



FRIENDS OF OSWALD ROAD SCHOOL (FORS) PTA NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN 1 2019

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Hi there! Hello to all returning families and those new to Oswald Road.

Firstly, many thanks for all your generosity and support during the past academic year; we raised £15,000 from our fundraising efforts, which has gone towards our ongoing playground initiatives, including the wonderful treehouse! We have also been successful with some grants. Thank you for your help with both the Tesco campaign, which awarded us a fantastic £2,000 towards the Owl Garden changes, and the Aviva Community Fund, which granted us £1,000 towards the running track, which will be installed during October half term.

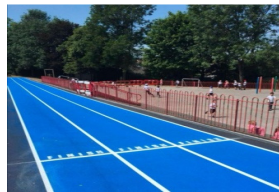
We also received £800 from the Tree Council towards tree planting and a £800 clean up grant from TK Maxx, which we will use mainly towards perimeter planting to help clean up the air our children breathe in the playground. Please e-mail if you are green-fingered as we need guidance re which plants to choose and planting them. We will be planting during National Tree Week from 25th Nov to 1st Dec. Please do come and join us after the school fair on 30th November to help with the planting. Many hands make light work.



The Treehouse is a wonderful example of a PTA Fundraising success and joint effort with the school and Owl Club. The kids love it and it has made such a difference to their outdoor play.



The Owl Garden: let's turn this space into something amazing! It needs an injection of love, colour and money. Five semi-mature trees will be planted in November but so much more is needed. It is FORS' main fundraising priority right now as there's still so much to do.



The Running Track: After half term, the kids will be able to run round this amazing new track for their Daily Mile. Thanks to BIAD Civils for the tarmac works in the playground over the summer.



FRIENDS OF OSWALD ROAD SCHOOL (FORS): ABOUT US. WE NEED YOU.

FORS is the school's PTA organisation. You automatically become a member of FORS when you join the school. We would love you to become more involved if you can: by volunteering at events and/or taking a more active role by joining the committee. Volunteering could be giving an hour of your time selling sweets or face painting at a fair. Committee members tend to get more involved: discussing finances, fundraising targets and new initiatives.

FORS PTA Committee Key Named Positions

Acting Chair: Michelle Dennell

Vice Chair: Ernst ter Horst

Treasurer: Jodie Allen

Secretary: Christina Willson

CONTACT US. JOIN US. OUR NEXT MEETING.

We would love to meet you, whether you are new to the school or have been thinking about getting more involved for a while. **Our next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 4th November 2019** where we will be planning for the Winter Fair on 30th November. Please e-mail oswaldptachair@gmail.com if you are able to come. We hope to see you there! If you cannot make it, please do get in touch - your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Thank you for reading

URGENT DON'T FORGET THE

OSWALD ROAD SCHOOL AUCTION OF PROMISES

The auction goes live on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7pm.
 Please send us your promises!
 Ask your friends and family if they have anything to offer.
 Please e-mail oswaldptachair@gmail.com with your promises or questions. Thank you!

- Babysitting
- Bike servicing
- Car wash
- Carpet cleaning
- Complimentary tickets
- Computer help
- CV writing help
- Dance lesson
- Decorating
- Dog walking
- Drama session
- Feeding cats/watering plants when away
- Financial advice
- Flower arrangement
- Food hamper
- Games at a children's party
- Gardening
- Garden veg
- Gym pass
- Hair braiding
- Haircut
- Hobby/craft lessons - eg. Jewellery-making, model building
- Holiday accommodation
- Home-cooked food
- Housesitting
- Housework
- Indian head massage
- Ironing
- Job interview prep
- Language lesson
- A lift home after a night out
- Lift to the airport
- Man (or woman) with a van
- Manicure
- Pampering vouchers
- Pet care
- Photography
- Present wrapping
- Restaurant meal
- Signed memorabilia (Sports/TV)
- Slave for a day
- Sports coaching
- Swimming lesson
- A tour around a special place
- Shop vouchers
- Window cleaning

PLEASE HELP!!! WE NEED YOUR PROMISES URGENTLY!!! ONLY A WEEK TO GO!!!

ONLINE AUCTION OF PROMISES: 7pm 22nd October – 9pm 10th November 2019

We need you! The auction of promises raised a magnificent £3,600 in 2018 - Can you help us meet this year's £4,000 target? Everything raised will go towards improving the school's outdoor space. Can you donate something for this year's auction of promises? It needn't cost you anything in ££ - you could offer some of your time, knowledge and/or skills... If you can help, please e-mail oswaldptachair@gmail.com with your promise so we can add it to our fundraising website in time for it to go online on 22nd October.

OSWALD ROAD PTA (FORS) >>>

Roller Disco

saturday 9th nov

3.30pm til 5.00pm

£3.50 for skaters

Stretford Leisure Centre
 Great Stone Road, Manchester, M32 0ZS

Tickets available on ParentPay. Limited places available. Skate hire available or bring your own. Refreshments will be on sale. Money raised will go to the continued development of the

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bee Gees Gibb brothers (and sister) attended Oswald Road School before emigrating to Australia in 1958. They lived on Keppel Road and their debut performance (as The Rattlesnakes) was at the Gaumont Theatre (now Co-op Funeralcare). Barry Gibb last visited the school in 2013 during its redevelopment to open the now-Nursery building. We are very grateful for his support of the school towards music provision



RECYCLING

IT'S IN OUR OWN HANDS

#RECYCLEWEEK



GOING GREENER

FORS is striving to become more considerate of our environment. Please contact us via e-mail or social media with your suggestions as to how we can achieve this aim. We also want to support our local and the wider community. Keep an eye out in the near future for a recycling point by the school office for items such as glasses, bras, mobile phones and batteries. We will also endeavor to support local and national causes during the year.

How to Support FORS in other ways:

Raise free funds for us every time you shop online through easyfundraising

Shop with over 3,000 online sites including:

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Does your employer offer a **Matched Giving Scheme**? This means that when an employee makes a gift to a registered charity the company may match this donation, in full or in part. Some companies even match at more than 100%, at no extra cost to you. To find out if your company operates such a scheme, and to obtain a copy of their matching gift form, please contact your Human Resources or Personnel Dept. **Note:** FORS is registered charity 1063063.

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COMING SOON!!!



Look out for this in the Thursday weekly update



SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2019
11am - 2pm

BOUNCY CASTLE * CAFE * CRAFTS * GAMES * STALLS
RAFFLE * GROTTO * FACE PAINTING * BAKE OFF

Details to follow



THE GREAT
OSWALD ROAD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

5p COIN BOTTLE CHALLENGE

Tuesday 7th January -
Tuesday 11th February 2020

START SAVING YOUR 5p COINS!

Family Quiz: February 2020

Adult-only quiz: March 2020

Womens-Only One Pot & Pamper Evening: Spring 2020

Family Weekend: May 2020

Bikes & Picnic in the Park: July 2020

Frozen Fridays: Summer Term

More definite calendar coming soon



Christmas cards



Krispy Kreme Fridays



TREE WEEK
2019
PLANTING FOR OUR PLANET

Trees

7% of Manchester is woodland

The highest proportion in similar areas is 7%. Trees are great at removing carbon from the air around us. Doubling tree cover across the country would help reduce emissions.

WE'RE
RAISING
MONEY

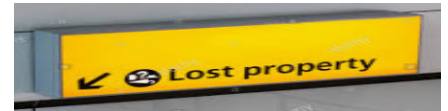


FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Bake Sale after School in the playground (under the awning):
Thursday 14th November; Selling cakes and Children in Need items.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is building up at school. Any unlabeled items will be donated to charity if not collected by half term. Please have a look in the disabled toilet opposite the school office and claim what's yours ASAP to avoid disappointment. It's also worth checking the pegs in the playground for lost/left items. Please always remember to label items.



FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Friday 9-10am in the small hall. All welcome

Come for a cuppa and a chat. We have hot drinks, squash, fruit and biscuits, as well as toys for babies and toddlers. Come and say hi.



Now booking for October Half Term:
Monday 29th October - Friday 1st November

KEEP IN TOUCH

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