

High Oaks Newsletter

Dates for the Diary

12th—16th February **Half Term**

Monday 19th February **students return**

24th February Parents event—**OT assessment and feedback session**

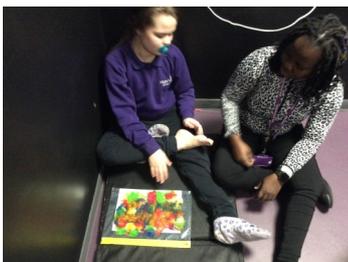
Thursday 7th March World Book Day —**Theme Animal Stories**

Our School Day

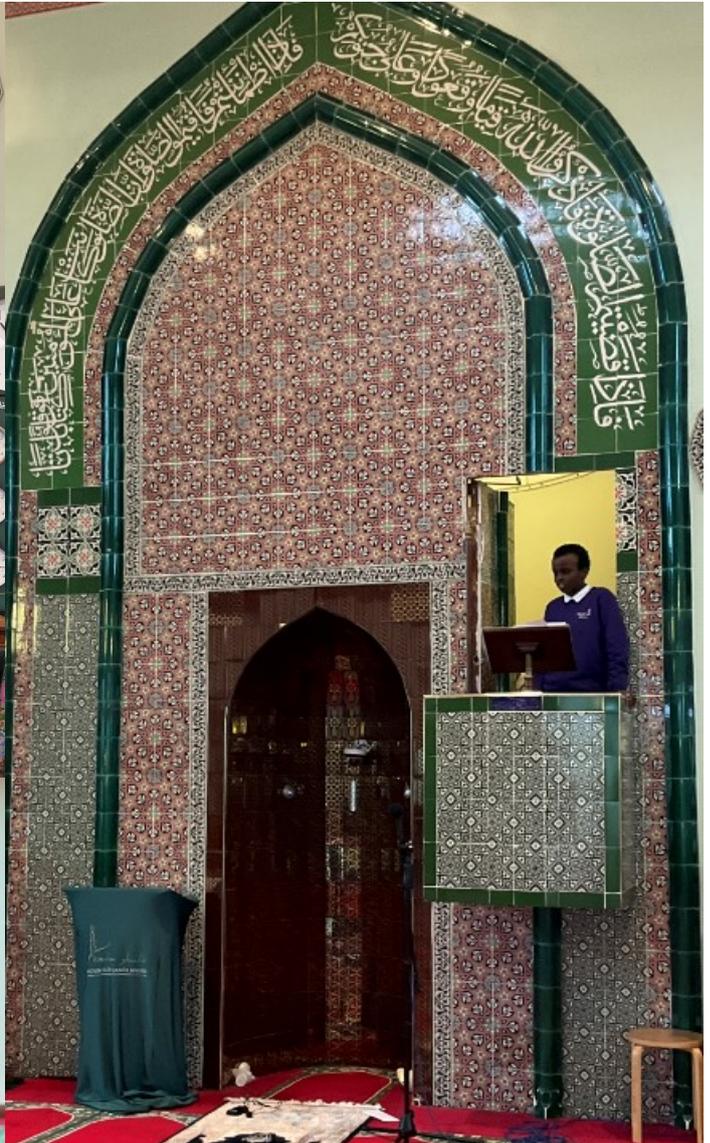
Students who are brought to school by parents/carers should arrive at school between 9.15—9.30 am. It is important that Students have time to carry out their morning routine before their first lesson begins at 9.45. We want all pupils to maximise their learning throughout the day. If you arrive after this time you may have to wait in reception with your child until the current lesson has finished to be taken to class. We are very keen on good and timely attendance because of the negative impact on learning over time. The table below shows the impact on persistent lateness

Minutes late per day during the school year	Teaching days lost over a year
5 minutes	Over 3 days
10 minutes	Nearly 7 days
15 minutes	Over 10 days
20 minutes	Nearly two weeks
30 minutes	Nearly three weeks

Richmond News: Hello from Richmond 1! We have had a fantastic half term. We have been swimming, to the café for research into our visiting a café and restaurant lessons. We have been learning how to order from a menu. In PSHEC we have been learning about going to the Doctors and the different parts of the body. In art lessons with Emma we have been painting our names and designing art for the window. Happy half term!



Hello from Syon 3 Throughout this half term we used the outdoor gym getting active in the morning before work. We also dove into the magical tale of Alice in Wonderland, sparking our imaginations. Our favourite part is when Alice falls through the rabbit hole. Plus, some of our students got to visit the local mosque, where they had a great time, learned new things, and enjoyed a tasty snack!



Kew 1 have been working very hard this half term. We have been learning to make cinnamon porridge in food tech, counting out the correct number of spoonful's of oats, measuring out the milk, sprinkling the cinnamon in, and then heating the porridge on the hob. It was very tasty. We even washed up at the end!



School Council News

Our school council reps were tasked with sharing top tips for staying safe on the internet this week as we celebrated internet safety day in school.

Reps shared their top tips in our council meeting on Wednesday, and also brought along some excellent posters they had made which will be placed in the school's shared computer areas.

Our next council meeting will be on Wednesday 29th February and we are thinking about what makes us happy, as part of Children's Mental Health week.



Jack Petchey Award

The spring Jack Petchey award has been given to:

SAFFRON

From Osterley 1

Saffron's teacher Audrey said, "Saffron has worked very hard this term, she has started Sixth Form in September and has settled in very well in her class. She has started making new friends and speaking more in class during break and lunch times. She is continuing to transition between classes with ease and enjoys being with her group and completing her work."





Messages from our Acting Head Teacher

We have had a very busy start to the New Year here at High Oaks! This week we have spent the week focusing on our children's mental Health. Classes have had the opportunity to participate in activities to help them find ways to look after their own mental Health, including participating in daily physical activities. On February 6th it was safer internet day. Students designed posters which have been posted around the school.

We have revamped our newsletter which will now be sent out fortnightly to keep you all up to date with what is happening in school. This fortnight we have included some information about the importance of punctuality. I would also like to remind parents that if your child is unwell and unable to attend school it is important to contact the school office to inform us. If your child is not in school for two consecutive days and we are unable to contact you one of the school DSL's, in line with our attendance policy will carry out a home visit.

We encourage parents to not book holidays during term time as this does have a negative effect on your child's routine and learning. If there is an exceptional reason as to why leave needs to be taken you will be asked to fill in a request for exceptional term time leave form and submit this for consideration. A copy of this can be found on the school website or a hard copy can be sent home with your child at your request.

I hope you all have a lovely half term.