

A Message From Miss Reed and Mr Lillo

Dear Parent/Carers,

Our last Ofsted inspection was in 2017 when we achieved good with outstanding features. This week we were finally visited again by His Majesty's inspectors (HMI). While this was an ungraded inspection, there were four possible outcomes;

- Better than “Good” - Ofsted will return in two years to carry out a graded inspection.
- School continues to be “Good”.
- Not felt that the school is still “Good” - Ofsted will return within two years to carry out a graded inspection.
- Major negative concerns that result in this inspection changing from an ungraded to a graded inspection

While I am not allowed to share the results at this present time, I can share that it was positive, and I am happy.

I would like to thank the 148 parents and carers that completed the Ofsted view questionnaire. I also thank the parents and children that spoke to the inspector and the emails and words of encouragement. Your support is much appreciated.

I also want to thank all the academy staff for their continued hard work and effort.

We work in schools because we want to make a difference in children's lives, and the staff at Oasis Academy Ryelands are always going above and beyond to ensure that we do this.

The inspection report should be published and shared with all parents/carers 30 days from today. This makes the publishing date approximately— Friday, 5th May. The delay is due to the Easter holiday.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend!

Glenn, Kate and the Ryelands Team

EdShed



Over the coming week, we will be undertaking some work to correct issues we have had with children's ability to log into Spelling and Maths Shed, please bare with us whilst we get this sorted. Thanking you for your continued support.— Miss Binns

We Are Hiring!

Would you be interested in joining our team at Ryelands? Do you know someone who would?

We are currently advertising the following roles with good rates of pay and benefits:

- Breakfast Supervisor – Monday to Friday, 7:30-8:50am (6.40 hours per week, term time only). If the successful candidate is a parent / carer of a child at Ryelands, a free Breakfast Club space for your child will be offered.
- 3 x cleaners – Monday to Friday, 15:00-17:30pm (12.5 hours per week, 52 weeks per year)

If you, or anyone you know, would like to apply or get more information, please go to <https://www.ooclcareers.org/employer/oasis-academy-ryelands>



Toddler Group

Toddlers Together (0 months—3 years)
Join us on Wednesdays at 9.30am –11.30am (term time only)

- Term time only (enter via the Sandown Road entrance)
- Based in the school Dining Hall
- 50p donation per child per session
- £1 donation per adult per session
- Refreshments available
- Children must be supervised by the adult who brings them
- Wide range of activities to do with your child, with a broad range of toys and resources

Want to know more? Contact Miss Prosper or Mrs Carew - Email office@oasisryelands.org or call 0208 656 4165



Neurodivergence

Neurodivergence: Parent and Carer mutual support session.

We hope to establish a new forum for parents and carers to share stories, tips and advice on coping and flourishing with autism and ADHD at home and at school.

Led by parents with neurodivergence in their family, and supported by Miss Champion Inclusion Manager SENCO, we hope to create a mutual support network.

The groups aim will be to share our collective experience of:

- Navigating the system for paediatric diagnostic assessments in Croydon
- Early Years support
- Practical tips based on experience and Occupational Therapy tools
- Speech and Language Therapy support and resources
- Sharing ideas in neurodivergent-friendly activities/venues signposting and sharing ideas

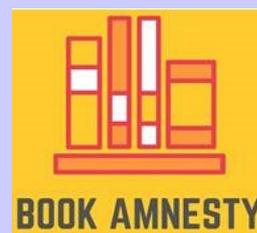
If you are interested to find out more, please come to our drop in session on Friday 17th March at 3pm in the main hall.

Miss Champion



School Book Amnesty

Our banded reading books library appears to be diminishing! Could we ask you to have a hunt to see if you have any of our school books lurking around your house? If you do have any, please return them to school with your child as soon as possible as we really do need them for the children to use.



Comic Relief Raffle

Tickets being sold next week

20p a ticket / £1 a strip

10TH MARCH 2023

**WEAR RED ON
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH
DONATE £1.00**



Year 6 Drama and Dance Workshop

Year 6 have had a very busy time this week with a Drama and Dance workshop led by Adam Isdale and also a local area visit to Ashburton Library.

Dance and Drama Workshop - we know that it is only the beginning of March but Year 6 have already started thinking about their end of year production. To kick things off, Adam led a workshop where the children learned about a range of techniques to engage and entertain the audience. The children learned about voice projection, body language and facial expressions. This was then followed by a short dance routine - the children proved to be great zombies! The workshop ended with a sharing of ideas about what the end of year production could be about - lots of great ideas for Adam to be working with to write the children's playscript.



Comic Relief Hampers

The Academy MPs have decided to hold a raffle to raise money for Comic Relief on Friday 17th March.

All classes have decided on what colour hamper they would like to create:

Nursery Orange

Robin/Wren Multi Coloured

Sparrow/Starling Green

Chaffinch/Goldfinch Blue

Kingfisher/Woodpecker Yellow

Magpie/Owl Purple

Heron/Raven Red

Eagle/Hawk Rainbow

If possible, please could you donate an item that is of the appropriate colour to go into your child's class hamper by Wednesday 15th March.

This can include food items, drinks, toiletries, small games, and toys.

All donations will be gratefully received.

Ashburton Library

Year 6 visited their local library where they had a talk by one of the librarians, Angela. We found out that children are allowed to borrow up to 25 books! We then had the opportunity to explore the children's area at the library to see what was available - this even included a wide range of audio books. Our visit was finished with a short story time session. Year 6 are now very excited about receiving their library cards.

Follow this link if you would like more information.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-your-library/ashburton-library>

Debate Mate

On Thursday 9th March we went to the second UDL (Urban Debate League) which was held at Rotherhithe Primary School. We won 3/6 debates and were very proud of ourselves, Mrs Read, Aisha, Mia's mum and Ms Eaves.

We displayed all of the 9 Habits and on Friday we each got awarded a hopeful badge.

This was a great opportunity to demonstrate all our debating skills and we tried our very best — Zara Hussain



This Week's Adventures

Nursery: In nursery we have been learning all about our bodies. We can now name all the main parts of our body and understand what we use them for. We also took a look inside our body at our major organs and we learnt why we have skin, a brain, ribs, a heart, lungs etc and we tried to locate and feel them inside our bodies. We painted a diagram of our organs and made handprint x-rays! We had so much fun tying bandages on each other in our hospital role play and we had a go at trying to use a crutch and a wheelchair.

Reception: This week's topic was "Under the Sea". The children have been learning about life in the ocean, water transport, recycling and ways of looking after our seas and oceans. Throughout the week, they have enjoyed great creative activities around the topic such as: making rainbow fish, mermaids and pirate hats. In Write Away, we have continued the map of the story "We're going to find the monster" and the children have impressed the adults with their fantastic writing and drawing. In Maths, they have been practising addition and subtraction within 10 and the concept of one more and one less.

Year 1: This week in Maths we have started learning all about measurements, we started looking at non-standard units and then moved onto using rulers to measure. In English we finished reading *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies, we have really enjoyed this story and look forward to adapting it to make our own versions. We continued to learn about materials in Science and now we know all about the properties of each material. We designed a material superhero, who possessed different properties based off a material. Finally, in art we continued developing our skills in print making, and used different materials to scrape, print, roll and rub onto a picture of a whale.

Year 2: In Year 2 this week, we have used drama to explore the reactions of characters in our story 'Halibut Jackson'. We used this practice to help us with our writing and have planned a retelling of the whole story. In Maths, we have been working hard to learn all about the properties of 3D shapes including faces, edges and vertices. Then we explored making repeating patterns using the shapes of the faces. We're enjoying 'Arithmetic Fridays' and hope you are finding these useful to support your learning at home, too! In History, we recapped everything we already know about Mary Seacole and learnt about a new important woman, Florence Nightingale. We have also really enjoyed learning about the importance of International Women's Day with our focus woman being Greta Thunberg. Please keep supporting your children with their reading at home – we love reading their comments about their stories in their reading records!

Year 3: In English, we have been planning our independent write using all of the wonderful vocabulary and ideas from the past week and a half. Year 3 are looking forward to writing their own version of the story with their own characters and twists! In maths, we have been focused on adding, subtracting, and converting length, which has been very challenging but with support we have been working hard and improving our knowledge and skills. In art, we continue to design and replicate texture in nature and use inspiration from the building around us. Lastly, in Science, Kingfisher have just started their journey into forces and Woodpecker learnt more about magnets and the magnetic force on planet Earth.

Year 4: We are so proud of Year 4, who really impressed our special visitor with their reasoning about fractions in Maths. In English, we have continued the journey of *The Iron Man*, narrating his descent from a cliff top to be noticed by Hogarth, the young farmer's boy. We can't wait to find out what happens next! In Science, the children were particularly fascinated by how the pitch and frequency of sound is measured in Hertz, and how mammals have differing ranges of hearing. It was interesting how the older people in the room can't hear as low or high a pitch as the children. We placed key events of Sir David Attenborough's life on a timeline in History, and continued to hone our gymnastic skills amongst other interesting aspects of learning.

Year 5: Year 5 started their writing this week by being teachers and going through and assessing their writing. They were able to look through the viewpoint of a teacher and understand the different elements that we are looking for and then use this to edit and improve their own writing. They have learnt that $\frac{3}{4}$ of 20 is the same as $\frac{3}{4} \times 20$ in Maths and have been using this to complete some reasoning problems. Heron Class wrote and performed their class assembly and Raven class have been busy preparing theirs too. We have also begun creating our own printing templates in Art linked to our book for this half term, *Skellig*, by planning out a print that looks like the inside of a garage. As well as this, we have started to plan an experiment to test the air resistance of parachutes so we are looking forward to completing that next week. Well done Heron Class for a great class assembly- We are looking forward to seeing Raven's Assembly very soon!

Year 6: Year 6 continued reading *'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'* by JK Rowling. We read about Harry's lessons at school and discovered he was an excellent flyer - even though he had never been on a broom before. In the Wizarding World, they play a game called Quidditch and we have started writing narratives describing Harry's first match. We have been trying to show how Harry feels through his actions. In maths, we started learning about decimals, beginning with the place value of tenths, hundredths and thousandths. We learnt about Emmeline Pankhurst as part of International Women's Day. We also had a drama workshop and visited the library.



Stars of the Week

Each week, a child in each class is chosen for portraying one of the Oasis 9 Habits.

Robin	Arianna Considerate
Wren	Shakeim Joyful
Sparrow	Elina Hopeful
Starling	Niyah Self Controlled
Chaffinch	Apologies it was Lois last week for Considerate Manuela Humble
Goldfinch	Hazel Hopeful
Kingfisher	Inaayah Considerate
Woodpecker	Freya Joyful
Magpie	Riley Hopeful
Owl	Kyla Humble
Heron	Sheldon Humble
Raven	Katie Joyful
Eagle	Sirran Hopeful
Hawk	Florin Humble
Children's Choice	Rufus chose Dean for being Patient Sariah chose Amelia for being Considerate

Spelling Shed	Class	Child
1st	Goldfinch	Angela Hawk
2nd	Hawk	Eldrich Raven
3rd	Raven	Elsie Goldfinch

Compassionate	Patient	Humble
Joyful	Honest	Hopeful
Considerate	Forgiving	Self-controlled

Maths Shed	Class	Child
1st	Raven	Riley Raven
2nd	Hawk	Eldrich Raven
3rd	Eagle	Arfa Hawk



Makaton Words Of The Week

Next week's words will be:

(Grand) Mother and (Grand) Father

All the children are enjoying learning the new Makaton signs and joining in with the signing of our songs in Sing & Sign assembly. Please encourage your children to show you the signs they are learning, they are doing so well!



Attendance

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 09:00 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

Attendance Target: 96.4% Attendance This Week: 94.8% Attendance This Year: 93.3%

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS - ATTENDANCE PENGUIN GOES TO WREN CLASS

ATTENDANCE CUP GOES TO KINFISHER CLASS

Registers are taken at 09:00. It is important that the children are at school on time and in the line at 8:50 every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class.

Pupils Late This Week: 93 pupils

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Fri 10th March	2.45pm Parent Meeting - Mental Health and Wellbeing
Tues 14th March	2.30pm Parent Meeting SEND - Speech and Language
Wed 15th March	NEU STRIKE ACTION
Thurs 16th March	NEU STRIKE ACTION
Fri 17th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day £1 Donation Comic Relief Raffle WEAR RED
Tues 21st March	Year4/5 Mixed Football Event
Wed 22nd March	9.00am Parents Wellbeing Coffee Morning
23rd & 24th March	Year 1 Hearing Tests
Fri 24th March	2.15pm Year 2 Parents Meeting - SATS 2.45pm Year 6 Parent Meeting - SATS
Wed 29th March	Wear Red and/or Sporty for British Heart Foundation £1
Thurs 30th March	Year 3 Trip: Morden Hall Park River Clear Up
Fri 31st March	Last Day of Term
Mon 17th April	Return to school

Term Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term 2 2023

Monday 20th February – School open for all pupils

Friday 31st March – Last day of term

Easter Holiday – Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April

Summer Term 1 2023

Monday 17th April – School open to all pupils

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May - School closed for pupils

Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May - School closed for pupils

Friday 26th May – Last day of term

Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Summer Term 2 2023

INSET Day - Monday 5th June - School closed for pupils

Tuesday 6th June – School open to all pupils

INSET Day - Friday 23rd June - School closed for pupils

Thursday 20th July – Last day of term

INSET Days – Friday 21st July – School closed for pupils

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

CROYDON
www.croydon.gov.uk

SEND Local Area Drop-in Session

#have
your
say

Monday 13th March 2023 (11.00 - 12.30)

Byron Children's Centre

St. David's, Coulsdon, CR5 2XE.

We are offering drop-in sessions for all parents/carers of Children and Young People with SEND to meet with professionals across Croydon's Local Area to get advice and guidance on all things SEND.

Sessions will be held on a monthly basis in various locations throughout Croydon.

If you require any additional information please email:

sendtransformation@croydon.gov.uk

CROYDON
www.croydon.gov.uk



Large Animal Tours



Come and meet our resident animals during the Easter Holidays

Our educational tours are suitable for adults and children aged 5+

Tickets are £10 per person and can be booked online or via reception (pre-booking is essential)

All tours start at 1.30pm and last for approx. 75 minutes

www.foalfarm.org.uk/events 01959 572386 (option 5)

Join in our Egg Hunt to win a chocolate treat - £3 per person payable on the day

Wednesday 5th April

Thursday 6th April

Friday 7th April

Wednesday 12th April

Thursday 13th April

Friday 14th April

Foal Farm Animal Rescue

Jail Lane, Biggin Hill. TN16 3AX

Registered Charity No. 201654





SPONSORED DOG WALK

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 10am to 2pm

Bring your four legged friends and join us for a walk
to raise money for the care of our dogs

4 walks to choose from to suit all abilities

BBQ and refreshments available

Raffle and tombola

Certificate and rosette for all dogs

Registration fee £5 per dog

Please book in advance via our website
or call 01959 572386 option 5

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