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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The following message is on the Red Cross website. We will be helping the appeal on Friday of this week. You will see later in the newsletter there will be a non-uniform day and other fundraising activities.

A devastating earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale struck Haiti on 12 January 2010, killing an estimated 50,000 and affecting at least one million people. The situation in the capital Port-au-Prince and other nearby areas is dire, with hundreds of thousands of people in urgent need of assistance.

In the immediate aftermath of the disaster, local Red Cross staff and volunteers were on the scene and continue to assist the injured and support hospitals struggling to cope.

Drawing on resources around the world the Red Cross is carrying out a huge emergency response operation. Pre-positioned relief goods were released immediately within Haiti and from other warehouses in the region. These consist of kitchen kits, shelter kits, personal hygiene kits, blankets and containers for storing drinking water.

Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere and the quake has had a massive impact on a population already reeling from other recent disasters. Thousands of buildings have collapsed and aftershocks continue. The affected population are now living on the streets and in makeshift camps in open public spaces.

Funds are urgently needed to provide food, water and healthcare.

FORTHCOMING DATES

End of Term	Friday 12 February
Half Term	Monday 15 February
Start of Term	Monday 22 February

MINDBENDER

The winner of last week's mindbender, with the only correct answer was Toyo Sadare in 8A – prize at reception.

This week's puzzle:-

The winter Olympics start in Vancouver this week so mindbender would like to know:

1. All the past venues for the winter Olympics
2. All the events that the GB team have won medals.



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CLIFTON ROOM

Any students wishing to pray can make use of the Clifton Room during break times.

FORTHCOMING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY— PARENT/CARER FORUM

Thursday 4th March 5.00 – 6.00 pm will be the next Parent/Carer Forum. The topic for discussion will be student behaviour and approaches to behaviour management.

Friends of Oasis Academy Enfield Will be meeting here at 4.15 on the 9th February.

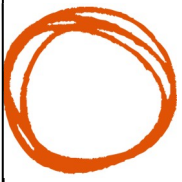


OasisChurch - Enfield, meets each Sunday at The Oasis Academy from 10am starting with an informal time over a cuppa! Then a time to discuss and debate a topic from the Bible. The Church is part of the Oasis Hub and it chooses to serve and work with the school, the children's centre and the youth team. To know more about Oasis church we can be contacted via our website www.church.co.uk/enfield. or call 01992 655463 to speak with Craig or Rachel Bird.

HAITI APPEAL



On Friday 12th February we will be holding a number of fund raising events for Haiti. All students who wish may wear their own clothes in Haitian colours (see flag) and bring in £1. We will also be running some after school and lunch time sporting and other activities throughout the day. Students can pay to take part in these activities in order to raise money for Haiti. Bring your £1 in Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and hand in to your Learning Guide.



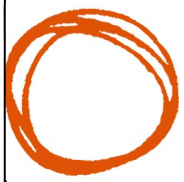
BALINESE GAMELAN WORKSHOP



On Monday 25th January Year 9 Music Pathway students took part in a Balinese Gamelan workshop. Gamelan is a unique type of musical ensemble native to Indonesia. The instruments it contains include a variety of tuned gongs in many different sizes, metallophones and cymbals.

The workshop was lead by Mike Simpson from Inspire-works who spent a year in Bali learning the music and culture.

Students got to perform Gamelan music using authentic instruments. Their final performance was superb and inspirational!!



'Nation'

A novel by Terry Pratchett adapted for stage by Mark Ravenhill

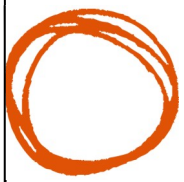


I had the privilege of sharing a day theatre trip with Year 9 Drama Learning Pathway students on Saturday. I was simply chuffed that we got to spend time together outside of school hours and I want to shout out from Enfield treetops that they were a joy to be with and a real credit to our school regarding their behaviour and attitude.

We were part of the world famous NationTheatre 'live' broadcast for the matinee performance of Terry Pratchett's 'Nation'- an exhilarating adventure story of survival and self-discovery. This was screened in 21 countries in 330 cinemas to an audience of 75,000 people – We made up 27 of this number! Yipeeeeeeeeeeee and hoorayyyyyyyyyyyyyy for us!

Many thanks to the wonderful Miss Mohamudally for joining us (ps. I don't think she liked the play guys?!) and a big hello to Buses' sister it was lovely to meet you and we are glad you joined us! We are really looking forward to our year 9 theatre trip in the next module!

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MATHS—HELPFUL HINTS

Mathematics is an exciting and challenging subject, which plays a central role in many aspects of modern life. When you listen to a CD, watch a weather forecast, use a mobile phone, or use the internet, you are benefiting from sophisticated mathematical ideas.

At Oasis Academy Enfield every child is an individual and is valued for their own individuality. A number of students will be taking home a holiday revision pack. This is part of the intervention programme at the academy, which is aimed at giving pupils the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential.

How to use the pack?

Find a quiet place

The tasks are labelled by days. Students should spend 10 minutes each day working on one task.

Return to the class teachers after the holiday

How can parents help their children to improve their attainment?

- **Useful websites:**

www.mymaths.co.uk – login – Enfield, password- addition
BBCBITESIZE,

www.mathszone.co.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/games/>

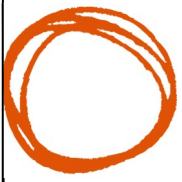
- **Ideas and tips:**

Try some of these to reinforce learning that has taken place at school:

Children must get used to solving problems in their heads, rather than resorting to a calculator. Play games with your child: throw two dice and multiply the numbers, then move on to multiplying the sum of two throws by the sum of another two throws. Try to get some pace into the game!

Play snakes and ladders, darts, dominoes and other games that depend on numbers, counting, calculation and scoring. 'Battleships' is a fun way to use graphs. Invest in a range of maths puzzle books.

Capitalise on hobbies. If your child is car-mad, talk about relative engine sizes, fuel economy, speed and performance. If she has a favourite pop group, get her to compile a list of statistics such as the number of weeks each single is in the charts. Watch and play sports that involve scoring, timing, counting, measuring.



Learning Together: Succeeding Together

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Think about calendars and dates too. Make a timeline that includes the birthdays of each member of the family and work out how far apart each one is. Use different units: months, weeks and days, even hours, minutes and seconds. Add other important events, such as a family holiday, and encourage your child to count down to the big day.

Cooking is great for helping your child get to know simple weights and measures. An old-fashioned set of balance scales is ideal. Count out spoonfuls of ingredients. This is a good way to introduce the idea of ratios and proportions, too. Bear in mind that your child are learning the metric system at school, so try to measure amounts in grams and kilograms.

Use learning games on educational websites: check out the **BBC Schools Games Machine** for lots of ideas.

Contact: Mr. T. Hines
Oasis Academy Enfield
Interventions/maths coordinator
Ms. J. Ngatia (learning Director)

Dear parent/guardian/carer

I'm delighted to tell you about a special event taking place on Tuesday 27th April. Top family speaker Rob Parsons will be coming to Oasis Academy Enfield, and presenting **Teenagers! What Every Parent Has to Know** - an evening of down-to-earth ideas, humour, and, most of all, hope - from national charity Care for the Family, which will give you useful insights into life with a teenager. Attached is a flier and a brochure with more information about the event.

At Teenagers! What Every Parent *Has* to Know you'll hear Rob explore some of the most confusing and challenging aspects of parenting teenagers, including:

- Understanding what's going on in your teenager's brain
- Why reading your child's school report can fool you
- Keys for dealing with the really testing teenager

The big issues: sex, drugs, self-esteem...

Rob has presented this evening to thousands of parents all around the UK, already. Here are some of the things they've said:

"I wish every parent could hear this information before their kids are teens!"

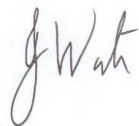
"Rob Parson's ability to tackle very serious issues with humour has made me feel more relaxed about the fact that I don't have answers to all the problems."

"It's so powerful hearing someone speak about something they've lived themselves..."

"Very encouraging and supportive and fun."

'Teenagers! What Every Parent *Has* to Know' will be held at **Oasis Academy Enfield from 7.30 until 10.00pm (doors open at 7.00pm)**. Tickets normally cost £6.00 each but we have agreed to make them available to parents of students at the Academy for just **£3.00** each. The event is open to the wider public and so we have reserved 50 tickets for our families. To book through us you must fill out the reply slip below and return it with the £3 fee to school as soon as possible and no later than 19th March. Alternatively you can book direct by calling (029) 2081 0800 or visiting www.careforthefamily.org.uk/teenagers Please quote the special code "**schools**" to obtain the discount.

With best wishes



Mr John Walton
Principal

Teenager's event: please return to reception in an envelope marked 'Teenagers event' or hand to Mrs Meadows

Name:

Name of student:

Number of tickets required:

Total amount of money included:



Children's Centre

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Stay and Play 10.00am-12.00 noon Playground		Fathers Groups 9.30-11.00 am Playground	Enfield Childminding Network Group 9.30-11.30 am Playground	As from April 09 CAHMS Family Services 9.00am-12 noon
Baby Massage 10.00-12 noon Community Room	Under 5's Rhyme Time by Enfield Library Outreach 2.00-2.45 pm Playground	Home Start Play Group 12.45-2.45 pm Playground	Job Centre Plus: Work Focus Interviews And Housing Benefit drop in advice sessions 9.45-1.30 pm Community Room	Enfield Counselling Services 11am – 5pm Free, confidential counselling service Community Room (As from April 09 sessions will be between 12.30-5.00)
Starts Soon SOMAFAL Somalian Community Group (stay and play, advice and advocate services, drop ins) Playground	Starting March 2009 Home Start Strengthening Families and Strengthening Communities (course for parent/carers with crèche facilities) Playground and Community room		Stay and Play 2.00pm-4.00pm Playground	Job Centre Plus Every 6 weeks on a Friday morning Options & Choices events: 10.00-12 noon Community Room
			Health Visitor Drop In Sessions 2.00-4.00 pm Community Room	

Oasis Children's Centre
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