



WORSLEY BRIDGE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

21-06-19

What was your favourite childhood memory? This was a question put to us on 'Polling Day' by Neil from 'Out Door Play and Learning' (OPAL). As a staff we happily reminisced about being out on our bikes for hours at a time or playing at a park, quite often without adult supervision.

Many of us recalled days at the beach or time swinging on hand made rope swings and some memories featured a favourite birthday party. What became clear as we chatted animatedly was the freedom our childhood gave us: the freedom to take risks, the freedom to be out and about unsupervised and the freedom to use our imagination. None of it featured gadgets, texting or social media.

As part of our training day Neil shared some shocking statistics that revealed children spend on average 4 hours a day at a screen (more at weekends) and only 1 hour day outside playing (less at weekends).

At Worsley Bridge we value play and the opportunities it provides our children with. Did you know there are 17 different types of play? We are currently working with the OPAL play team over the next 18 months to ensure that our break and lunchtimes provide children with the chance to access every type of play. In order to fully appreciate the changes we will be making I would recommend taking a look at the OPAL website and watching one of their films.

<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

As a staff we cannot wait to get started but we are taking time to plan and organise things carefully.



There will be opportunities next term for you to come in and learn more but in the meantime you will see the 'loose parts store' being built on the playground. Once this is up we can start collecting the resources we need for exciting and vibrant play. We will be needing your help (and be providing you with a good chance to pass on some of your clutter) so please keep an eye out in the next few weeks newsletters!

Wishing you a good weekend

Mrs Williams

SAFETY AND WELL BEING

Attendance

As the end of year approaches we have been reviewing our attendance figures in the hope that we are still on track to meet the national target. Over 186 days of school have been lost through term time holiday. While some of those have been for exceptional circumstances the majority have been unauthorised. We will be writing again to families to request that you use 1 or 2 of the **14** weeks available to book your holidays to ensure your child makes the very best progress. Just imagine if I start authorising teacher vacations in term time and inform you that you can't bring your child in?

This week's whole school attendance was 95.6%. Congratulations go to **6W** for achieving the highest attendance-100%, you can place 5 more ping pong balls into your Golden Jar!

RW 96.7%

1W 93.9%

2W 97.7%

3W 97.2%

4W 92.0%

5W 95.5%

6W 100.0%



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1B 98.5%

2B 93.5%

3B 96.2%

4B 95.0%

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6B 96.8%





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SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates for the diary

24-06-19	1B Class Assembly 9.05am	08-07-19	RB Class Assembly 9.05am
25-06-19	Y4 visit to the Tower of London	16-07-19	Y6 Leaver's Show
01/02-07-19	Langley Girls Induction days	18-07-19	Open Evening 3.30pm-5pm
01-07-19	Y5 Japanese Day	19-07-19	End of term
05-07-19	Own Clothes Day-Bottles	02-09-19	INSET Day-no children
06-07-19	Summer Fair	03-09-19	Autumn Term 2019- children return

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

RW	Tally and Saul	RB	Lynaiya and Nura
1W	Phoebe and Riley	1B	Kayden and Ben
2W	Kayde and Subhan	2B	Shakti and Saphia
3W	Michelle and Jayden	3B	Jowel and Teddy
4W	Conor and Isabelle	4B	Andy and Tylun
5W	Melina and Ruby	5B	Rhio and Joe
6W	Yoana and Riley	6B	Harley and Keris
KS1 Science	Oakley	KS1 Science	Loki

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tour De Penge



On Sunday the 16th June Penge hosted its annual event 'The 2019 Tour de Penge'. This fantastic free community bike ride took over 300 cyclists of all ages from the streets of Penge right through to Greenwich and back. This popular fixture features as part of the Penge Festival and provided a guided, safe and off road route through to the iconic Cutty Sark. Aeden from Year 2 took up the challenge and confidently completed the 16 miles ride! Well done Aeden-maybe you will inspire others to try the ride next year.

Big Day Out and Family Festival



I recently met with the organisers of the Big Day Out and Family Festival. Over the weekend of the 6 and 7th July there will be a number of music events taking place at Croydon Recreational Ground and the organisers have offered us a discount code.

<https://timeofffestivals.co.uk/>

If this is something you are interested in then quote the code 'PART 261' and you will receive 50% off the price of tickets. In addition they will donate £5 to the school for every ticket sold.

