

1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

World book Day



World book day is on **Thursday 7th March** this year. The theme for book day this year is snuggle up with a good book. So we are asking children to come to school wearing their pyjamas and dressing gowns for the day. Please make sure they still wear sensible shoes as they will need to go outside at playtime. They can bring slippers to change into in class if they want to.

Big Walk and Wheel Week

We are excited to take part in the 15th-year celebration of the Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling competition for children.

Event Details:

- Date: 11th-22nd March 2024

What is Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel?

This annual event encourages pupils to make active journeys to school, contributing to improved air quality in their neighbourhoods while discovering the positive impact on their world.



Daily Prize Draws:

Schools exceeding 15% participation in active journeys will be entered into daily prize draws, offering rewards like equipment and accessories.

Ramadan

It will soon be the holy month of Ramadan and we are aware that this is an extremely important time for our Muslim families. The holy month is due to commence around Monday 4th March/Tuesday 5th March.

We understand that when children reach the age of puberty they are expected to fast. However, we are concerned that at this time of year, daylight hours are quite long, and it is inevitable that children who fast may feel tired, may find it difficult to concentrate and be at risk of dehydration. Therefore, we are allowing only Year 6 children to fast if they wish to. Children who are not in Year 6 will not be allowed to fast.

A letter has gone out to our year 6 families which includes more information. For families fasting during the month of Ramadan, we would like to wish you all Ramadan Mubarak.



Attendance

Well done to all children who we celebrated this morning in assembly for achieving 100% attendance. If your child has come home with a certificate then they will be able to wear their own clothes to school next Friday 8th March.



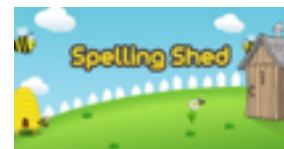
Let's get reading - BOOM Reader

"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	Zulekha Jabeen Class 11	11 parent home reads
Second place	Muhammad Haseeb Class 8	9 parent home reads
Third Place	Zara Yasin Class 8	8 parent home reads

Spelling Shed Winners



Place	Total points awarded for correct spellings	Child
1st	97,331,260	Mustasim Muhammad Class 4
2nd	20,537,454	Hareem Almas Class 12
3rd	12,406,526	Amnah Mahmood Class 11

TT Rockstars - CELEBRATIONS!

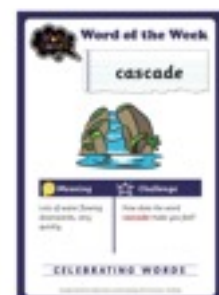


The most accurate Class	Class 12
The most active class	Class 4
The most improved speed	Inaaya Noor Class 4
The most active player	Mustasim Muhammad Class 4

Word Aware

This week's word is 'cascade.'

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



Oldham Gallery and Library

See attached information so that families are aware of the events taking place over the next few months.

Laticzone

Laticzone offers a bespoke education programme to engage students in their learning. Laticzone can offer a varied curriculum including core subjects, BTEC qualifications, Princes Trust Achieve Award, Arts Award and AQA Unit Award scheme. Please see more information attached to this newsletter.

Penalty notices

Since guidelines were issued by the Department for Education (DfE) in September 2013, Local Authorities have issued Penalty Notice fines to parents and carers who fail to ensure their children's school attendance meets the threshold. There have been concerns raised by many colleagues in Oldham schools about the increase in absences lost to holidays/leave taken in term time.

Having consulted with neighbouring authorities on the number of fines that they have been issuing per parent per academic year (and being mindful of the 'Working together to improve school attendance') it has been agreed that from 1st April 2024 Oldham will increase the number for holidays/leave taken in term time to 2 per academic year. This applies only for holidays and unauthorised leave, not for other unauthorised absences.

Please see the letter from Oldham council detailing more information.

