

Newsletter



St Osmund's
CE Middle School
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Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are nearing the end of our spring term, it is lovely to report that the children are as immersed as ever in their learning and extra-curricular opportunities that school offers. School is, as usual, a hive of activity! We have had many sporting fixtures and events taking place: Year 7 and 8 County Netball Finals, Year 8 County Boys & Girls Badminton Finals, Year 8 Regional Girls Badminton Finals, Year 7 Area Basketball Competition, Year 6 Area Netball Competition and Years 7 and 8 Area Cup Football Semi-Finals! Wow! Yesterday evening, a group of our dancers performed amazingly at the Schools Dance Festival, with an eco-friendly theme as a focus of their performance and came third.

Our Student Voice participants met this week and had some fantastic conversations sharing their thoughts about how teachers can encourage deeper thinking in pupils, ways in which pupils can better explain what they know and understand about a topic and what we can do in school to improve cyber safety for all. Some great points for discussion!

Tomorrow, several of our Year 7 students embark on a trip to Scotland. This marks the beginning of our residential offer here at Ossie's. We are so proud of our offer and love watching our young people become more independent, grow in confidence, and build new friendships.

We also have our Performing Arts Spring Showcase next week on Wednesday 27th March 6pm – 7pm. This will feature some fantastic performances from Ossie's Singers, Concert Band, Rock and Pop Bands, Dance Group and Staff Choir. We look forward to seeing you there!

All we need now is some sunshine; I am sure (hoping!) it will make an appearance soon!

I wish you all a happy and enjoyable weekend,

Clare Stripp

Associate Headteacher

Attendance and Admissions

Year 6 Lead



OSSIE'S OPPORTUNITIES—WEEK 25TH MARCH

	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL 3.15pm - 4.15pm
M O N D A Y	<p>Zoneball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Zoneball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Spanish/French Homework – KS3- (VAT) - Rm 20</p> <p>MFL Speaking – KS3- (VAT) - Rm 20 – INVITE ONLY</p> <p>Culture Club – KS2 – JTA – Room 5</p> <p>Library Club – KS2 – Library</p> <p>Coding Club – Year 5 – LPI - ICT2</p>	<p>Concert Band – All years – GMI – Music Room</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB – ROOM 14 – INVITE ONLY</p>
T U E S D A Y	<p>Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Street Soccer – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Debate Club – Year 7 – STH – Room 13</p> <p>Library Club – KS2 – Library</p> <p>Comic Club – Yr5 – NJO – Room 6</p>	<p>Ossie's Singers – All years – GMI – Music Room</p> <p>HOMEWORK CLUB – ROOM 14 – INVITE ONLY</p>
W E D S	<p>Basketball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Basketball – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>OCAG – KS3 – HMU, GOt, JAn, EWa, JCo – Rm 16</p> <p>12.30pm - Keyboard– KS2 – JCO – Ray Pontin</p>	<p>HOMEWORK CLUB – ROOM 14 – INVITE ONLY</p>
T H U R S	<p>Street Soccer – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Girls Street Soccer – KS3 – DKI – Sports Hall</p> <p>Library Club – KS3 – Library</p> <p>Homeworking Lunch – KS2 – JTA – ICT2</p> <p>Comic Club – Yr5 – NJO – Room 6</p>	<p>HOMEWORK CLUB – ROOM 14 – INVITE ONLY</p>
F R I		GOOD FRIDAY

Blue = Sports Clubs Purple = Performing Arts Orange = Homework clubs Green = All other clubs

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd—30th March—Year 7 Scotland Trip

Thursday 21st March - Thursday 28th March—Pickleball Tournament

Wednesday 27th March—Performing Arts Showcase—Sports Centre, 5.30pm

Thursday 28th March—Last Day of Term

Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 15th April—Back to School

Wednesday 17th April—Bude Trip Parent Information Evening, 5pm

Tuesday 7th May—Rockley trip Parent Information Evening, 5pm

8th & 9th May— Year 5 Subject Parent/Teacher Consultations

Sunday 12th—Friday 17th May—Year 7 Bude Trip

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May—Year 6 SATS Week



CAN YOU HELP?

In the week beginning Monday 13th May, the children in Year 6 will take national curriculum assessments, or 'SATS' as they are sometimes referred to, in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics.

The tests help measure the attainment of pupils, in relation to standards set out in the national curriculum, and help teachers and parents identify where pupils may need additional support in a certain subject area.

The tests are scheduled to take place on the following days:

- Monday 13th May – English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Tuesday 14th May – English reading
- Wednesday 15th May – Mathematics
- Thursday 16th May – Mathematics



We are seeking volunteers to assist the teachers in the class to administer these tests. This will involve a commitment of approximately two to three hours on each of the four days (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 8.40 and 10.50 and on Wednesday from 8.40 to 11.40) and attendance on a training session on either Tuesday 23rd April or Wednesday 24th April from 3.30 to 4.30.

We would be very grateful to parents/carers/relations, who have got children in any of the four year groups who are available to support the school at this time.

If you are able to volunteer for these four mornings, please would you contact Mrs. White on 01305 262897 or jwhite@stosmunds.dorset.sch.uk

SPRING SHOWCASE

St Osmund's School Performing **Arts Spring Showcase**



**Featuring Ossie's Singers, Concert Band, Rock
and Pop Bands, Staff Choir and Dance Group**

St Osmund's School Sports Hall

Wednesday 27th March 2024

6pm (doors at 5:30pm)

SAMURAI KICKBOXING

"My girls started Samurai Kickboxing just over a year ago.
I couldn't have imagined what a massive part of their lives it would become.
My two quiet, shy & lacking self-confidence girls have transformed into strong, confident
young females with awesome kickboxing skills!"



We are excited to announce that our Samurai Kickboxing class is available to book for next term.
Here are all the details for you to secure your child's spot in the class:

Age: Young Samurai (Years 5-8)
Day & time: Thursdays 5.15 - 6.15pm
Term dates: April 25th - May 23rd & June 6th to July 11th

At Samurai Kickboxing, we understand that all parents want their children to be mentally strong, confident & resilient which is why, in addition to teaching kickboxing skills, we place a significant emphasis on helping children improve:

Discipline & focus
Resilience
Self-confidence & self-esteem

Aerobic fitness
Flexibility, balance & coordination
Endurance & stamina

With over 12 years experience and a network of over 1,300 students across Jersey & the UK (including Bucks, Berks, Herts & Dorset) we are proud to offer high quality Kickboxing classes tailored to meet the needs of every child:

Little Samurai - age 4 to Year 2
Samurai Kickboxers - Years 7 to 10

Young Samurai - Years 3 to 6
Adults - age 15+

FREE TRIAL CLASS FOR NEW STUDENTS

We love meeting new students! Click [here](#) to book your child's free first class!

EXISTING STUDENTS

To re-book, click [here](#) and then Sign-in UK
If you would like to split your payments, please email: info@samuraikickboxing.com

We regret that we are unable to teach any students who have not booked their space in the class (rebooking or a free trial) for insurance reasons.

To make the booking process even easier, we recommend downloading our booking system as an app to your phone. Just search for Class Manager - Portal in the app store.

With this app you will be able to:

- Make & view your class bookings, Gradings & holiday camps
- Check your latest invoice or statement - Check class term dates

For more information, please visit our website www.SamuraiKickboxing.com where you will find details on: [Classes](#), [Refund Policy](#), [Gradings](#) (& the associated costs), [Sparring](#), [Uniform & Equipment](#), [Holiday Camps](#), [Birthday Parties](#) and lots more!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us - we are here to help and support you and your child every step of the way!

Thank you for considering Samurai Kickboxing!

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FUNDRAISER FOR MOSAIC



The Yurt at Hollands Farmhouse

Tindeton, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8QP
www.hollandsfarmhouse.co.uk

Charity Raffle in aid of MOSAIC (Dorset Child Bereavement Charity)



<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mosaic-theyurt>

Win: 1-night luxury unique stay for 2 adults,
courtesy of **The Yurt at Hollands Farmhouse**, multi-award winning Glampsite

2 x Vineyard tour gift vouchers,
courtesy of multi-award-winning **Langham Wine Estate**

1 x meal for 2 adults,
courtesy of **Cook Dorchester**, the award-winning, ready meal specialist

www.hollandsfarmhouse.co.uk

www.mosaicfamilysupport.org

Each £2 donation = 1 ticket
Multiple entries = Multiple tickets
Eg: £20 donation = 10 tickets
Each ticket gives you the chance to win
1 winner only

Why Mosaic is important: Founded in 2007, Mosaic was created to fill the gap in bereavement provision across the county. Mosaic support children and young people who have been bereaved of someone special, such as a parent, sibling, friend or a member of their extended family. This includes all causes of death such as long-term illness, sudden death, suicide, murder or accident.

Mosaic Offer: Pre-Bereavement advice, information and therapy for families affected by terminal illness. Early Bereavement Support (EBS) to individuals when a death has only very recently occurred. Residential weekends, to build positive well-being, friendships, skills and support.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Detail

The Draw is open to all adults over 18. You can take part and gift your win to friends and family, T&Cs apply. No children or pets allowed. The Fundraiser will run from Friday 8th March 2024 to Friday 22nd March 2024

The Winner will be chosen by converting each entry into a number, and then by using a number randomiser. This will be completed independently and the winner will be announced by The organiser, via email and by commenting against your donation on this page. Please ensure that you tick the box " to allow The Yurt at Hollands Farmhouse to contact me" when making your donation.

This prize draw to raise funds for Mosaic is organised by The Yurt at Hollands Farmhouse.
T&Cs apply. Please contact yurt@hollandsfarmhouse.co.uk for further information.

DORSET MUSKETEERS

Want to try out fencing?

Looking to try something new? Join us at fencing a fun, dynamic and exciting sport ! Join our beginners course, to learn the basics in a positive and fun environment.

When?

5.00-6.00 starting 18th April
@ Osmunds Sports Centre
Thursdays
Ages 6-12 years old
£30 for 6 week course

7.00-8.00 @St Osmunds
Sports Centre starting 18th
April
Aged 8+years old
£30 for 6 week course



For more information get in touch:
Email: dorsetmusketeers@gmail.com
Facebook: Dorset Musketeers

NETBALL YOUTH CAMP



Ages 11 years -14 years

10am to 3pm

Thursday 11 April 24

**Dorchester - St Osmond's
School**

£35 EN members

£40 non members

**The Ultimate day
for netball lovers**

- Team Building
- Learn New Skills
- Match play
- Discount for EN Members

For more details contact :

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