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Dear parents/carers,

We have had a very busy few weeks at Odessa.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed to the Harvest Festival by bringing in food to be distributed to the local foodbank. It was particularly generous as many families are struggling with the rising cost of living. As usual you did us proud!

Thank you to those parents who attended Mr Richards' Bug Club phonics and Abacus maths workshop, it was very well attended. We celebrated International Men's Day with a lovely coffee morning and it was great to see so many of you there. Anti-Bullying week was good fun with children and staff wearing odd socks to school and dressing in colourful clothing.

There are lots more activities planned over the following weeks and I look forward to seeing you all in school if you are able to make some of them.

Thank you for your continued support.



Clare Barber
 Head teacher

Harvest Assembly

We would like to thank all families who contributed food donations for the harvest festival. We donated the food to a local food bank and was much appreciated. The children performed songs to celebrate harvest and were super excited to see so many parents and carers come to see them.

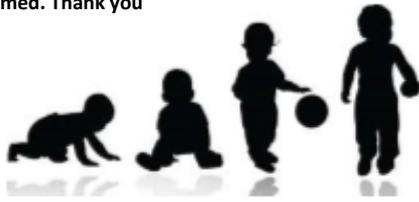


Odessa Baby and Toddler Group

9.00—10.45
every Friday

Come and play, meet new friends
in a safe, happy environment.
Tea, coffee and biscuits will be
provided.

We appreciate a donation for this group -
anything from 20p to £1 would be wel-
comed. Thank you



At Odessa Infants School
Wellington Road E7 9BY

It was wonderful to see so many children wearing red to show racism the red card. We are very proud of our diverse community and the message of this campaign is very dear to us, so we thank you all for showing support.

“It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength.”



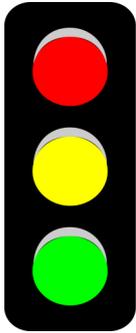
Quote by Maya Angelo

SHOW
RACISM
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RED
CARD



Attendance Matters

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



Ms Tai class 1	75%
Mrs. La Ronde class 2	89%
Ms. Anwar class 3	87%
Mr Mineiro class 4	94%
Mr. Richards class 5	86%
Mrs. Codjoe class 6	96%



Important Dates

- Thursday 8th December - parent coffee morning in the hall 9.00 - 10.15am
- Thursday 8th December - Christmas jumper day, we are taking part in this to support Save the Children charity and ask for a £1 donation
- Thursday 8th December - year 1 educational visit - Christmas Journey to St. Emmanuel's church
- Friday 9th December - year 2 educational visit to the Natural History museum
- Thursday 13th December - The importance of attendance meeting for all parents in the hall at 2.45pm.
- Wednesday 14th Christmas - 4 - 5.15pm Christmas disco for year 1 & 2 children
- Thursday 15th December - this is the last day for after school clubs
- Monday 19th December - Christmas performances - Reception, year 1 & 2 in the hall at 2.30pm



Prize Draw & Christmas Disco Tickets

We will be selling tickets for you to have the opportunity to enter a prize draw - the tickets cost 50p for 1 ticket and £2 for 5. The prizes consist of a hamper, and some donated second hand prizes, a unicorn and bike.



The Christmas disco for year 1 & 2 pupils will be taking place on Thursday 14th December from 4 - 5.15pm. Tickets are £2. We have a DJ, games and snacks - so get your party clothes ready!

Prize draw tickets & disco tickets will be on sale from the office on Monday 5th of December!

Attendance/Punctuality

Recently we have seen a dip in attendance, the weather has got colder and there are seasonal colds going around, but if your child does not have a fever or sickness/diarrhea they are fine to attend to school. At Odessa we have high expectations for attendance and punctuality and want to work with our families to ensure that all children arrive on time. Being late or missing school has a negative impact on their learning, causing gaps in knowledge which can slow academic progression. Lateness and absence is VERY unsettling for the children. Please do your best to get your children to school on time as well as attend every day. If your child has a runny nose or a minor cold please send them to school and we will monitor how they are. **The gates open at 8.45am.** If you are running late please let the office know.

If you are running late when collecting your child you must also let us know. If you do not inform us and we can't reach you or your emergency contacts this becomes a serious safeguard concern and we have to **report it to social services**. Not being collected on time is very distressing for children and we need you to work with us to ensure this does not happen. The government expectation for attendance is over 96% - let's work together to achieve this. Thank you.

Christmas Tree



As you have all seen Odessa had it's annual Christmas tree up outside the main office. We have begun to decorate it with some lights and tinsel. We would like to ask your children to make our tree look even more fantastic by making some decorations to put on the tree. We love to see the children's creations and this is a wonderful opportunity to have them displayed for all to see. If they do make some at home, please let your child/children come and hang them on the tree. There are some ideas below or it could even be written wishes for 2023! We look forward to seeing our tree decorated by the children of Odessa.



Starting in Reception - September 2023 or Moving from an infant to a junior school - September 2023

If the above applies to your child then please ensure that you have applied for a school place. Please use the below website to apply.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions>

If you need any help or assistance please call the office or make an appointment with Mr. Labadie or Ms. Guryay.

Congratulations!

Well done to all the children who took part in the Newham Summer reading challenge. The children received their certificates in assembly. We are so proud of all of them. The Winter Challenge is now on in all Newham libraries .

