

13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance



We wish to celebrate with our school community how fantastic our current school attendance is.

Last week our whole school attendance was a fantastic 96.5%.

Our persistent absence taken last week was also lower than Oldham's average across all phases of education.

A super well done to the classes below for achieving over 95% attendance last week.

Classes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Classes 6 and 12 enjoyed their breakfast waffles this week as they gained the highest attendance in school.

Parents/Carers Meeting

It has been wonderful to see so many parents/carers in school over the past two weeks to meet their child's class teacher share their academic progress and growth. It is important that we discuss children's strengths, needs, attendance and behaviours and it is also an opportunity for parents/careers to ask questions.



Year 6 Secondary School Applications - Reminder

A reminder that the deadline for Secondary school applications is 31 October 2023 at 5pm.

Please find attached information that has already been shared with families and if support is required please contact Miss Thompson in school as we can support with the application process.

Family Hubs - SEND Drop in

Oldham Family Hub has partnered with Oldham Parent Carer Forum to deliver bi-weekly drop-in sessions. The attached flyer includes further information.

Free School Meal Vouchers Update

Based on this information sent from Oldham council the free school meal voucher support will not be running over the October or February half terms. Please see below, sent on behalf of the Education Service:

Following Government guidance on this year's Household Support Fund budget, more resources are being put toward helping disabled and carer residents with their fuel costs. This means that we have had to scale back food voucher support over the October and February half-terms, with a more generous cover for the Christmas and Easter periods being planned instead.

We appreciate your support in making sure that parents know about the change, however, if parents are experiencing hardship, they should visit <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/wecanhelp> to find guidance on a range of issues such as the cost of bills and food. They can also ring us on the Oldham Helpline for emergency support: 0161 770 7007, open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Family Fun This weekend

Please find attached more information about a family funday taking place this Sunday 15th October from 12-6pm at OBA Millennium Centre on Featherstall road. All funds go towards Human Aid and Advocacy.

Spooktacular Halloween and Big Bang Bonfire Celebration

Join Oldham for free Halloween festivities in Oldham Town Centre from Saturday 21 October to Saturday 4 November!



Experience the Halloween Trail with virtual surprises and win amazing prizes.

Don't miss the action on Saturday 28 October, with "The Invisible Man," "Praying Mantis," spooky music, face painting, and crafts.

On Sunday 29 October, the Oldham Halloween Half Marathon and creative arts and crafts for the kids will keep the excitement going from 10am to 3pm. Meet Beastie, Minder, Inflatable Spider, Ollie, Millie, and enjoy thrilling activities.

Prepare for a bewitching Halloween in Oldham! [Discover more](#)

Mark your calendar for Thursday, 2 November, as we're bringing back the 11th annual Big Bang Bonfire!



Everyone is invited to join the fun at Oldham Edge Playing Fields (Henshaw Street, Oldham OL1 3EN), the go-to spot for the borough's biggest event of this kind.

Oldham is busy getting everything ready for an epic bonfire event. Expect a dazzling fire and light show, and a breath-taking firework display by the renowned Fantastic Fireworks, UK champions.

The excitement starts at 5pm with a fairground and tasty food stalls. At 6pm, we'll officially light the bonfire, and the evening will end with an amazing firework display at 7pm.

Stay updated on the latest performers by keeping an eye on our website and social media. For more details, [visit our webpage](#).

Gritter name competition

Oldham Council's popular name a gritter competition is back! Six of Oldham's famous gritters have been retired after years of super service. Now we want children in Oldham to name their replacements.

Oldham are running a **name the gritter** competition for primary and junior age children (4-11) and hopefully they will receive an avalanche of entries like they have done in the past.



Winning names will be added to the front of the cabs.

Please send entries via the webpage to https://www.oldham.gov.uk/name_a_gritter and include your child's details, plus contact details.

Social media suggestions will not be accepted.

Please see the website for all terms and conditions.

The closing date for entries is 11.59pm on Friday 3rd November and the winning entries will be chosen by a panel of councillors and council officers.

Winners will be invited to Moorhey Street depot to have their photo taken with the gritter they have named.



Let's get reading - BOOM Reader

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." - Roald Dahl

Well done to all the children and families who have logged onto Boom reader. We are pleased to announce the most home reading logs recorded on Boom reader this week.

Position	Name	Reads at home
First Place	Aayan Ali Class 3 Muhammad Haseeb Class 8	10 parent home reads
Second place	Aleena Ahmed Class 6	7 parent home reads
Third Place	Safa Bashir Class 12 Ariana Yasar Class 11 Bilal Malik Samokhalova Class 9 Umar Ahmed Class 5 Affan Mazhar Class 3	6 parent home reads



Spelling Shed Winners

Place	Total points awarded for correct spellings	Child
1st	20,674,468	Ayaan Ali Class 5
2nd	18,142,554	Hussain Mohammed Class 12
3rd	9,800,484	Aliza Zahra Class 5



TT Rockstars - CELEBRATIONS!

The most accurate Class	Class 3
The most active class	Class 5
The most improved speed	Eesa Bashir Class 5
The most active player	Mustasim Muhammad Class 4

Word Aware

This week's word is 'content.'

Please encourage your child to use this word when out and about and complete the activities.



Half Term Holiday

Just a reminder that we finish for half term next Friday 20th October and at the usual time of 3.10pm and return to school on Monday 30th October at 8.40am.

Date: October 2023



To Parent/Carer

Children & Young People
School Admissions, Level 8,
Civic Centre, West Street,
Oldham
OL1 1UG
Tel: 0161 770 4213
Email: ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Applying for a Secondary School place for September 2024

Your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024. This is a very exciting and important time. I am writing to make you aware of how and when you need to apply and where to access information to guide you through this process.

You will need to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website. It's quick and easy and ensures school offers can be made efficiently via e-mail.

The online system opened on **1 August 2023** and will close at **5pm on 31 October 2023**.

We recommend that a **minimum** of three preferences are made for any application.

If you don't have access to the internet, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries and at the Civic Centre – Access Oldham.

For faith schools you will need to fill in a supplementary form or provide documentation in addition to the application you make to us. Supplementary forms are available from and returned to the relevant school.

To enable you to have a look at what is on offer, all Oldham secondary schools will be holding open evenings during the autumn term. You will be able to access further information, a guide, and links to school websites by logging onto www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions

Should you have any initial queries please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Team on the above email/telephone number.

Yours sincerely,

School Admissions Team
Telephone 0161 770 4213
Email: ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk

Starting



Oldham
Council

Secondary School?

Will your child be moving up from their Primary School to Secondary School in September 2024

If they were born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, then the answer is yes.

To get your child a place in year 7

you must apply online by 5pm 31 October 2023

It's quick and easy, just visit.
www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions

For more information visit

www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions

You can access the internet at Oldham library.

Contact the School Admissions Team on:
0161 770 4213 if you need any help or advice.



Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND) Drop in Sessions Oldham Family Hubs



Oldham Parent Carer Forum are pleased to be working in partnership with Family Hubs across all 5 Oldham Districts.

We will be offering bi-weekly drop in sessions.

Do you have a child/young person who has or may have additional needs and/or disabilities, with or without a diagnosis? Want to find out more?

For information, advice and support or just to connect, come down and see us. We offer peer to peer support, signposting, events, referrals in to other POINT Services, and much more.

Monday 23rd October 10am - 12 noon

**We will be at:
Beever Family Hub, Moorby St,
Oldham, OL1 3QU**

If you would prefer to let us know your attending, please click [here](#).

Oldham Parent Carer Forum



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Family Hub

12 - 6PM
SUNDAY
15TH OCTOBER

**HUMAN AID
& ADVOCACY**



FAMILY FUNDAY

**FOR THE ROHINGYAS
IN BANGLADESH, COX'S BAZAAR**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE ROHINGYA
MEDICAL WELLBEING CENTRE**

OBA MILLENNIUM CENTRE, FEATHERSTALL ROAD, OL9 6QB



**BOUNCY
CASTLE**



**OUTDOOR
BBQ**



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**+ MUCH
MORE**

FOR STALLS CONTACT

JEWEL - 07713 182442

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