

Principal's Newsletter 13th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Christmas Lunch, OPAL Play and a special visit from Santa

Thank you to the 120+ parents/carers who joined their children in school this week for our annual Christmas lunch. It was great to see families join in the lunchtime fun afterwards in our OPAL play activities. The surprise visit from Santa added to the festive fun.

Thank you to our staff involved in the planning and delivery of these events.

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	Aleena Ahmed Class 8	27 parent reads
Second Place	Aryaan Ahmed Class 5	20 parent reads
Third Place	Noah Arbane Class 1	17 parent reads

Spelling Shed Winners



#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score
1.		Raja AHMED	Class 11 24/25, Year 6 - Group 1b Miss Nolan	28,347,497
2.		Mohammed HAIDER	Class 11 24/25, Year 6 - Group 1b Miss Nolan	20,644,792
3.		Muhammad Zayaan ALI	Class 11 24/25, Year 6 - Group 1b Miss Nolan	17,327,711

TT Rockstars – CELEBRATIONS!



The most accurate Class	Class 11
The most active Class	Class 4
The most improved speed	Habiba Noore Class 12
The most active player	Junaid Ahmed Class 11

Word Aware

This week's word is 'wheeze.'

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



Attendance

Well done to these classes for achieving 95% or above:

Classes 1, 2, 4, 9, 10 and 12.

Classes 1 received their waffle treat as they had the highest attendance in school.



REMINDER - Food Vouchers to cover the Christmas holiday 2024.

You may have read in the local media that Oldham Council has been allocated funding to support vulnerable residents through its Household Support Fund. Some of this funding will be used to cover food voucher support for children eligible for means tested Free School Meals over school holidays.

We want to ensure that those eligible for free school meals on the grounds of low income receive a food voucher to cover the holiday at a rate of £40 per eligible child.

The most effective way of ensuring vulnerable families receive the vouchers that can be used in the Oldham supermarket of their choice is via a third-party online hub – known as WONDE.

WONDE is a data integration company already used by many schools in Oldham who offer a free school meal voucher system. This voucher system has a live link to your school's data therefore automatically recognises the students who are eligible for Free School Meals. The system should be quick and easy to use and produces the vouchers that can be used in most Oldham supermarkets.

If your child is entitled to income based free school meals, please look out for an email and/or text confirming that your voucher has been issued.

For more information go to: <https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb> This includes a step-by-step guide of how to access the vouchers (once your school has issued them to you).

If you have any questions, please contact the school in the first instance.

For any families that are really struggling for food and provisions over the school holiday, please visit the Oldham Council website www.oldham.gov.uk/wecanhel which lists financial support and benefits that are available for residents.

REMINDER - We close for the school holidays on Friday 20th December 2024 and return to school on Monday 6th January 2025