

Academy Newsletter

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HAPPY CHENESE NEW YEAR

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A message from our Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is a five-week term, so it is no surprise that the weeks are flying past! It is encouraging to see the days becoming a little lighter and we look forward to the start of some good weather as we truly embrace Spring.

At Oasis Academy Boulton the vision for our children is 'Experiences, Nurture, Success'. This academic year, staff have placed an even greater emphasis on trips, visits and enrichment experiences. Last week most of the school went to the Birmingham Repertory Theatre to watch the nations favourite tale, *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe*. For many of our children, it was their first visit to the theatre. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and it has fired their imagination to write creatively about how an object as simple as a wardrobe, can transport us into the exciting world of Narnia!

We also have extended our range of enrichment opportunities. We are working with external providers from the world of art and theatre. Dean visits the academy each Friday afternoon and works with children on their self-expression through drama-based activity. These experiences will culminate in children making masks to support their role play.

Such experiences are vital to building the cultural capital offer to our children. We strive for education to be both fun and purposeful, enabling children to grow their personal character and become the best version of themselves.

We also remain committed to sharing the learning, knowledge and skills your child is learning as part of the Spring topic. Please do come along to the weekly workshops and soft openings where you will come away with great ideas to support your child's educational journey. We would love to see you.

Have a great week!

Ms. Anwar – Deputy Principal.

KS1 MATH WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

There will be a Math Parent Workshop on Tuesday 6th February, at 2:45pm. This will be for parents/carers with children in Year 1 and Year 2. We would love for you to come along and support your child and take away useful tips on how to help your child at home with maths.

We have seen an increase in the number of students arriving late for school. This causes disruptions during lesson time and to the office. Children need to come to school via the playground by no later than **8:40am**. Year 6 students in Mrs Sultana's morning intervention group need to come via the main office for 8:30am. Only children attending club should be coming via the office entrance at 8:15am. Thank you.



SPRING DISCO

Come & join us on

8th February

at 4:30pm to 6:00pm

£3 per ticket or £5 for 4 siblings.

This is for students only

(No parents/family)

Hurry!! Tickets have almost sold out - get yours at the office from 11:00am - 11:30am

Snacks & juice will be provided

Photo's available for £1.50

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



If you need a letter from the academy for legal reasons such as for the Home Office/Immigration, we can only provide these if we have an official letter or email from a solicitor's firm or direct from the organisation requesting the information. All requests are to be emailed to enquiry@oasisboulton.org. Upon receipt of the request, your letter will be provided within 72 hours and sent directly to the organisation who made the request. Thank you for your understanding.

GOODBYE!



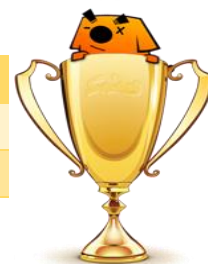
Mr Dihak from the office will sadly be leaving us at the end of next week (9th Feb). We would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to him for all his support and hard work. He will be greatly missed especially, by the children! We wish him good luck for the future.

Champions of the week!

Year 1 Sheheryar

Year 3 Nabila

Year 4 Zaynab



THIS WEEK'S WINNERS

These children read the longest!

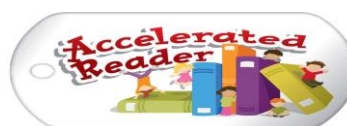
Year 3 Azraq

Year 4 Albi, Alaia & Marie

Year 5 Alvab

Year 6 Balraj

Year 6 were the class winners this week!



15 HOURS
FUNDED CHILDCARE FOR
3 & 4 YEAR OLDS



For all families

We have FREE spaces available immediately in our nursery for 3 and 4 year olds. Your child is entitled to 15 hours of FREE education/childcare per week. If you or someone you know would like to register a child at our nursery, please send an email to enquiry@oasisboulton.org to request an application form online. If you need assistance with completing the admission form our friendly office team can help you. **Admissions will be dealt with on Wednesdays and Fridays 10:45am - 11:45am.**

School closed for

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb

Year 3 Spring 1-Week 2: Stone Age to the Iron Age...

Stone Age to the Iron Age.

We discussed the migratory nature of human existence following the Ice Age. This included the transition from a hunter-gatherer lifestyle to the more permanent nature of an agricultural one.

Without access to metals at this point - Neolithic peoples were ingenious when it came to quarrying and working stone into beautifully intricate and functional items.

Any Stone Age human needed weapons and tools for protection, and to carry out everyday tasks. Wonderful examples exist to this day of these items - including flint arrowheads.

We highlighted that there wasn't any part of a hunted animal that wasn't put to some use or other. Nothing was wasted!

I demonstrated stone knapping to the children. Showing how our stone age ancestors used antler and animal skins to carefully shape and sharpen the flint/slate they used in weapon and tool making.

We heated pine resin, previously dried tree sap, over a flame to melt it - creating glue that we used to hold a bound arrowhead in place.

Working in 2's & 3's the children worked together to produce their own stone age arrows - carefully selecting and binding the slate themselves.

For many of them, this represented, through perseverance and trial and error, their first attempts at tying a knot.

The finished items are worthy of the British Museum!



NEVER ALONE

NSPCC
0808 800 5000
(24 hours)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline
0808 2000247
(24 hours)

Mind
0300 123 3393
(Mon-Fri 9 - 6pm)

Victim Support
0808 168 9111
(24 hours)

Cruse Bereavement
0800 808 1677
(Mon-Fri 9 - 5pm)

Childline
0808 1111
(24 hours)

Action on Elder Abuse
0808 808 8141
(Mon-Fri 9 - 5pm)

Respect - Men's Advice Line
0808 801 0327
(Mon-Fri 9 - 8pm)

Samaritans
116 123
(24 hours)

National Centre for Domestic Violence
0207 186 8270