

Parent Forum

Many thanks for your questions and suggestions brought to Parent Forum, and to the reps for giving their time to attend the meeting. The notes of the meeting has been uploaded to classlist and the school website.

Although the school is not always able to make every change that parents suggest, each one is useful and considered carefully.

The way that the notes have been laid out has been changed to make it easier to follow up on which actions have been taken.

Breaktime snacks

Parents of children in Year 3 to 6, please can you make sure that your child brings only a fruit or vegetable snack for morning break. We have children with severe gluten and egg allergies, and so baked snacks in the playground pose a risk to them. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.



Parking

Please remember to respect local parking restrictions outside school, especially the zig-zags and double yellow lines beside our building.

Parking illegally puts the children in danger.



What should I do if I am concerned about my child?

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's friendships, behaviour or learning, please contact the class teacher via in the first instance as requested in the school's communication policy. Approaching other parents at the school gate about issues with friendships is not the recommended procedure and is not recommended.



National Poetry Day

The sound collector

A stranger called this morning
Dressed all in black and grey
Put every sound into a bag
And carried them away
The whistling of the kettle
The turning of the lock
The purring of the kitten
The ticking of the clock
The popping of the toaster
The crunching of the flakes
When you spread the marmalade
The scraping noise it makes
The hissing of the frying pan
The ticking of the grill
The bubbling of the bathtub
As it starts to fill
The drumming of the raindrops
On the windowpane
When you do the washing-up
The gurgle of the drain
The crying of the baby
The squeaking of the chair
The swishing of the curtain
The creaking of the stair
A stranger called this morning
He didn't leave his name
Left us only silence
Life will never be the same
From *All the Best*

– *The Selected Poems of Roger McGough.*



To mark National Poetry Day, each class performed a poem during our virtual assembly this week. Year 4 performed this poem by Roger McGough. Why don't you try writing your own poem this weekend, but call it 'the smell collector' or 'the taste collector' instead? You can bring your poem into school next week, and you might be awarded with a Golden Griffiths Award for your super effort!

Oratory is Awarded with Curriculum Marks



MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL



The school is proud to have recently been awarded with two quality marks: Music Mark and School Games Award. This is in recognition of its commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum.

Reception Class have made an excellent start to school life!

Our new reception class have settled in to school life brilliantly and already making great strides in their learning. They have learned about Austin's Butterfly (see last week's newsletter for an explanation) and how to make improvements to their own work by drawing Miss Monckton's Meercat! You can see them here refining their drawings after feedback. They have also decorated their classroom with displays about the story of creation and the season of Autumn.

What a super effort!



Parent Association News

Pear Parents,

Thank you for embracing the new second hand uniform system. It's not perfect, but it's definitely the best we can do in the circumstances. To reiterate:

- [Email oratoryuniform@gmail.com](mailto:Email.oratoryuniform@gmail.com) with your uniform request.
- This email address is monitored a couple of times a week so it may be a few days before you receive a response, but you will get one.
- Every Friday I go into school in the morning and collect the items and bag them for you.
- I pass the bag to your lovely rep to give to you at a convenient time.
- You can check the uniform and if you want to return anything then [email oratoryuniform@gmail.com](mailto:email.oratoryuniform@gmail.com) to let us know.
- Payment can be made for the uniform you wish to keep via BACS to the PA bank account. I will be posting a price list and the PA bank details on Monday morning.

You can also email that address if you have any uniform to donate, but please remember it needs to be clean, and no shirts, trousers, shorts or hosiery. We're especially keen to receive duffle coats and berets.

I'm thrilled to tell you that the PA is helping the school expand its library of BAME books. Miss Creer approached me to help and it's fantastic that, despite limited fundraising opportunities, we're in a position to be able to say 'yes', thanks to your continued support of the Parents Association.

Keep an eye out next week for the IQ Christmas card forms. Nathalie has organised it this year and the forms will be distributed to all the children in school. Do note that as always there is a fairly quick turn around for these cards. All the information will be on the forms.

Have a lovely weekend.
Alex

Year 1 at the Chelsea Physic Garden

Year 1 were awarded with Class of the Week this week for their wonderful behaviour at their first school trip of the year to Chelsea Physic Garden. After missing out on Forest School last summer, they certainly enjoyed being out in the open air and learning about plants and nature.



Mental Health Support

Mental Health Awareness and Wellbeing Free Virtual Workshops for Parents/Carers



Jessie is an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) working in the West London Mental Health Support Team (MHST) at Hammersmith, Fulham, Ealing, and Hounslow Mind.

In this workshop we will explore what “mental health” means to you and others, why it can feel difficult to talk about mental health, and what to look out for to support your whole families’ wellbeing.

We will try out some techniques and tools that you and your child can use to look after your wellbeing and boost your sense of enjoyment of life.



We will cover:

- Mental Health Awareness and Wellbeing
 - Techniques and Tools
 - Signposting and Wider Support



This workshop will be delivered on the following days/times:

- Tuesday 5th October, 10:00 – 11:00 am
- Tuesday 5th October, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

If you are interested in signing up to the workshop, please email dutyouthservices@hfmind.org.uk with Oratory School Parent Workshop Expression of Interest, and state the time slot to confirm your place and receive a Zoom link.