

ParentPay

The school office would like to thank everyone who is supporting our aim to become a cashless and paperless school. 90% of our families are now registered to make payments and receive communication through ParentPay. If you have not yet registered and would like help to get your account created please contact Mrs Keen or Mrs Cook in the office. As the majority of our communication is now sent via ParentPay please ensure that you have an up to date email and telephone number registered.

Clubs

We are delighted that so many children are taking the opportunity to participate in the wide range of clubs and music lessons that take place in our school. It really does enrich their life. If you're unsure of what is available, then check your emails for the club overview or ask your child to speak to the office.

Lunch times

We are proud of our lunch time provision which is proving to be really successful. As well as plenty of space for the children to play their own games, we also provide activities such as table tennis, sports equipment, the bench maze, the adventure area and Games Club for those that enjoy a little more structure. There are areas where the children can enjoy a peaceful time with benches, they can sit or read a book in the gazebo and enjoy wandering around the sensory garden. On top of all that, the most successful aspect, is the excellent team of supervisors and coaches which keep a close eye on and support your children by encouraging them while eating, keep them safe on the playgrounds and the two Metcalf Sports coaches which supervise and run free sports games on the playgrounds for all the children that want to take part. We thank this very important and dedicated team for all the support and fun they give our pupils during lunch times come rain or shine.

Outdoor learning

At Overdale Junior's, we are so fortunate to have some of the best school grounds in the city, (ssh.. don't tell anyone). This gives children amazing outdoor learning experiences such as Forest Schools, Outdoor Science, Gardening Club and many EcoOverdale opportunities. To enable all children to participate to the full, they require a pair of wellies and a warm, waterproof coat. Children may be required to engage and enjoy activities which take place in deep mud (The Bog of Doom) or even the brook. It is therefore essential that they are prepared for really cold weather and wet conditions.

Maths

Thank you for the continued positive attitude towards Maths. We have witnessed a real buzz about Prodigy and TT Rockstars this term. The children have confidently talked about their learning to our guests from other schools, who have visited to see how we teach maths. We look forward to building on the success next term.

Reading

We have been really pleased to see so many children reading regularly at home this term and being awarded a golden reading ticket! All children need to do is to read for a minimum of 20 minutes 5 times a week to get a golden ticket. These winners are then entered into a weekly draw - and 16 children already this year have won our £10 reading prize. Please continue to find time to listen to your child read as talking about books and new words is a really important part of helping them to succeed in all subjects. Children can read books from class or from home and our goal is to try to find something great to read every day. The school will be holding reading meetings for each year group after half term. Letters will follow!

School Volunteers

If you would like to be one of our school volunteers who help with your child's class for trips, sports events or during lessons we require you to have an up to date DBS check (funded by the school) and also complete our internal safeguarding training. If you think you would like to help at any point during this school year we recommend completing these checks asap to ensure that you can come into school. Please see the school office for further assistance.



SPARK! Academy

“ Spark has built up Aarnav's confidence in general, he is more sure of himself when asked questions. Aarnav's understanding & confidence has grown and he is enjoying learning and is always excited to attend his lessons. Spark has helped to develop Aarnav socially and academically and always made him feel welcome. - Khiloni [Parent] ”

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“ Being a full-time Maths teacher myself means that I struggle for time to tutor my own children or help them with their homework. Sending my children to Spark means that I can concentrate on being a mum and know that my children are in trusted and professional hands. Mrs Patel [Mum & Teacher] ”

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