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A Message From Mr Lillo

Dear parents/carers,

Last week, we were delighted to welcome all of our pupils back into school. It has been lovely to have the whole school community back together again. Understandably, it will take the children a little time to adjust back to the routines that were in place in the Autumn term but on the whole, the children have risen to expectations, are happy to be back with their friends and are, once again, enjoying face to face learning. Our safety measures need to remain in place of course and your support in reiterating these with your children is much appreciated.

Sunday 21st March is the National Census Day and the children have been learning about the census in assembly. They learnt that the census is older than the Chinese, Egyptian, Greek and Roman civilisations, dating back to the Babylonians in 4000 BC who used a census as an essential guide to how much food they needed to find for each member of the population. The rationale for the census has changed over the years but today it is used to inform both central and local Government decisions, in terms of what resources are needed for the current population in different areas. It would be good if you could show your children the census and talk about the questions that were asked. Please don't forget to do it as failure to do so carries £1000 fine.

Extensive global research has shown that turning on the subtitles while children are watching television is very effective and can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. More information can be found at <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/> So, turn on the subtitles and help your child to read well.

We recognize that the time of lockdown has placed enormous demands on families, and we would like to say 'Thank You' for the fantastic work that you have done. With the home support, and excellent online learning provided by the teachers, we feel that we will have minimized the negative impacts that could have occurred from this event. We do recognize that some children will have some gaps in their learning, and we are carrying out assessments to review and plan additional support.

Have a good week.

Glenn and the Ryelands Team

Easter Party

Over the last year, many children will have missed out on celebrating their birthday. To make up for this, we are having an Easter party on the last day of term- Wednesday 31st March. Unfortunately, we will not be able to mix year groups or key stages, but there will be fun activities in your child's class throughout the day. It will be non-uniform day, but please be aware that play and dinner times will still take place outside so sensible footwear and clothing is required. Children can bring in party style food, however, children will not be able to share food. May I also remind you that we are a nut free school.



Easter Egg Competition

We would like to hold an Easter Egg competition! Can you decorate an egg? Make it into a character from a book you have read? To keep this event COVID-secure, we would like photographs of the eggs to be sent to the office with your child's name and class. The judging will take place on Tuesday 30th March so all photo's need to be in on Monday 29th March.



National Day of
Reflection
23 March

Day of Reflection

As you will probably know, it is being organised by the charity Marie Curie and is being held on the 23rd March to mark the anniversary of the UK's first lockdown. As a nation, we are being encouraged to pause as part of a minute's silence at midday, to reflect on our collective loss, stand with those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future. We will be covering this in school. It will be handled sensitively as we know that many families have lost love ones over the last year. We felt it was important that the children were part of this. Families are also encouraging people to light up their doorsteps at 8pm on the same day and prominent buildings and landmarks will be illuminated across the country.



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This Week's Adventures

Nursery: This week, the Nursery children have enjoyed learning about farm animals. We have learnt about all different farm animals and found out what their young are called. We also learnt that some animals are kept on farms to produce food such as meat, eggs, cheese, milk and yoghurt. We have made and decorated our own farm animal masks. We also looked at the differences between animals that are pets and animals that live on farms or in the wild.

Reception: This week in Reception, our topic has been Dinosaur Planet and the children have enjoyed exploring all things dinosaur! It was great to have a similar week to the one you all took part in during Home Learning as the children had so much information to share. We started the week with a mysterious egg in the classroom. We discussed where it may have come from and what was inside. All week the children have been using their imagination to tell stories and to be exploring looking for the missing dinosaur.

Year 1: In Year 1 this week, we have been reading "Camille And The Sunflowers", a book about the life of Vincent Van Gogh. Children have written sentences describing the famous Sunflowers painting, they have made predictions using clues from the story and have researched and written a fact file about the life and activity of Vincent van Gogh. In Maths, we have been learning about standard and non-standard units of measure and the children did practical activities measuring different objects around the classroom. In science, we have been learning about different materials and their properties and had great fun in making salt dough sculptures. These are still in the drying process and they will be painted at a later date.

Year 2: This week we read the Caribbean counting poem 'Fruits', comparing it to 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and practicing our rhyming skills. We have continued to learn about shapes, focusing on 3-D forms and their properties. In PSHE we realised we were all chocolate lovers who on average eat two bars of chocolate a week!! And as part of the 'Community Curriculum' we looked at the rights of children, had a lively discussion about what is important, before creating our own rights for children.

Year 3: This week, Year 3 have been enjoying creating the next chapter of the book, Shona the word detective. They have been coming up with some amazing adventures to extend their minds and their writing! In Science we have been looking at the human skeleton and what our bones should be housing inside our bodies. Along with games and songs to help us in our learning.

Year 4: Year 4 have been reading all about the Vanishings in Varjak Paw. They have been using direct speech to express the opinions of different characters within the book. In their Topic lesson they enjoyed reading all about the rights of child and used role play to act out certain parts.

Year 5: This week, Year 5 have explored the genre of Science Fiction. The children had lots of creative ideas and wrote some wonderful stories based on the planet Pandora. In Maths, we really enjoyed the challenge of multi-step word problems. Working collaboratively, the children worked really hard to visualise the problem and extract the calculations. Finally, in Science we set up an experiment to observe which location is best to make a salt water solution evaporate.

Year 6: Year 6 have finished looking at the book 'Rebel Voices' where they learned about the plight of other countries and their fight for women's votes. We were very lucky to have Samantha Williams come in and talk to the children about their aspirations and plans for the future. Samantha gave a very engaging talk about the children's motivations and she was supported by NHS manager and business owner - Cheryl Stewart, as well as TV presenter and international correspondent Saima Mohsin. The children will be continuing to work with Samantha in the Summer Term as they think more about their dreams and aspirations. In Maths, we have looking back at some of our earlier units of work to ensure we still remain sharp in these areas. We are looking forward to our last full week of the Spring Term next week.

Women's Rights

This week the children have continued their learning of looking at the rights of women through our English lessons. They have continued to explore how the rights of women to vote have changed in the USA and Canada. In our equality lessons, children have been exploring the gender pay gap between men and women footballers. Did you know that across The Football Association, the mean bonus received by men in 2018 was 35.2% higher than that received by women? We are very proud of Y6 as they have really engrossed themselves with this topic and shown how passionate they are about raising awareness of the issue.

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Upcoming Class Assemblies

While remain closed to Parents / Carers, we will continue to film and email home a Vimeo link to all class assemblies. These videos will be sent with a private link so that only those with the link can view it.

If you do not want your child to take part in and appear in the class assembly video, please ensure you email office@oasisryelands.org to let us know. We can then make sure your child is kept separate during filming.

Date	Class
06.05.21	Raven
13.05.21	Kingfisher
20.05.21	Chaffinch
27.05.21	Starling
17.06.21	Robin
24.06.21	Woodpecker
01.07.21	Sparrow
08.07.21	Wren

Sex and Relationship Education

Next week I will be sending out a presentation out to all parents and carers informing you about this topic and copies of the lessons that are taught in your child's year group. Unfortunately we are unable to have our usual annual meeting in school. If you have any questions or concerns once you have looked at the information please contact the school office office@oasisryelands.org

Reading Books

Please could you look at home for any stray reading books that you may have come across from previous terms. We are having a reading book amnesty and would be pleased to receive any missing books back into school by Monday 29th March. Please give them in to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is on Thursday 25th March. Don't forget to book your Parents' Evening slot by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and using code VBK9Q.

School Street Reminder

It is really important that you remember that School Street is back in operation at drop off and pick up times, residents and essential service vehicles are allowed to enter and exit Oakley and Sandown Roads at all times, but everyone else needs to be aware of the restrictions. Please note that the school street operates from 8am – 9:30am in the morning and 2pm – 4pm in the afternoon. This means if you do not have a permit to be driving down these roads at this time, please expect a fine from Croydon Council. This scheme is designed to improve road safety for the children.



Financial Help

Please be aware that school is able to signpost parents to various channels of support for those who are being adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes access to a food bank, local authority support and the BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme. Please contact Ms Eaves (in confidence) if you think that we might be able to help.

Sumdog

From 19th-25th March all of the Oasis Community Learning school will be taking part in the Sumdog.com competition. The competition is a free competition, and you should receive a letter and with the login details for your child. Please log on the website and use the details to login. The competition is to celebrate the return to the classroom and build the confidence of the child with curriculum-based maths practice. Ensure your child takes part for the whole week to give their class a chance of winning, there will be over 20 games to choose from.



Easter FSM Vouchers

Croydon Council is providing £30 Worth of vouchers for all children that qualify for Free School Meals. This will be provided through Wonde. Ms McCrea will send out details to those families that are receiving them as soon as they are available.

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Spelling Shed

This week's spelling shed class league table:

- 1st place- Owl Class
- 2nd place - Woodpecker Class
- 3rd place - Eagle Class

This week's individual spelling shed league table:

- 1st place - Thara, Owl
- 2nd place - Kayla, Woodpecker
- 3rd place - Kerry, Eagle

Maths Shed

This week's Maths shed class league table:

- 1st place - Owl Class
- 2nd place - Raven Class
- 3rd place - Woodpecker Class

This week's individual Maths shed league table:

- 1st place - Dithusha, Owl
- 2nd place - Kayla, Woodpecker
- 3rd place - Dinushanth, Raven

Class Attendance This Week

Robin	94.9%	Wren	98.2%
Sparrow	99.3%	Starling	100%
Chaffinch	100%	Goldfinch	98.9%
Kingfisher	100%	Woodpecker	96.6%
Magpie	96%	Owl	98.6%
Heron	96.6%	Raven	95.9%
Eagle	99.6%	Hawk	96.4%
School Weekly Total:	98%	School Year to Date:	92.4%

Stars of the Week

At Oasis Academy Ryelands we are driven by a powerful ethos that CAREs. It aspires to treat everyone inclusively and recognises the importance of a holistic approach to education.

We have been giving out our celebration certificates in line with our school values. The children's and staff certificates have been awarded for demonstrating our values, as seen below:

Values

C - Community. We care for our community and help others whenever we can.

A - Aspiration. When you work hard and believe you can do anything you then have options.

R - Resilience. We never stop trying even when it gets tough.

E - Enjoyment. Developing a love of lifelong learning in our community.

The Circle of Inclusion. (which surrounds the word CARE) - We believe we are one family: we play together and learn together and no one is left out.

Community	Zayd - Chaffinch Sofia-Loren - Goldfinch Yasmin - Magpie Medine - Raven
Aspiration	Saphia - Starling Ivy - Sparrow Amir - Kingfisher
Resilience	Sergiu - Eagle Diako - Owl
Enjoyment	Joy - Hawk
Inclusion	Noa - Woodpecker Riley - Heron



Kingfisher Class

5-4-3 (5 Meals for 4 People for £3)

Staff at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill in Southampton have created five short, easy to follow videos on how to make five meals, for four people – each using ingredients costing just £3 supported by Peter Sawkins the winner of the Great British Bake Off 2020. [The videos are shared on Oasis's YouTube channel here](#), and there is a news story on the OCL website and each academy website which also includes a [terrific budget cookbook](#) put together by Oasis Academy Oldham.

Anti-Bullying Task Force Parent Representative Needed!

At Oasis Academy Ryelands, we believe a student's right to feel safe in school is paramount and contributes significantly to his or her capacity for learning and social development. Oasis Academy Ryelands believes that preventing bullying is critical for creating and maintaining a safe, secure and positive school climate and culture, which in turn supports academic achievement, increases school engagement, respects the rights of all individuals and groups and purposefully builds community. We are in need for a parent rep to help us drive changes in the school around bullying. We hold half-termly meetings where we have a member of our school community who chairs the meetings. The panel also includes our Head Boy and Head Girl, Behaviour Lead (Rakhee Shukla) and our Deputy Principal (Natalie French). If this is something that you would like to be a part of, please express your interest via email to the office office@oasisryelands.org for the attention of: Mrs Shukla. Many Thanks.

Dates For Your Diaries

Date	Event
Tues 30th March	Day of Reflection
Tues 30th March	Easter Egg Competition
Weds 31st March	Non-uniform day Easter Party Day Break up for Easter Holidays: Nursery AM - usual time Nursery PM - Closed Reception - 1pm finish Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y5 1:15pm finish Y4 & Y6 1:30pm finish All children MUST be collected by an adult
Mon 19th April	Return to school
Friday 28th May	Last day of term
Mon 31st May - Friday 4th June	Half Term break
Mon 7th June	Return to school



FREE MEAL!

You're invited to collect a nutritious, vegetarian meal and any surplus food we have.

Every Friday

7pm - 8pm

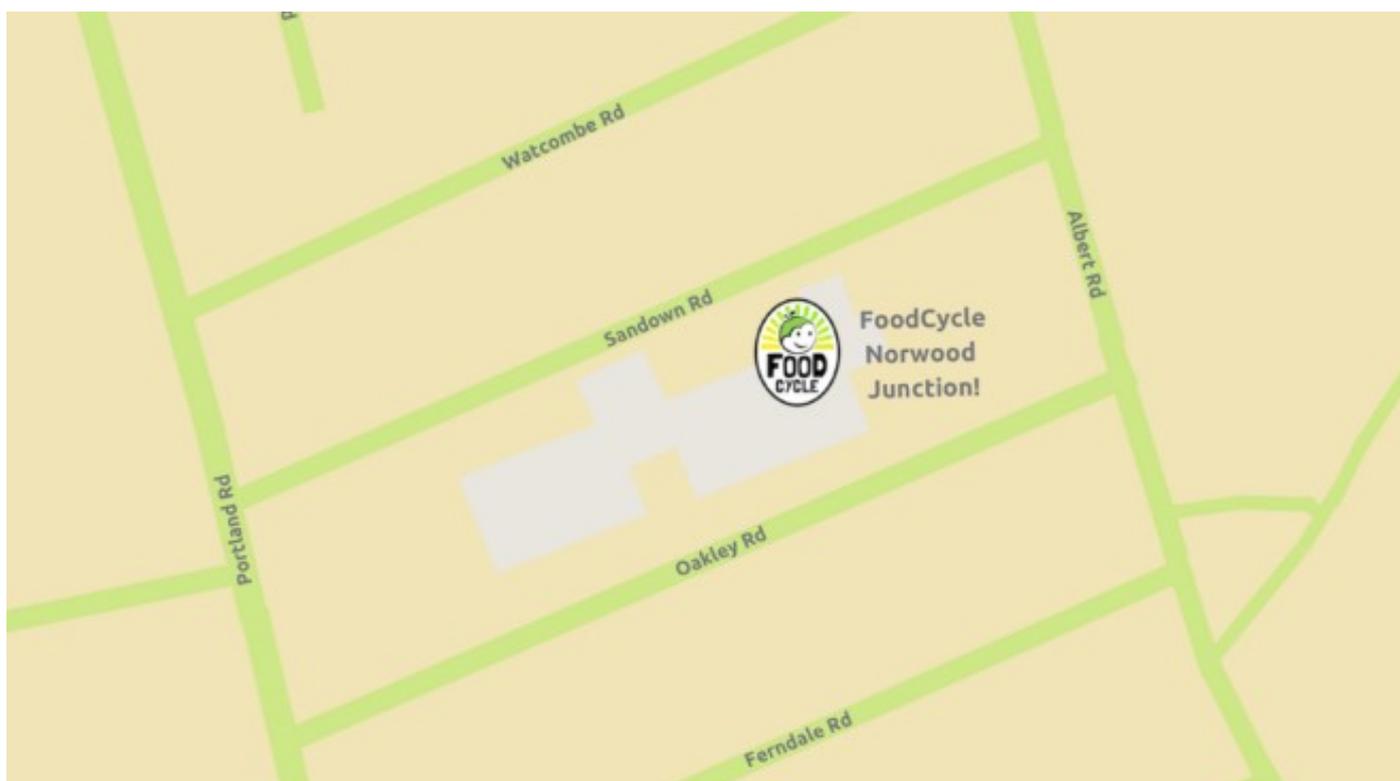
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Oakley Rd
SE25 4XG
(via the Sandown Road entrance)



If you, someone in your household or someone you have been in close contact with, has COVID symptoms; has recently tested positive; or has been told to self-isolate, please do not attend.

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Every week, you're invited to collect a nutritious, vegetarian meal as well as any surplus food we have.

Our volunteers will greet you and we have safety measures in place such as face masks and sanitising stations, to keep everyone safe.

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