

Dear parents/carers

As we come to the end of the first half term I would like to thank you all for your continued support of your children and the school.
 At Odessa we try really hard to work in partnership with our parents and the local community to ensure that every child is able to progress and reach their full potential.
 We have held a variety of parent workshops this half term, including a school dinner food tasting session for YR parents. As well as this we have held our annual McMillan Coffee Morning and Hello Yellow events, raising money for charities. Thank you all for your contributions.
 We have started our very own Baby and Toddler group, which has been very well attended, and again a big thank you to all the people who have made it such a success.
 I would like to wish all of you a very peaceful and happy half term break and for those of you who are celebrating, a very Happy Diwali.



Clare Barber
 Headteacher

Coffee Morning at Odessa

We welcomed parents and carers into school for our Big Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Support. Families and staff of Odessa donated cakes to sell in order to raise money. We were so pleased to see so many parents and carers attend, it was a great opportunity for adults to speak with each other and make more connections with people from the local community. A big thank you to everyone who contributed - we are happy to say we raised £193 pounds for this very worthy charity.



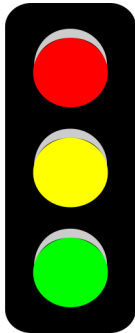
Diwali assembly

We celebrated Diwali at school by holding an assembly. The children put on a wonderful performance of the Hindu story Rama and Sita. Each class sang Diwali songs and to end the assembly all classes sang one song. The children were super excited about performing to their parents and carers. As part of the Diwali celebrations the children also had a Diwali themed school dinner on Thursday. We would like to thank all parents and carers who came and supported their children. We are very proud of all the children who sang and performed - we saw some budding actors in the making!



Attendance Matters

Let's see which class has the best percentage. The class with the highest receives certificates to celebrate.



Ms. Anwar class 3	91%
Mr Mineiro class 4	93%
Mr. Richards class 5	96%
Mrs. Codjoe class 6	97%



Well done to class 6!



Important Dates

- Friday 21st October - Finish for half term break
- Monday 31st October - School open
- Friday 11th November - Harvest assembly
- Monday 14th November - Odd sock day, children wear odd socks to school
- Wednesday 16th November - Coffee morning in the hall to celebrate international men's day
- Friday 18th November - Children in Need
- Thursday 24th November - Parent's evening (letters sent out nearer the time)
- Monday 21st November - Road Safety week
- Thursday 8th December - Parent & carer coffee morning
- Thursday 8th December - Year 1 visit St. Emmanuel's church
- Friday 9th December - Year 2 educational visit to the Natural History museum
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Reception Taster Session

Our Reception parents and carers had the opportunity to join in with a school dinner taster session run by the catering company Juniper. This was a welcomed experience and the feedback was very positive. Our parent governor also attended and said that it was a reassuring experience for all parents and she was impressed with the selection of foods as were the other parents/carers.



Odessa Baby and Toddler Group

We are so pleased with how many parents/carers are making use of our baby and toddler group. Lots of fun has been had! It is a great opportunity for the children to play together or side by side and equally as good for adults to meet other parents/carers. We have received much positive feedback and the only improvement so far is, can we run more sessions! We currently open the group on Friday morning 9am—10.45am,.

