



BROWNLEE BROTHERS COME TO OSWALD ROAD!



On Monday 17th October Olympic gold and silver medallists Alistair and Jonny Brownlee visited Oswald Road to attend a whole school assembly. After giving the brothers a superstar welcome, the children got to ask the Olympic triathletes questions about training, the Olympics, and what it's like to compete against your own brother for a gold medal.

Some of the children even got to hold the Olympic gold and silver medals that the brothers won in Rio this summer! Next time you're in reception look out for the signed Oswald Road polo shirt, which we've proudly displayed behind the front desk!



CROSS COUNTRY SUPERSTARS

Our amazing long distance runners from Years 5 and 6 have successfully made it through to the cross country finals, which will take place at Phillips Park on Tuesday 8th November. Well done everyone, you are a fantastic example of the talented sports stars we have here at Oswald Road!



This term the children attended an assembly to introduce a new programme we are running across the school (Reception- Year 6) this year called 'Walk Once a Week'. Each day the children will be asked to log on a Travel Tracker in their classroom to say how they travelled to school that morning. Those who walked to school at least once a week will get a badge at the end of every month. Those

who cycled or came on a scooter will also get a badge, as the aim is to get children to become more active.

We are therefore asking parents to support their children in achieving this goal. If your house is not within walking distance from school, your children can also get their badges by walking the last 5-10 minutes of their journey to school. We are hopeful that this will reduce the number of cars pulling up outside school in the morning, which has led to a number a safeguarding concerns in recent months.

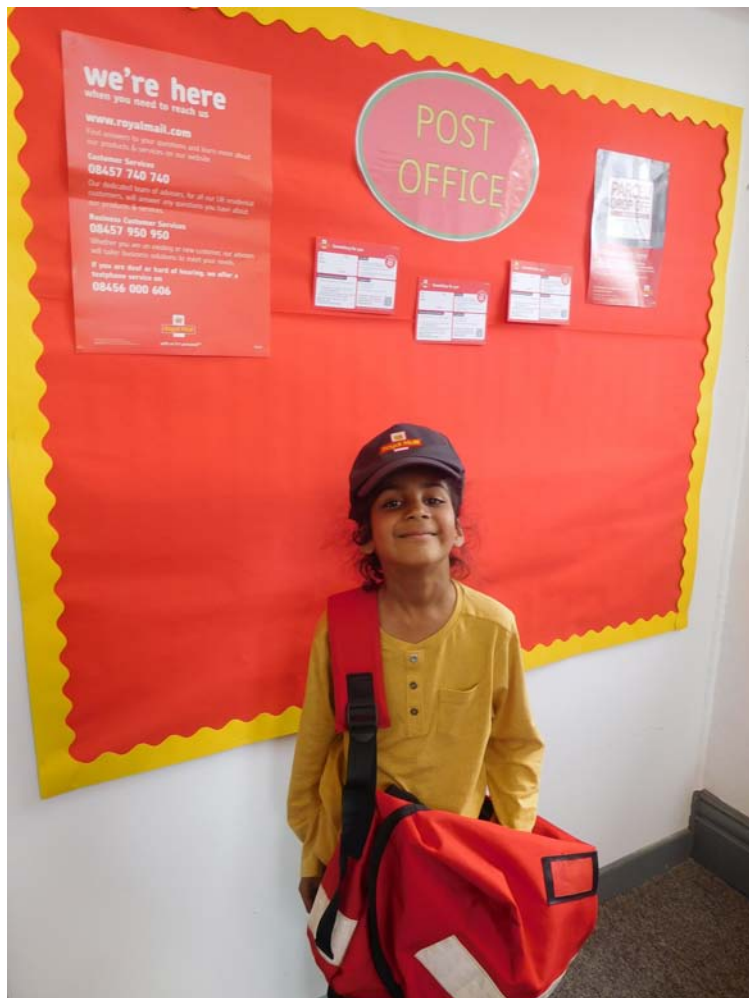


READING BUDDIES

Some of the pupils in 6KR have become 'Reading Buddies' and have been helping pupils in 1LH with their reading. It's been great for the younger children to develop their reading skills and for older children to develop their questioning skills!



OSWALD ROAD POST OFFICE



Year 3 have been learning all about the Post Office by working out how much it costs to send a postcard. Their hard work was rewarded by the Post Office themselves, who sent the children some great goodies!





THE GREAT YEAR 2 BAKE OFF!

Earlier this term children from Year 2 took part in their very own bake off. The challenge was to make 90 cupcakes in just 90 minutes. Before they started their bakes, each class had to go through their ingredients list to decide how much of each ingredient they would need to make their delicious chocolate chip cupcakes.



Following the rather messy task of measuring and mixing the cakes were baked in the oven, and after giving them a little time to cool down, the children headed out to the Chill Zone to sample their culinary creations. Well done everyone, you're all star bakers!



MEET YOUR NEW HOUSE CAPTAINS!



SNOWY

House Captains- Aiza Gul and Luqa Ismail Keyes
Deputy House Captains- Ella Greenway and Mustafa Hakimi

TAWNY

House Captains- Grace Alston and Ismail Atif
Deputy House Captains- Nancy Duggan and Leon Crompton-Sojia

BARN

House Captains- Sylvie Norreys and Yueh-Hsuan Lin (Yuen)
Deputy House Captains- Eleanor Patterson and Adam Khan

SPOTTED

House Captains- Amara Steadman-Adamson and Albaraa Saigh
Deputy House Captains- Jessica Simpson and Teddy Willis



EYFS RECEIVES GLOWING REPORT

Following an Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) moderation visit from the local authority in June, Oswald Road Primary School has received glowing feedback on its early years provision. Highlights of the feedback included:

"The practitioners have excellent knowledge of their children and work as part of a team."

"There is a strong moderation system in place."

"It is a strong and detailed transition plan" (referring to the transition process we have set up in the EYFS).

"The moderation meeting gave evidence of a well-planned and well-resourced setting."

"There was evidence of a curriculum rich in experiences for the children."

One Reception parent commented: "All three teachers in my child's class have been exceptional and I've seen my son develop so much this year, which I would expect, but his teachers have been exceptional with him. He has enjoyed coming into school every day, been really keen to learn and talked very fondly about his time at school. I can only imagine how much hard work goes into the running of a school and planning for a class so diverse and rich in personality."



NEW WEBSITE PHOTOS

Have you seen our fantastic new website photos yet? Here's a selection...head to oswaldroad.co.uk to see the full gallery!

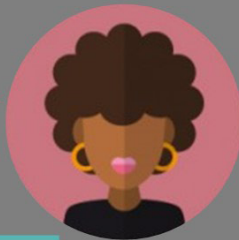


READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parents to put themselves forward as reading volunteers in school, to help children improve their skills and develop an enthusiasm for reading. We will be holding a training session for all volunteers on **Thursday 3rd November at 2:30pm-3:15pm**. Even if you have been a reading volunteer in the past you will need to attend the training session. If you are interested in listening to children read in school on a weekly basis, please let the school office know by Wednesday 2nd November at the latest.



"It is a real credit to you personally and the wider staff team to be part of such a happy and positive school "



"My daughter's love of reading has added to her wide range of vocabulary and this is something that I feel was encouraged at Oswald Road."



"Our children absolutely adore their school – our daughter already wants to train as a primary school teacher and come back to work there!"

"We have been delighted by the Nursery and couldn't speak more highly of the school and the fantastic staff."

Parent Feedback

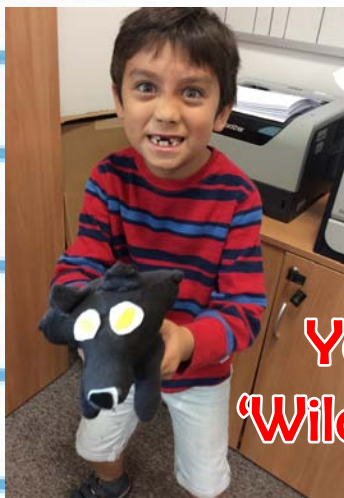
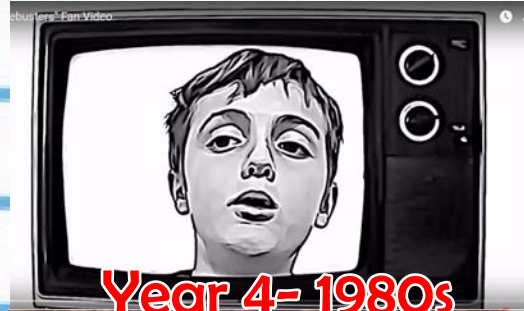


"Sometimes as parents of a child with special educational needs we anticipate difficulties in terms of educating people about our son's disability and gaining the right levels of support and engagement. These fears have been completely unfounded in terms of our experiences with Oswald Road."

"My son has had the best start to school life I could have hoped for...he has progressed academically very well. He loves coming to school and is a confident child. He's encouraged to express his imagination and has been captivated by many of the subjects which is a credit to the teaching staff's efforts."



HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS HALF TERM...



THANK YOU!!!

A HUGE thank you to all the parents (and children!) who gave up their Friday and Saturday to repaint the vandalised walls in the Reception playground. Thanks to you the run down, spray painted walls have been transformed into superhero, space and jungle themed masterpieces! The children are thrilled with the new look!



Oswald Road PTA (FORS)

Christmas Fair

Saturday 26th Nov 11am-2pm

Santa's Grotto Games Stalls Café Bouncy Castle

Craft Room Face Painting Raffle Cakes

Donations of Toys, Books, CDs & DVDs needed

after half term please if you're having a clear-out



PARENT REMINDERS

Nut Free School

This term our Lunchtime Organisers have spotted a number of children with nuts or nut-based products in their lunch boxes. Please be aware that we are a nut free school, so all packed lunches should be free from nut-based products, including pesto, Nutella and hummus.

Reading Records

Please can all parents remember to sign their children's Reading Records each time they read so that their book can be changed. Failure to do so may result in your child having to wait another week to get a new book.

Dog Ban in Playground

After receiving a number of complaints about dog excrement being found in the playground, we have taken the decision to ban dogs in the playground completely. Please note that this does not include registered guide dogs.

Contact Details

Please can all parents ensure that they provide the school office with their most up to date contact details. It is vital that we are able to contact parents in case of an emergency. If we are unable to do so this is a serious safeguarding concern.

SIMS Agora

Please be reminded that you can now pay for trips, milk and school dinners via SIMS Agora. A link to the payment system can be found on the homepage of our website. It is quick and easy to use, so no need to dig out loose change from your wallet at the reception desk!

Free School Meal (FSM) Checker

We have invested in an Online Free School Meal Checker, which we are asking all parents to complete. The system allows for you to check your FSM eligibility online, without having to complete and submit the paper copy of the form. The link to the online application system can be found at: www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF....

Amanda Clifton- Reprographics Officer

Hi, here in reprographics it is my role to produce and supply school resources and displays. I love that my job is different every day and helps everyone in school. I get to work with staff and pupils, and use my creativity to keep the school bright and colourful!

Wednesday 12th October



8:00am-8:15am- Log on to my computer and scan for any urgent jobs that need doing before the start of school. This morning Year 3 need a maths worksheet printing for their lesson at the start of the day.

8.15am-8:45am- I attend my SIP (School Improvement Plan) meeting- I am part of the 'Stay Safe' team.

8.45am-9:00am- I am on gate duty welcoming all the parents and pupils into school. This is one of my favourite times of the day and always puts a smile on my face. Please come and say good morning!

9.00am-11:45am- I return to my office and start working through the resources needed for lessons in school.

11:45am-12:00pm- Miss Linton calls in to see me and ask if a whole school letter can be printed and sent out today.

12.00pm-1:00pm- A representative from Midshire Business Services arrives to have a meeting with me, and show me the new version of the Riso Colour Printer.

1.30pm-2:30pm- After lunch I check my in-tray and start to complete any laminating jobs that are needed.

2.30pm-2:45pm- Today I have my display walk. I do this once a half term to make sure that all the displays around school are up to date and tidy. I make any repairs that may need doing.

2.45pm-3:30pm- I update the school house captain display to show who our new house captains are.

3.30pm- After dropping orders in at the main office at the end of the day, I go to the playground to pick up my daughter Evie, who is in Year 2.

You said | We did

As part of our commitment to improving communication with our families, each newsletter will feature a 'You Said, We Did' section, so you can see how your suggestions have been put into practice...

You wanted us to ensure that extra security was arranged for the playground before school starts.

We have arranged for a member of staff to wait at the gate by the staff car park from 8:45am until 9:00am every morning.

You were sick of finding dog mess in the playground!

We have now enforced a 'no dogs' policy in school to prevent this issue from reoccurring.

You wanted more opportunities for the children at lunchtime.

We set up a variety of clubs for the children to take part in at lunchtime, including art, music and outdoor games.

Those parents who were not able to attend transition afternoon due to work wanted a chance to meet their child's new class teacher.

We held a 'Meet the Teacher' event after school this term, which we hope you all really enjoyed!