



The Orchard Primary School

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3rd November 2023

Welcome back to school!  
We do hope that you had a lovely half term break.

As a school we have busy weeks ahead including Parents Meetings. Please do check your SchoolPing for important messages and school activities

Year 1: Local Walk

This week, on Tuesday, Year 1 went on a local walk as part of the geography unit. They enjoyed seeing the planes, the local buildings such as the mosque and Tesco shop. The children will be writing an account of their walk.



October : Black History Month

At the end of the half term, Year 1 were lucky enough to take part in an African drumming workshop as part of Black History month.

The children learned African beats and rhythm, as well as some Swahili words, like Jambo, hello.

We all had a lovely time, thank you to the company who provided this good experience for

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School telephone: 020 8570 6247

School email: [parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)  
For enquiries or to update address or phone contact.

School website: [www.orchardprimary.com](http://www.orchardprimary.com)

As it turns colder, please remember to put your child's name into any scarfs or gloves that are worn to school. All items that come into school should be named.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week of 6th November 2023  
Parliament Week

Week of 13th November 2023  
Anti-Bullying Week

Week of the 20th November  
Road Safety Week

Parent/Carer Meetings  
Please see SchoolPing for booking details.



Courses for Adults 2023 / 2024.

Empowering residents to realise their full potential.

Details can be found at:

<https://coursesearch.hounslow.gov.uk/>

Early Years Pupil Premium ( EYPP)

EYPP is extra Government money paid to a primary school or childcare provider to encourage early learning of children aged three or four.

Please see if you are eligible and apply for this funding to help get your child/children off to a good start at <https://fsd.hounslow.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/EYPP.aspx>

Girls Football Festival

Last term, on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023, a number of Orchard year 5 students had the opportunity to play in a Girls Football Festival at Gumley House Convent School in Isleworth. The girls played a number of mini-games in a relaxed, supportive environment and had an enjoyable time.

Congratulations Roya, Chhavi, Yessica, Kshiraja, Dishali, Saima, Nicole, Athina, Lucy May, Imaya, Samicah and Vedesree!



Olive class and Redwood class achieved the highest attendance for this week, the 31st October to the 3rd November 2023.

Every school day does matter.



Punctuality

Gates open at 8.45am. Children can go straight into class at this time.

- ◇ Key Stage 2 children MUST be in class by 8.55am.
- ◇ Key Stage 1 children MUST be in class by 9.00am.

Please be on time to school. Being late disrupts the start of the class and can make your child miss out on important lessons and time with their classmates.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, for any reason, please let us know. Please email: [absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)  
Or telephone the school on 0208 570 6247 and leave a voicemail message on the absence line by choosing Option 2.

Please leave as much detail as possible – 'sick' or 'unwell' cannot be accepted as a reason. Please try to make appointments outside of school time. If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, or has been at the hospital, please provide an appointment card, hospital discharge letter or email details (appointment & time) to the absence email.

**This is needed so absence can be authorised.**

If collecting early to take your child to an appointment, please also include this in your email.

Thank you.