

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to Odessa, I hope that you had an enjoyable Summer break. We are very proud of the way in which all of the children have settled into school. We look forward to working with all our families this year to continue to develop our home/school partnership. We will be offering a variety of parental workshops this year and developing ways in which parents can get actively involved in the school.

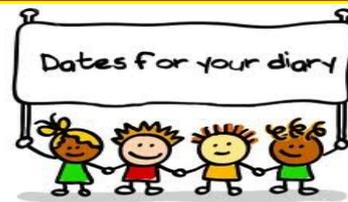


We have many exciting learning experiences planned for the children and important events that we will be sharing together this year including Cultural Heritage/Black History week, a Diwali and Eid assembly as well as a Harvest Festival assembly. At Odessa we are proud of the support that our parents and carers shown their children by attending such events.

Regards

Clare Barber

Head Teacher



Tuesday 17th of September - Learning Powers Information Workshop (see below for times)

Friday 20th of September - Jeans for Genes day

Friday 27th September - Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Clubs starting next week - Football, Cricket, Science, Yoga, Multi-Skills and Board Games for years 1 & 2. You would have been informed in a letter if your child has a place in a club.

Persevering Parrot



I keep trying.

Creative Chameleon



I have my own ideas.

Slinky Linky Snake



I can make links.

Learning Powers

At Odessa we aim that our pupils will be independent, curious and resilient learners. In light of this we have adopted 'The Learning Powers' approach, which was created by Professor Guy Claxton. It is based on the idea that we are all capable of becoming better learners. Teachers have already been introducing this concept to their classes. So, your child may have already come home saying that they are a 'Persevering Parrot or Creative Chameleon' - these animals represent the characteristics of what makes a good learner. We want to share our vision with you and promote the 'Learning Powers' both at school and at home.

We will be running two parental workshops to introduce and explain how the 'Learning Powers' will benefit your children with their learning as well as improve their self-esteem and resilience. We are running two sessions - please come to one!

Tuesday 17th of September - Learning Powers Information Workshop - location in the hall
Morning session - 9.05 - 9.30am
Afternoon session - 3.20pm - 3.45pm

School gate opening times

St James gate/Odessa entrance/exit - drop off times: 8.50am - 9.00am. Collecting times: - 3.15pm - 3.30pm

Odessa main entrance - drop off times: 8.50am - 9.05am. Collecting time: 3.15pm - 3.45pm



CAKE TASTES BETTER TOGETHER

You are all invited to attend our Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 27th of September from 9.am - 10am in the school hall. We welcome any cake contributions and encourage you to get your children involved in baking some cakes for this worthy charitable event. We will be kindly asking for a small financial donation if you would like to attend.

We look forward seeing our parents and carers at our very first 'World's Biggest Coffee morning'



Stars of the week



Congratulations to our stars of the week, who were selected by their teachers. Who will be our stars next week?

Class 4 - Arisha for great presentation & Dragios for settling in well

Class 5 - Raluca for her beautiful model bus & Zoe for her model behaviour and learning

Class 6 - Nelly for excellent drawing & Billy for great listening

Class 7- Tafari for amazing Literacy & Yassen for helping others with their Maths learning

Class 8- Shanel for excellent presentation & Ashley for always listening, working hard and setting a good example to all

Class 9- Grace for being well behaved and great work in DT & Caydon for making a brilliant transition into year 2

These children were awarded with our certificates of the week and presented them during our whole school.

Class 1, 2 and 3 will be included in the Stars of the Week next week - the Reception pupils are all stars for such a fantastic start to School.

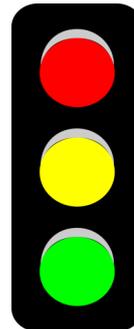


A Polite Reminder

We are a no mobile phone zone! We have noticed that some parents/carers are using their mobile phones during drop off and collection times. Please refrain from using your phones on our premises. It is essential that you are communicating with your child at every opportunity - asking them how their day has been and preparing them for the day ahead. Also please avoid wearing your earphones as well as this is also a barrier to communicating with your child. We value your co-operation with this matter

Attendance Awards!

Well done to Class 5 & 8 this week!



Class 4- 81%
Class 5- 92%
Class 6- 91%
Class 7- 82%
Class 8- 92%
Class 9- 75%

Reception classes will be included from next week.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice/ Fish Choice	Fish Burger with Salad Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese	Lamn Keema & Naan Bread Spicy Tuna Pizza	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing Fish Fingers	BBQ Kickin' Chicken Wrap Tuna & Sweet Pepper Pasta Bake	Burger in a Bun with Jacket Wedges Jacket Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn
Vegetarian Choice	Quorn Hot Dog with Onions	Chickpea & Potato Curry	Cheese & Leek Quiche	Moroccan Style Veggie Balls with Couscous	Vegetable Stir Fry with Egg Noodles
Carb and Vegetable Selection	Jacket Wedges, Broccoli & Salad	Rice, Green Beans, Raita & Salad	New Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Salad	Mini Corn on the Cob, Salad Selection	Wedges, Beans, Peas & Salad
Dessert	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie	Fruit Ice Lolly	Lemon & Banana Loaf	Dorset Apple Cake & Custard	Scotch Pancakes with Fruit