

15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



Christmas Lunch/Christmas Craft

It has been wonderful to welcome over 120 parents/carers to Christmas lunch this week. A lovely moment for families to share a meal at this special time of year. We thank our kitchen staff for the delicious food and also to Miss Booth for saving the day as the food order had not arrived on time. All our families enjoyed eating the delicious food and fun was had by all pulling the crackers and trying out the tongue twisters cards inside. We also had a special visit from Father Christmas!

We also welcomed over 150 parents/carers to our Christmas craft sessions. Families supported each other in making creative festive decorations and crafts, they even took part in a festive biscuit competition.

Christmas Parties

Children will be having their Class Christmas parties on Friday 22nd December next week and children will be able to come into school dressed in their party clothes. Children are allowed to bring in a small party bag of treats to their party. Please can we ask that there is no home cooked food, chocolate or any food with traces of nuts as we have staff and children with allergies. Teachers will of course ensure that bags are checked in the morning.

Parent/Carer Meeting

Thank you again to the parents who attended the meeting with Mrs Seabright (Headteacher) and Mrs Clarke (CEO Pinnacle Trust) on Monday this week. We have arranged the coffee mornings for next term our first one will be on Monday 15th January 2024 at 9.30am. It is important that we continue to work together and develop what already is a great partnership.



Safeguarding

Please can we remind families not to enter the school car park in their cars when dropping off children before 8.30am. There have been families that are driving far too fast into the car park to drop children off for breakfast club and this poses a high risk to the safety of children. Please park outside of school and walk children into the school grounds. We thank you for your continued support in road safety.

Reminder of Key dates

Year 3 children and teachers would like to invite families to the Year 3 Christmas production of Bah Humbug. It will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 9.30am in the hall. We look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible.

The year 4 choir will be spreading some Christmas cheer on Wednesday 20th December with two special performances. The first performance will take place at Abbey Hey Care Home from 2-2.30pm. The choir will then be performing at the school gate from 3-3.15pm for families as they arrive to collect their children at the end of the day. Please do come and join us for a sing song!





Farewell

Sadly we say a farewell to Mrs Wagstaff (Class 10 teacher) who will be leaving us on Friday next week. We thank her for her continued commitment to our school and wish her all the very best for the future. We are pleased to welcome Mr Rahman who will become the teacher in Class 10.

Children, Young People & Families: Advice Referral Tool

Attached is the new Children, Young People and Families Advice Referral Tool, which compliments the [Oldham Money Advice Referral Tool](#) shared previously.

We wish to share this with families to help sign post the support that is available.

Amazing Attendance last week and this week - AGAIN

We wish to celebrate with our school community how fantastic our current school attendance has continued to be.

A super well done to the classes below for achieving over 95% attendance last week - Last week whole school attendance was 95.7%

Classes 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12.

Class 1 enjoyed their breakfast waffles this week as they gained the highest attendance in school again.

All children who have achieved over 95% will receive their glow up snap bands on Thursday next week. Children must wear them to school as we are going to use them to light up the audience for the year 3 production. Thank you to Miss Booth for organising and for families in ensuring that children are in school everyday.



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	Ayaan Ali Class 3	8 parent home reads
Second place	Aadam Khan Class 3 Ahminah Siddiqa Class 2	7 parent home reads
Third Place	Affan Mazhar Class 3 Mohammed Wasif Islam Class 1 Fatimah Zahra Qadeer Class 1 Aleena Ahmed Class 6	6 parent home reads



Spelling Shed Winners

Place	Total points awarded for correct spellings	Child
1st	128,151,466	Mustasim Muhammad Class 4
2nd	49,003,536	Hareem Almas Class 12
3rd	48,368,000	Haroon Mohammad Class 9

TT Rockstars - CELEBRATIONS!



The most accurate Class	Class 8
The most active class	Class 4
The most improved speed	Aysha Jamil Class 12
The most active player	Mustafa Younis Class 4

Word Aware

This week's word is 'emerge.'

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



We will close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 22nd December at 3.10pm and open on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.40am.



Children, Young People and Families: Advice Referral Tool

What's happening?

Events and Activities:

- Family Hubs and Children's Centres 1
- Family activities 1 2 3 5
- School holiday activities and HAF 2 4 5

Help, advice and support:

- Making the most of your money including children and family benefits 1 5 7
- Finding childcare and childcare funding 1 5 9
- Babies and early years including infant feeding, weaning, potty training and school readiness 1 5 13
- Children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) 1 5 6
- Family support services 1 5 8
- Early Help 8

Child Protection and Safeguarding: I am worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person 11

- Abuse
- Exploitation
- Neglect
- Radicalisation

Health and Wellbeing: 1 5 8 9 10 12 13 14

- Drugs and alcohol usage or abuse
- Children and Young People Mental Health
- Eating disorders/ disordered eating
- Sexual health
- Sexuality and gender identity
- Weight management
- Substance misuse
- Stop smoking or vaping

- 1 Family Hubs and Children's Centres:** One stop-shops to access the help and support you need to make sure your child is healthy, safe and looked after. 
- 2 Oldham Libraries and Gallery:** Events, activities, storytelling and family theatre with Oldham Council's Heritage, Libraries and Arts services. 
- 3 Parks and Green Spaces:** Free access to parks and green spaces including Northern Roots and community volunteering activities. 
- 4 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF):** A programme of free activities during the school holidays funded by the Department for Education for children aged 5-16 who receive benefits-related free school meals in Oldham. There is also a selection of activities and events that children who don't qualify for free school meals can enjoy. 
- 5 Family Information Service including the SEND Local Offer:** Help, advice and support for parents and carers. Events, activities, childcare, children and family benefits and an online directory of services available in Oldham for children, young people and their families with special education needs and/ or a disability (SEND). 
- 6 Parent Carer Forum (POINT):** Support, advice, and activities for parents of children and young people with SEND. 
- 7 Support and Inclusion Team:** Practical and friendly support to make the most of your money including budgeting, benefit entitlement and debt advice. 
- 8 Early Help:** A range of specialist services to support children, young people and families with multiple and complex unmet needs on a range of issues. 
- 9 Health and Social Care Directory:** Social care, health, education, leisure and employment support and services. 
- 10 Child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS):** Specialist services to children and young people who are experiencing mental health and emotional wellbeing difficulties. 
- 11 Child Protection and Safeguarding:** Protecting Oldham's children and young people from abuse, exploitation, neglect and radicalisation. 
- 12 Meeting Your Needs Oldham (MYNO):** Provides young people (13-19 year olds) with support about sexual health and/ or substance misuse. 
- 13 Home Start:** Provides infant feeding support and a genetics outreach service. 
- 14 Your Health Oldham:** Support for young people and their families to help to get more active and eat healthier. Plus advice and support to stop smoking or vaping for anyone over 12 years old. 

Children, Young People and Families: Advice Referral Tool

Please also see Adults Health and Wellbeing Tool



If a child or young person is in immediate danger or risk of serious harm or injury, call 999.

1 Family Hubs and Children's Centres:

You can access face-to-face support at one of our Family Hubs or Children's Centres.

Family Hubs are one-stop-shops for all your family's needs, offering a range of services, support and activities including support from maternity and health visitors, infant feeding support, speech and language support, parenting, activities, and lots of help from our partners such as Home-Start, Dad Matters and POINT.

You can also access support through our online Virtual Hub.

Accessing information and advice: www.familyhubs.oldham.gov.uk

4 HAF Programme:

Taking place at locations across the borough and delivered by multiple providers during Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays for ages 5-16 years.

Bookings: All sessions must be booked in advance by visiting www.oldham.gov.uk/haf

Questions or queries: For questions about the activities, please contact our providers directly. For any questions about the programme, please email oldhamhaf@oldham.gov.uk

7 Support and Inclusion Team:

The Support and Inclusion Team can support with making the most of your money including children and family benefits such as Healthy Start Vouchers and child benefits.

Check the benefits and financial support you could receive: www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/

Contact us: www.oldham.gov.uk/wecanhelp or call the Oldham Council Helpline on 0171 770 7007 (Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm)

8 Early Help Service:

Family workers provide help to families on a range of issues. They help families identify their own strengths to achieve positive outcomes for themselves.

Resources to support families are available: www.oldham.gov.uk/We-Can-Help-Families.

Make a referral: Call 0161 770 7777, email child.mash@oldham.gov.uk or fill in the form online on the council website.

11 Child protection and safeguarding:

If you suspect a child or young person is being abused, then you will be listened to and believed. The first step is to make a child protection referral. The more factual information you can share, the quicker Children's Social Care or the police will be able to deal with your referral.

Make a referral: Call 0161 770 7777, email child.mash@oldham.gov.uk or fill in the form online on the council website.

2 Oldham Libraries and Gallery:

Taking place at venues across Oldham, come and join in a variety of activities and events.

Find out what's on: www.oldham.gov.uk/liveathelibrary or visit your local library. galleryoldham.org.uk

Keep up to date by signing up to the council's newsletter and by following our social media channels.



5 Family Information Service including the SEND Local Offer

For support, information and advice:

The Family Information Service (FIS) provides free, impartial, up-to-date information to support parents/carers with children and young people aged 0-19 years (25 with an additional need) and prospective parents. You can find family services, Ofsted registered childcare, activities and events.

Oldham's Local Offer is an online resource that details services, support and guidance available to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25 and their families.

Visit: www.oldham.gov.uk/FIS and www.oldham.gov.uk/localoffer

3 Parks and Green Spaces:

Find out what's on:

www.oldham.gov.uk/parks

6 Parent Carer Forum (POINT):

A support and advice service for parents and carers of SEND children and young people. There is a peer-to-peer network, specialist support and advisors and access to a range of family activities.

Visit: www.point-send.co.uk

10 CAMHS:

Anyone can make a referral including self-referral by a young person, parents, carers, health, social care and education professionals or anyone who comes into contact with a young person.

Make a referral: Call 0161 770 7777 (8.40am - 5pm, Monday - Friday), email child.mash@oldham.gov.uk or fill in the form online on the council website.

9 Health and Social Care Directory:

A directory of health and social care support and services.

www.oldham.gov.uk/SEND

14 Your Health Oldham

Who is the service for: children, young people and their families who want help to move more or eat healthier or anyone over the age of 12 who wants help to stop smoking or support around vaping.

Contact us: Refer yourself via the online referral tool or call 0161 960 025.

12 Meeting Your Needs Oldham (MYNO):

Who the service is for: support for young people around sexual health, identify or substance misuse.

Contact us: Call 0161 723 3880 (8am - 6pm Monday - Thursday, 8am - 5pm on Friday) or email info@earlybreak.co.uk

13 Home Start:

Information and support to help parents make informed choices around feeding their baby. Home Start also support families where parents or children have genetic disorders, and encourage and support families to undergo genetic screening tests to understand the likelihood of passing on genetic conditions, and assess the potential impact of these.

Contact us: Call 0161 344 0669 or fill in the online referral form.