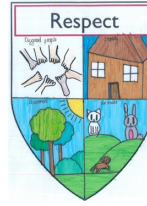
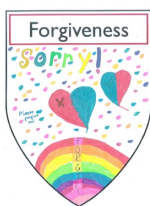


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Summer Newsletter: 19th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we are only 1 week away from our half term holiday - the last 5 weeks have sped by so quickly.

Remember we break up on Friday 26th May and are back at school on Monday 5th June.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Film Night on Wednesday. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

£900 profit was raised on the night—that's enough to pay for 36 children to access Forest School next year which is fantastic! Thank you to our PTA and all the volunteers - we are really grateful for all your support.

Have a lovely weekend, Ellie Game

Attendance

Reception - 96.7%

Year 1 - 97.8%

Year 2 - 96.3%

Year 3 - 94.2%

Year 4 - 96.3%

Year 5 - 96.4%

Year 6 - 98.8%

Well done Year 6 for having the best attendance!

Value of the half term...

Loyalty

This week we looked at the loyalty of animals. We shared the story of Beddgelert a small village in Wales. We learnt that we must always think before we act to make sure our actions are wise. If people are disloyal to us we must always make sure we know all facts before we judge. We also had our Open the Book team come into school and Rev'd John.

Megan (year 2) and Finlay (year 6) along with their dad will be taking part in the Royal Sutton Fun Run on Sunday, 4th June 2023, in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice.

It is an 8.5 mile run around Sutton Coldfield and Sutton Park to raise money for this amazing charity. Acorns Hospice are a lifeline, as they look after Finlay and Megan's brother, Alfie, 12 nights each year. Alfie suffers with

Cerebral Palsy, after suffering a brain-trauma at birth. A charity set up in his name has raised in excess of £400,000 over the past 14 years to raise money for children with disabilities in and around The Black Country.

This year Finlay and Megan and their Dad, want to give something back for the support they give to Alfie and their family.

They have a JustGiving page, which has raised almost £600 so far.

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Acorns have to raise £10,000 a day to operate, for each of three hospices (£30,000 each day), around £10,000,000 each year. Finlay, Megan and their Dad are hoping to raise lots of money to give something back. They will be really grateful for anything you can give.





SAVE OUR FOREST SCHOOL



WE ALL LOVE FOREST SCHOOL!

But Forest School
costs £25.00 per child
per year!



With cuts to school budgets of
£140k from last year and large
increases in energy costs,

**THE SCHOOL CANT
AFFORD TO PAY
FOR EXTRAS LIKE
FOREST SCHOOL!**



MONEY RAISED BY THE PTA WILL FUND FOREST SCHOOL

We'll be running regular events
throughout the year to raise
these valuable funds.



WE NEED YOU!



There is a very small group of
PTA volunteers...

we need YOUR help!

Could YOU help us?

Could YOU spare some time?

Do YOU have a talent or idea to
help raise money?



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a shout-out!

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE PTA ON
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There for Dudley families when they need us the most

Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family. Our volunteers are trained and given expert support from the local Home-Start in their community.

To find out more about volunteering for Home-Start visit Facebook [admin@home-startdudley.org.uk](#) T:01384 482733

We help families from all backgrounds with at least one child under 5 through their most challenging times

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Because childhood can't wait - support for your family

The earliest years make the biggest impact: Home-Start make sure those years count so that no child's future is limited.



Working alongside families

Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heartbreaking and overwhelming.

Life-changing events can happen to anyone. All parents struggle at one time or another. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times.

Many parents need help, friendship, advice or support, especially during those early years when children are young. Home-Start works with families experiencing challenges including: mental health - physical health issues - illness - disability - postnatal illness - bereavement - money worries - relationship problems - isolation - multiple births - forces families - new/young parents. Home-Start offers a wide range of targeted support for parents and their children. Families tell us about the support they need - we agree together how our DBS checked trained volunteers will provide that little extra one-to-one help and support.



Home-Start volunteers provide regular support. Just a couple of hours a week can make a big difference to a parent and their children. We help families to build on their strengths and give them the support they tell us they need to give their children the best possible start in life. We work with families in a range of ways and use the approach they think will give them the best possible support.

Ways Home-Start can support you

- Home-visiting support
- Phone support
- Trips and outings
- Family groups and activities

All our services are based around the principle that volunteers offer no judgement, just compassionate, confidential help and support.

If you'd like Home-Support, just ask. You can contact us yourself or be referred by a professional or service e.g. health visitor, nursery, GP, midwife



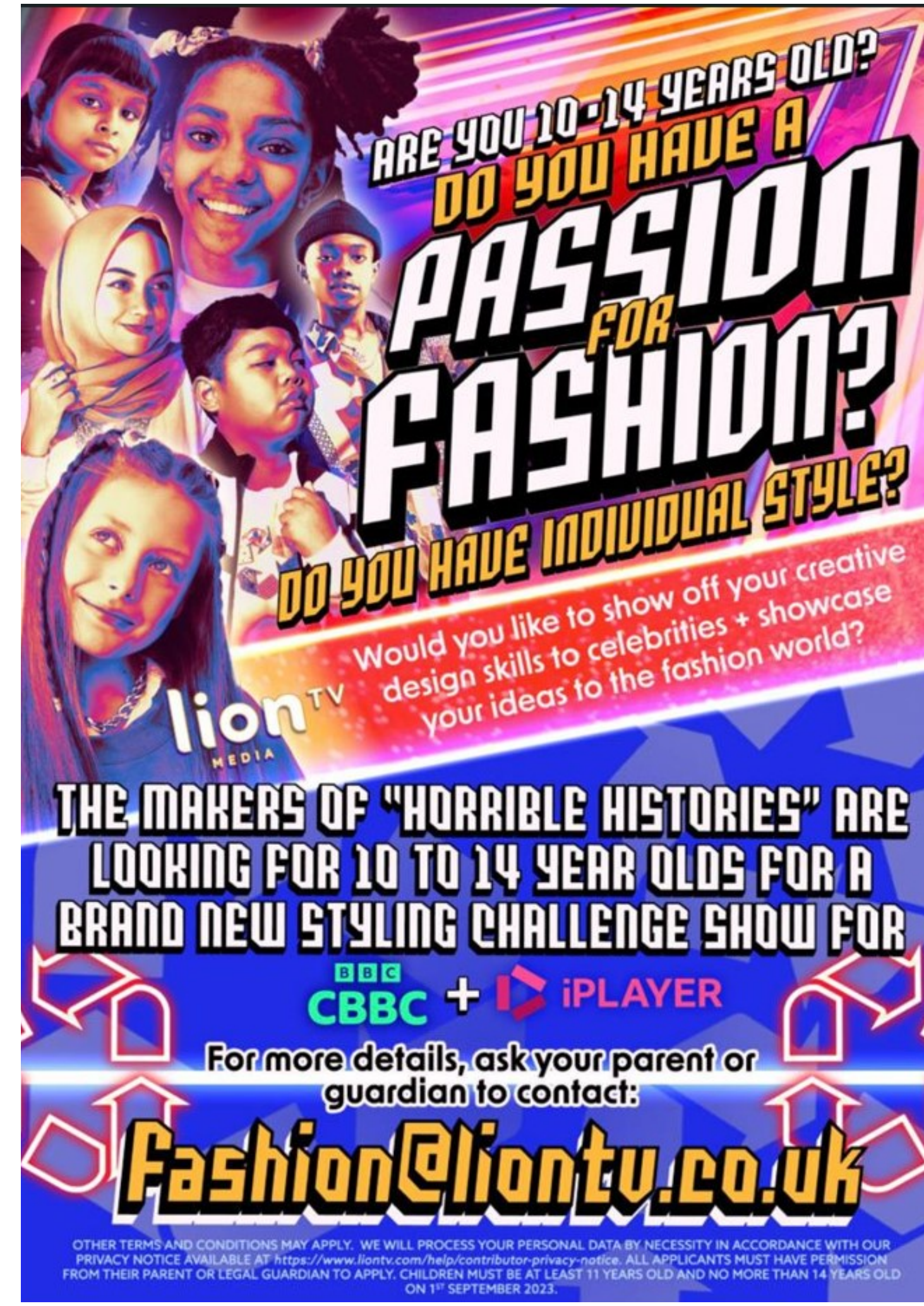
"With the support of a Home-Start volunteer, I learned how to interact and play with my son, put boundaries in place, and create a safe and secure home. After Home-Start helped to change my life, I decided I wanted to become a volunteer for the charity".

— Louise



Contact us today to find out more about how Home-Start works with families

We're on Facebook EMAIL us: [admin@home-startdudley.org.uk](#) CALL: 01384 482733 07809 702700



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