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OPAK NEWSLETTER @OPA_KHG

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#OUTWOODFAMILY



This newsletter aims to provide any updates, important links or information we think you may find useful at this time.

Welcome to our April newsletter. Time is simply flying by and we are all enjoying the summer term. It is lovely to be able to enjoy the school field at playtimes and throw ourselves into learning our new curriculum topics. In Geography, each year group is focusing on an aspect of Environmental Sustainability which is such an important issue. We are also enjoying listening to music from our chosen composers each morning as we get ready for the school day.

Please note that the academy will be closed on the following days:

Monday 3rd May (Bank Holiday)

Friday 28th May (INSET day)

Monday 7th June (INSET day)

OPA News Day Y5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed showing off their writing skills and putting together a newspaper on a range of hot topics. They were fortunate enough to be able to interview Astronaut Abigail Harrison and Ben Parker, former English footballer, for their newspaper.



The Big Ask



Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

An important new survey has been launched by The Children's Commissioner for England – The 'Big Ask'. It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard. Please can we ask that as many children with their parents / carers get involved and complete this survey: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Message from our Reading Ambassadors:

We will shortly be starting up our Book Donation point again.

Due to Covid restrictions, we will be using a rota to ensure everyone has an opportunity to browse safely through the books and choose the ones they would like.

Please could you send donations of books into school with your child – these will be quarantined beforehand.



Many thanks for your continued support.

Uniform

Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate uniform consists of: purple sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo); white polo t-shirt or white school shirt (see guidelines); grey skirt or trousers; dark grey socks or tights and black shoes. Please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate footwear as per our school uniform policy.

Earrings (including plastic, clear ones) and nail varnish are not permitted.

For parents / carers of children going to Outwood Grange in September, please click here for the link to the uniform flyer on the website: <https://www.kirkhamgate.outwood.com/posts/1145>



Community Spirit

Thank you to all our children, who together with the Kirkhamgate Community Association and Lindale Methodist Chapel, made delightful Easter cards for our local community. Thank you also to Reverend Rob Drost for organising.



Attendance Matters

Attendance is essential for a child's academic progress and social interactions. Here at Kirkhamgate, we have an expectation that every pupil should aim for 100% attendance. By making regular school attendance a priority, you can help set your child on the path to success.

Attendance - every day matters



Our attendance year to date is 96.58% and our target is 97%.

We have had 77 'lates' – please ensure your child arrives on time as every minute late is a minute lost learning.

Curriculum Talent Awards

Congratulations to all our Curriculum Talent Award nominees and winners from last half term. We are very proud of you all and look forward to finding out who will be nominated for the Summer Term.



Super Swirl Reward Time

Congratulations to all our Silver Super Swirl Award winners. What a fantastic achievement and very well deserved. It was so lovely to see you all enjoying the different activities in your class bubbles.



Class Photos

Please click the link to order your child's photographs: <http://htmp.st/kirkhamgate>



Risk Assessment

A reminder that the most recent and up to date copy of our Risk Assessment is on the school website.



Polite requests

Please could we ask that you keep the office informed of any change of address and contact telephone numbers.

<https://www.kirkhamgate.outwood.com/contact>

Please continue to social distance and wear a face covering whilst on the school site. Could we ask you to pass this on to members of your extended family who might also drop off / pick up your child.

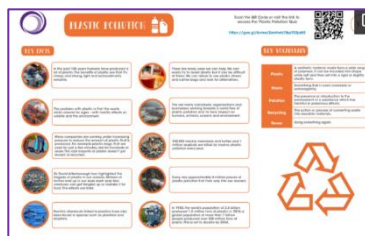
Please park respectfully and away from school gates. Please see your children across the road safely, away from parked cars.

Primary Learning Library

Visit the Outwood Primary Learning Library to access a wealth of resources for your child's year group:

<https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/primary-learning-library/home?authuser=0>

This includes Knowledge Organisers for our current topics detailing key facts and vocabulary. Can you get full marks on the quizzes?



Childnet's mission is to work in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

'On the internet' is a learning-to-read book for children that are around aged 4 and above:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book>

Other Childnet books for younger children include:

Smartie the Penguin (3 to 7 year olds)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

Digiduck's Big Decision (3 to 7 year olds)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories>

