.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS



Nursery and Reception Induction sessions

Nursery induction session for PARENTS ONLY will take place on Friday 30th June 2017 from 9:00 till 10:30am.

Reception induction session for PARENTS ONLY will take place on Wednesday 5th July 2017 from 9:00 till 10:30am.

We have a small number of places still available for our nursery admission in September 2017 for children born between 01/09/13 - 31/08/14, if you would like to apply for a place please come to the school office.



Group School Photo's

Group photo's will take place on Wednesday 21st June in the lower school hall or weather permitting outside. Please make sure all pupils are in full school uniform. These photos will also include any group photos for the football and rugby team, so kits will need to be brought into school on this day.

Maths and English Course for Parents

Do you want to improve your Maths and English? Level 2 courses are running here on Tuesdays. This will start September if you are interested please express your interest at the school office or see Miss Thomas. There are only 12 places available so it will be a first come first serve basis.



Please make note of these dates in your diary;

- 24th and 25th July 2017 - School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

ParentPay

As you will be aware you can now pay for school meals, trips and uniform online via ParentPay. Please make every effort to pay online as we are working towards being a cashless school in September. You should have received a letter with log on and password details to register online, if not please contact the school office to request a copy.



Tuck Shop

Don't forget the 'Tuck Shop' will take place every Friday on the playground by Year 6 from 3:05pm until the gates close. Items will cost from 10p to £1. Children to bring no more than £1 into school each Friday.

Assembly story

Logan Close in class 3.1 has written an assembly story for this week's Value 'Empathy'.

Once upon a time, there were 2 trolls who were really good friends. They lived in the same cave. One troll was called Yaba and one was called Taba.
One time a dragon attacked and Taba died. Yaba started crying. He had loads of empathy for him.
That night Yaba couldn't sleep or eat, and then he had an idea. Yaba went to the dragons cave, "I'll fight you dragon" he said. He jabbed his sword in the dragons belly and it gave a muffled cry, and there was Taba inside the dragon's belly.
"Yaba" cried Taba, "I was scared and I thought you were dead" Said Taba.

Birmingham Grammar School entry September 2018

Registration is now open.

The deadline to register is 4pm on Friday 30th June 2017.

NO late registrations will be accepted.

By completing the following form your child is eligible to sit the optional entrance test for the following schools, which are listed below, please see each schools website for more information and open day dates:

BOYS' SCHOOLS

- Bishop Vesey's Grammar School for Boys (www.bvgs.co.uk)
- Handsworth Grammar School (www.handsworth.bham.sch.uk)
- King Edward VI Aston School (www.keaston.bham.sch.uk)
- King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys (www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk)

GIRLS SCHOOLS

- King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls (www.kechg.org.uk)
- King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls (www.kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk)
- Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls (www.suttcold.bham.sch.uk)

BOYS & GIRLS (MIXED) SCHOOLS

- King Edward VI Five Ways School (kefw.org)
- Queen Mary's Grammar Walsall (Both Boys and Girls School) (www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk)



School uniform

Reminder to parents, can you please order any school uniform required for September as soon as possible so we can make sure we have enough stock. This can be ordered via ParentPay or by completing an order form at the school office.

Rugby News

At the end of May we made the trip to Birmingham Exiles RFC for their annual rugby tournament. The team have been honing their skills every Wednesday lunchtime, with an additional training session yesterday lunchtime to prepare for today's tournament. Here's what happened:

Oval 5 - 10 Hillstone

Try Scorer: Bradley

A very unlucky result. In training we had been working on loops, switches and long passes. This was the first test of playing our ambitious style of running rugby. Unfortunately not everything came off. We had most of the possession and our rugby was attractive to watch but were hit by two counter attacks

Oval 25 - 10 Percy Schurmer

Try Scorers: Izzie (3), Bradley, Harry

Things were coming together. Izzie used the loop effectively to get round the outside of a narrow defence. Harry and Bradley expertly came back in on switch balls, sending the defence the wrong way

Oval 15 - 15 Elms Farm

Try Scorers: Izzie, Bradley, Harry

We were now playing like the All Blacks. All of our moves were coming off. The spectators, referee and even the opposition coach said that they liked that we weren't just giving the ball to someone to run with, we were playing a skilful brand of rugby with set moves and dummy runners. We weren't to know this at the time, but Elms Farm went on to win the whole tournament out of 20 teams. We gave them a hell of a game

Oval 20 - 5 Severne

Try Scorers: Harry (3), Bradley

Hat-Trick Harry was untouchable. Time seemed to slow down when he had the ball. If Warren Gatland were watching the match, Harry would now be packing his suitcase to join the British Lions in New Zealand

Oval 15 - 10 Guardian Angels

Try Scorers: Madison, Harry, Bradley

Ian took the scrum-half role and disturbed the ball well. Erin and Hamza made some good runs but this match will always be remembered for Madison's first try. As she scored that important try, the noise level in the ground even drowned out the aeroplanes flying low overhead. I turned around and it was just Miss Chanjus cheering

Oval 15 - 10 Oasis Academy

Try Scorers: Tegan, Bradley, Izzie

We played our ambitious rugby to the very last game and rewarded with another win. 4 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss. Macie and Ibrahim ran with the ball impressively and 'Tegan the Terrier's' defensive work was outstanding, as it had been all tournament. She was a real nuisance to every team we played against, getting amongst the opposition before they could start their attacks and she was rewarded with a well-deserved first try

We were awarded key rings and certificates for winning our last 3 games and Izzie won 'Girl of the Tournament', for the second year in a row. The Exiles coaches were even trying to convince her up take up rugby. The team's attitude was perfect all day. They came back from losing the first game and whenever we conceded a try, we picked the ball up and went again, sticking to our ambitious style of play.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER TERM 2017	
Monday 26 th June 2017	Year 5 to visit a Buddhist Temple
Wednesday 12 th July 2017	Year 1 trip to Brean Seaside
Thursday 13 th July 2017	Year 2 to visit Central Mosque
Friday 21 st July 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Summer holidays
AUTUMN TERM 2017	
Monday 4 th September 2017	Closed to pupils - Teacher Day
Tuesday 5 th September 2017	School open to pupils and staff
Friday 20 th October 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term
Monday 30 th October 2017	School open to pupils and staff
Thursday 21 st December 2017 at end of school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Christmas
Friday 22 nd December 2017	School closed to pupils - Teacher Day
SPRING TERM 2018	
Monday 8 th January 2018	School open to pupils and staff
Friday 16 th February 2018 at end of the school day	End of Term
Monday 26 th February 2018	School open to pupils and staff
Thursday 29 th March 2018 at end of school day	End of Term



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