

Newsletter



St Osmund's
CE Middle School
Hope · Community · Respect · Love

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we step into this summer term, the themes for the opening weeks of term relate to the well-known '5 Ways to Wellbeing'. This week's theme is **give** and using our 'windows, mirrors, doors' approach to spirituality, our Ossie's have been exploring what it means to give something to another person or people as well as reflecting on the personal benefits of doing so. Like most senior leaders in any school, I spend a lot of time on duty: before school, between lessons, at break time, lunch time and after school. This week, I have been reminded of something Anne Frank once wrote (German Jewish girl famous for writing a diary of her experiences in World War II), "no one has ever become poor by giving". Beyond being merely adult supervision, Anne Frank's words have provided me with a different lens through which I have observed our students, your children, as they have gone about their day-to-day business, such as walking to and from lessons, playing and socialising at break and lunch times, and interacting with our adults at school. I am obviously biased however, I feel the hallmark of being an Ossie is to be brave, positive, kind and caring. I have observed this again and again, on hundreds of separate occasions this week. The youth of today can easily draw a negative press. I can happily share our Ossie's are terrific at giving; giving time and attention to their peers and friends, giving great energy in their learning, and giving thanks to the adults that teach and support them. From our collective efforts, St. Osmund's is a happy school, and our Ossie's contribute to this hugely by their generous and selfless behaviour.

More specifically, during the Easter break I offered a challenge to all students to show themselves living our vision and values when away from school. I was delighted to read about and see Ossie's caring for our Earth by gardening, litter picking and beach cleaning, and caring for others by training a guide dog and shopping for elderly relatives and people in the same village. All of these acts display hope, community, respect and love from each Ossie being willing to give something (time, effort) to help another. From talking with each Ossie about their exploits in last week's Hot Choc Friday, it is clear that they are emotionally richer for their experiences. There's real meaning in Anne Frank's message.

On a separate note, thank you to the parents and volunteers that have supported Mrs Mallinson's grand effort to reorganise and replenish the stock in our school library during the past two weeks. We are pleased to share that the library will reopen on Monday. Thank you also to the parents and volunteers that have agreed to support the school through the upcoming SATs week (w/c 13th May).

St. Osmund's is a proud Church of England school. Within this and staying true to our school vision (from *Thessalonians 5:11*, "*So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this. No one left out, no one left behind*"), we are a school of Christian faith, all faiths and for students and families that have no faith. Our school values promote goodness in everyone. Today our Culture Club held a **Festival of Food**, as food often symbolizes celebration and togetherness, such as with the recent Muslim festival of Eid. Remember our Heritage Cookbook is still available for sale (£5 each) on School Gateway! Thank you to the students and staff who contributed cultural dishes that were sold and devoured at break time this morning. Everything, the food and the atmosphere looked delightful! The proceeds from this event are being donated to our community YMCA.

I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful weekend, however you decide to enjoy it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gareth Biddle
Head of School



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OSSIE'S OPPORTUNITIES—WEEK 29TH APRIL

	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</p> <p>ONLY Culture Club – KS2 – JTA – Room 5</p> <p>Library Club – KS2 – Library</p> <p>Coding Club – Year 5 – LPI - ICT2</p>	<p>Art Club – KS3 – SST – Art Room</p> <p>Striking & Fielding Cricket – KS2 - DK1</p> <p>Rounders – KS2 - CNI</p> <p>Tennis – KS2 - WDA</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>Textiles Club - KS3 – SPA – DT room</p> <p>Athletics – All Years</p> <p>Yoga – All years – External Instructor – Drama Studio</p> <p>School Production Workshop – All years</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>Dance – All years - HAD – Drama Studio</p> <p>Pickleball – KS2 – WDA – Sports Centre</p> <p>Girls' Cricket – Yrs 6, 7 & 8 – External Coach</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 – DK1 – Sports Hall</p> <p>Library Club – KS3 – Library</p> <p>Homeworking Lunch – KS2 – JTA – ICT2</p>	<p>Fencing – Invite Only</p> <p>Striking & Fielding Cricket – KS3 - GBI</p> <p>Rounders – KS3 – DRO & JHA</p> <p>Softball – KS3 - DK1</p> <p>Tennis – KS3 - ERE</p> <p>Ultimate Frisbee – KS3 – WDA</p> <p>Gardening Club – Register interest with Miss Pike</p> <p>Rock & Pop Band - GMI – Music Room</p> <p>Drama Club – CWA - All years – Drama Studio</p> <p>Homework Club – Room 14 – Invite Only</p>
F R I	<p>Chaos Tag – KS2 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Multi Sports – KS3 – WDA – Sports Hall</p> <p>Library Club – KS2 - Library</p> <p>Library Club – KS3 – Library</p> <p>Karaoke Club – KS2 – JTA – Drama Studio</p>	<p>Badminton – INVITATION ONLY – WDA – Sports Centre</p>

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th May— Year 6 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

Tuesday 21st May— French Trip Parent Information Evening, 5pm

Wednesday 22nd May—Open Morning for Existing Ossie's Parents/Carers

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May—Half Term

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th June—OCAG Clothes Swap

Friday 7th June—OSSIE'S FEST! 5pm—9pm

Tuesday 11th June—Year 5 Land and Wave Trip Information Evening—5pm

OSSIE'S FEST 24

We are pleased to announce that Ossie's Fest is back, after a very successful and fun event last year, where we raised £6000 for the school. It will take place on **Friday 7th June, 5pm—7pm**. Tickets are now available on the School Gateway app (or at <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>) and are at a discounted price of £3 for adults and £2 for children, for existing Ossie's parents (tickets bought on the day will be more expensive).

Please support the school by buying your tickets now—this will help us to plan for the event. You can find more information about the event on the poster in this newsletter, or on our Facebook page. Thank you for your support.



OSSIE'S FESTIVAL OF FOOD

Well done to Ossie's Culture Club for organising a wonderful 'Festival of Food' this morning. Thank you to all the students and parents who prepared food for it. Money raised will be donated to our local YMCA.



Thank you for your support,
Ossie's Culture Club

DRIVING AROUND ST. OSMUND'S

With more than 1,000 children in our adjoining First and Middle School sites, thank you to all parents that regularly drive safely in the Manor Park area of Dorchester at the beginning and end of school days. Our School Street (08:20 - 09:00 and 14:55 - 15:35 Monday to Friday) makes Barnes Way safer for everyone, children and adults, students, parents, carers and school workers alike; thank you for your continued support with this. As a reminder for all, please consider meeting your child in different areas away from Barnes Way, our School Crossing Patrol lady assists with crossing Rothesay Road safely. Please also adhere to the yellow lines, restrictions and traffic markings on the roads. Thank you.

OPEN MORNING FOR EXISTING OSSIE'S PARENTS

Following recent parent feedback, hoping for more occasions to come into school to see its working, in these post-pandemic times, Mr Biddle would like to welcome parents into school on Wednesday 22nd May, at 09:00 and 11:00, to provide a 45-60 minute guided tour of our school. This follows the Open Morning format we adopted in the autumn term for prospective parents of students seeking to join the school. These two occasions on Wednesday 22nd May will be for parents of current Ossie's to see and feel our ways of working. If you wish to join us on this morning, please click the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-morning-for-current-parents-and-carers-tickets-890943264287?aff=oddtcreator>

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OCAG CLOTHES SWAP

We are already taking donations for
our next clothes swap on

6TH AND 7TH OF JUNE

(THE WEEK AFTER HALF TERM)

DONATIONS FOR OUR CLOTHES SWAP SHOULD BE
TAKEN TO ROOM 16 OR ROOM 3
(MS MUGRIDGE AND MISS WAY) IN EXCHANGE FOR
CLOTHES SWAP VOUCHERS.

CLOTHES SWAP WILL TAKE PLACE IN SCHOOL AS WELL AS AT

OSSIE'S FEST - FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

BRING A SMALL DONATION.

WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS, BAGS AND ACCESSORIES

FOOD DONATIONS

This week's worship theme was **give** and we are also looking at the five steps to wellbeing. I have encouraged pupils to think about the opportunities they have to give and how this can help their mental health. I wonder, as a wider school community, could we be encouraged to give and then think about how that makes us feel—the idea of paying it forward?

Therefore, I have challenged students to bring in donations for our local food larder, as it's running very low, due to high demand. Pupils can bring in non perishable food items, such as tins/packets/cereals etc. however, we do have enough pasta and baked beans. Donations can be placed in the box outside my office. Thank you for your support.

Many thanks,
Lydia Topp
School Chaplain



BBQ

POPCORN
CANDY FLOSS
SNOW CONES
ICE CREAM

**07
JUN**

5PM–9PM

Henna &
glitter
tattoos

GAMES

**OSSIE'S
MERCH**



THE BREW BOX
+COCKTAIL BAR

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL
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STUDENT PERFORMANCES



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GOLF SESSIONS

Came Down Golf Club, in partnership with **England Golf**, will be running some coaching camps in the May half-term holiday. As a lead-in to these, they will be offering some **FREE** taster sessions on **Saturday 11th May** between 10.00-11.15 and 11.30-12.45. No experience is necessary and all the equipment can be provided.

The taster sessions will be mixed but there is a 'girls only' option for the holiday camps. Booking for both the taster sessions and the camps is done directly with England Golf. Either scan the QR code on the accompanying poster or follow this link:



BOOK NOW!

GET INTO GOLF Rookies

Open to everyone aged 5-18







CAME DOWN GOLF CLUB (DT2 8NR)

Free Taster Sessions

Saturday 11th May 10-11:15am

Saturday 11th May

11:30am-12:45pm

Camp:

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday

29th May 9:30am-12:30pm

- £40 for six hours of activity
- No equipment required
- No experience necessary



BOOK NOW!

GIRLS GOLF ROCKS

Open to all girls aged 5-18

Camp:

Tuesday 28th May

1:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 29th May

1:30pm - 4:30pm



FREE MUSIC SESSION

#Dorset Making Music



Come and Play Jazz Day

FREE!

Sunday 19th May, 10.00am – 3.30pm

Charlton Marshall Village Hall, near Blandford Forum



with the Dorset Youth
Jazz Orchestra
& Laura Jurd



The Dorset Youth Jazz Orchestra is very excited to be hosting a FREE open-rehearsal and jazz improvisation masterclass with renowned trumpeter, improviser and composer, Laura Jurd.

All young people in full time education under the age of 21 on saxophone, flute, trumpet, trombone, guitar, bass guitar, double-bass, piano and drums are invited.

If you, or your young person, are interested in attending but don't play one of these instruments please contact us.

To get the most out of the day, we would recommend that participants are of approximately Grade 4 standard or higher - but this isn't essential.

Follow this link for more details and to book a place

For more information, please contact dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



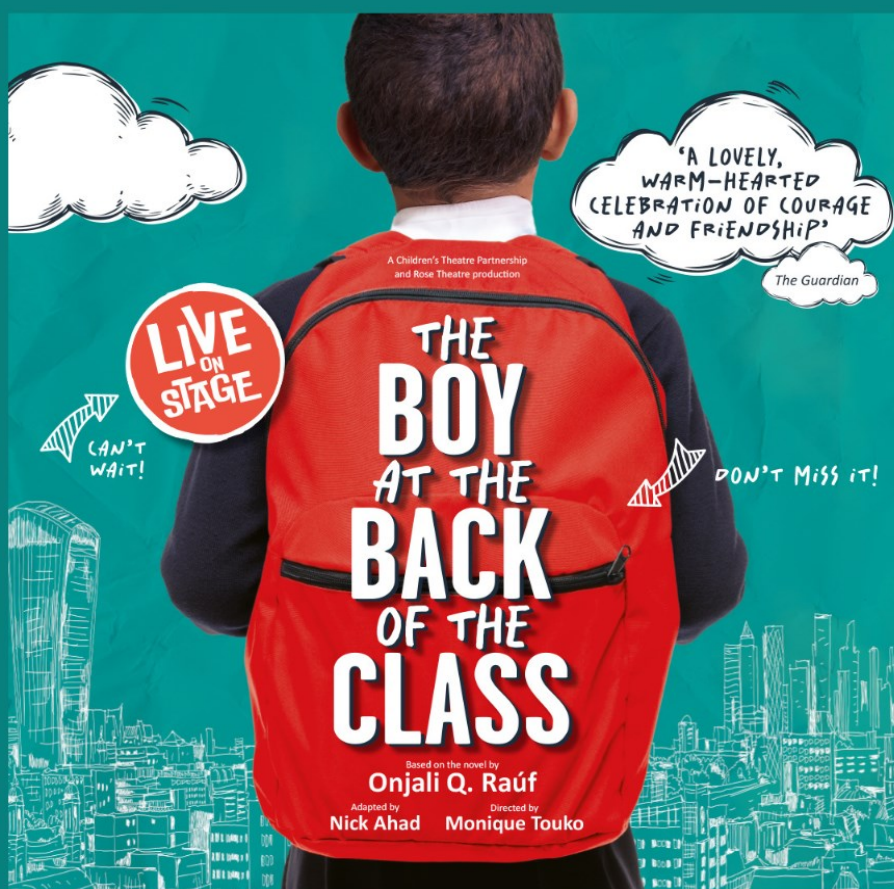
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