



WORSLEY BRIDGE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

04-10-19



Hopefully over the past week you will have heard you child mention the word 'OPAL' and talk about how much they are enjoying their lunch breaks. This is because we have embarked on a new project to develop the quality of our lunch time!

High quality play experiences contributes to school success. Over the course of your child's school career your son or daughter will spend 7 years in school from Reception to Year 6. While most of that time is dedicated to curriculum subjects such as maths and English, 1.4 years of that school time is spent outdoors

during break and lunch. This is valuable time for hands on learning and enriched exploration.

The benefits of outdoor play are incredible and self-directed play is a necessary and important part of every child's life. Research shows that self-directed play supports the development of the whole child :

- **cognitive skills** – like maths and problem solving in a pretend grocery store
- **physical abilities** – like balancing blocks and running on the playground
- **new vocabulary** – like the words they need to play with toy dinosaurs
- **social skills** – like playing together in a pretend car wash
- **literacy skills** – like creating a menu in the mud kitchen

Children practise and reinforce their learning in multiple areas during play. It gives them a place and a time for learning that cannot be achieved through completing a worksheet. Play provides rich learning opportunities and leads to children's success and self-esteem.

When we improve play at school, both children and school benefit. Children who play are ready to learn; they experience fewer behaviour problems and have a more positive attitude toward school. Schools that plan for great play spend less time dealing with unnecessary problems and experience fewer playground incidents and we have certainly experienced great results this week.

We have seen a significant reduction in the types of 'low level' accidents and incidents this week as the children are loving the choice of activities. Jack, from 4B, was very animated when he told me what he had participated in this week as he **really** enjoyed the digging area and mud kitchen. Today though, he decided to try something new (and stop his shoes from getting too muddy) and built a fantastic tent today-which then proved very useful to hide under when the rain came in!



We will be keeping you updated on our progress with this project. In the meantime we are very happy for children to bring in a change of footwear or water proofs if you are worried about muddy clothes/feet.

Before I sign off this week I would like to thank you all for your harvest donations. If you still want to bring something in its not too late. We will be visiting the foodbank towards the end of next week. Please can I remind families that children can have a fruit snack at break time -no biscuits/cereals bars please.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Williams





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Attendance

This week whole school attendance sits at 95.3%. The class with the highest attendance is 4W with 98.9% and they will be able to add 3 ping pong balls to their Golden Jar.

RW	96.0%
1W	92.0%
2W	87.9%
3W	98.3%
4W	98.9%
5W	97.7%
6W	95.9%



RB	98.2%	RP	94.8%
1B	92.5%		
2B	96.7%		
3B	97.6%		
4B	95.2%		
5B	97.0%		
6B	93.8%		

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dates for the diary

07-10-19	3W visit The Horniman Museum	18-11-19	Y5 visit The Portrait Gallery
09-10-19	3B visit the Horniman Museum	20-11-19	Y6 WW2 Day at Splattermaker
11-10-19	3W Class Assembly 9am	22-11-19	1W Class assembly
11-10-19	NEST trustees visit Worsley Bridge	29-11-19	Own Clothes Day-bottles
14-10-19	Art Week	30-11-19	Christmas Fair 12-3pm
17-10-19	Art Exhibition for parents 2.00pm	04-12-19	Flu Vaccination
18-10-19	INSET Day 2-school closed	06-12-19	Choir sing at The Glades
21-10-19	Half term break	06-12-19	6W Class Assembly
28-10-19	INSET Day 3-school closed	10-12-19	RW/1W/2W Show to siblings 10am
29-10-19	Children return to school	10-12-19	RW/1W/2W Show to parents 2pm
01-11-19	EYFS Stay and Play for parents	11-12-19	RB/1B/2B Show to siblings 10am
05-11-19	Parent's Evening 4-6pm	11-12-19	RB/1B/2B Show to parents 2pm
07-11-19	Parent's Evening 4-7.30pm	13-12-19	PTFA hot chocolate and mince pies
08-11-19	2W Class Assembly 9am	17-12-19	Y5 visit The Ragged School
11-15-11-19	Cinema Trips	20-12-19	Christmas Jumper/Party/Meal Day
15-11-19	Own Clothes day-Jolly Jars	20-12-19	Last day of the Autumn term

COMMUNITY

Families Together



The October Families Together session will be on Thursday 10th October at St Paul's Church. We plan to retell Jesus' parable which adults know as "the Prodigal Son" but we want to emphasise Jesus' telling as "Welcoming Home". There will be fun activities and games as usual, ending with tea with parents/carers in the Hall, all at a cost of £2.50 per child as usual.

St Paul's Team

Please note Vancols will be taking individual photographs of your children and family groups on 19th November