



The Orchard Primary School

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8th November 2024

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School Meals

The school menu has changed and is on the school website and on ParentPay.

Please look at the new menu with your child(ren) and ask them what meals they would like for the week.

*Please note - if your child receives school dinners but you do not choose a meal for them on ParentPay, then they will receive jacket potato.

This is why it is important to choose meals in advance.

The dinner register is taken every morning in class. If a child is not present when the dinner register is taken, then they are marked as absent. If they arrive late after this point, then they will receive jacket potato and not their chosen meal. This is because the kitchen can only prepare the chosen meals for students who are marked as present when the dinner register is taken. Extra jacket potato's are made daily for children who arrive late.

Please ensure your child(ren) are on time everyday so they can receive their chosen meal.

All children from Reception to year 6 are entitled to receive a free school meal. However, if your child prefers they can still bring a healthy packed lunch instead.

Please ensure you have no meal debt on ParentPay from previous years as this will prevent you booking your child's free meal.

If you have any questions about your child's school dinner or need help booking on ParentPay, please ring the school and choose option 4 (fm 9.30am-2.30pm) and we will be happy to assist you. Thank you.

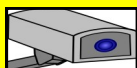
*** REMINDERS ***

Please do not leave any scooters or bicycles unattended on school premises. If they are left in the school, please use the bike shed to store them and ensure that they are safely locked up. The school cannot take any responsibility for lost or damaged items.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school everyday. It's very important that kids stay hydrated throughout the day regardless of the weather. Please also ensure your child does not wear earrings on PE day as it is a safety hazard.

Thank you for your continued support

These premises are under 24-hour CCTV surveillance!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fancy Dress Disco
Year 3 & 4 Tuesday, 12th November
Year 5 & 6 Thursday, 14th November

School Bookfair Week
Week of 18th November—22nd November

Remembrance Ceremony
Year 4 & 6 Friday, 15th November
Year 3 & 5 Monday, 11th November

Year 1 Drop-in session
Thursday, 7th November @ 3.10pm
Year 2 Drop-in session
Friday, 8th November @ 3.10pm

Anti-Bullying week
11th November—15th November



Cross-Country tournament at Osterley

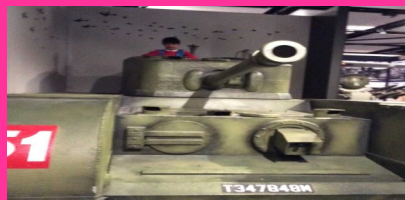
Just before half term, students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a cross-country tournament. They had a lovely time and hope to return soon!



War Museum trip

Just before half term, year 6 went to the National Army Museum in Chelsea as part of their WW2 topic. Below is a summary of the trip written by a student:

"Firstly, we caught the tube and travelled to Sloane square station. When we arrived the first thing we saw was a large WW2 army tank which was amazing, there was also lots of historical army hats and uniforms. Everyone was so excited. During the visit, we explored many artifacts to see what life was like during the Blitz. We also had the opportunity to participate and do a presentation on Britain during WW2. It was great fun and we learnt some fantastic information."



Congratulations

Hazel class and Oak class achieved the highest attendance for this week 4th—8th November 2024.

Sycamore class and Juniper class achieved the highest attendance last term. They have been rewarded with a mufti day on Monday, 11th November. Well done!

Keep up the good work!

Kew Gardens

Over the last couple of weeks of Autumn 1, all three Year 3 classes visited Kew Gardens as part of their learning in geography and art. The children travelled by bus (237), which itself was fun because they got to see lots of local shops, cafes, the River Thames and even the canal. While at Kew Gardens, the children measured soil temperature both outside and inside the Palm House, which gave them the experience of being in a tropical rainforest. For some, seeing the different layers of the tropical rainforest was the most memorable thing. For others, it was the Hive, a glass and metal structure with lights and sound,

inspired by the real bee hives at Kew. For many, seeing hundreds of botanical paintings by the Victorian explorer and painter Marianne North was spectacular.

By Adiba, George, Roya & Rushika—On behalf



Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, for any reason, please let us know. Please email: absence@tops.hounslow.sch.uk Or telephone the school on 020 8570 6247 and leave a voicemail message on the absence line by choosing Option 2. 'Sick' or 'unwell' cannot be accepted as a reason so please provide as much detail (symptoms) as possible. If your child does feel generally unwell in the morning before school, we encourage them to come into school, and if needed, the welfare officer will call you if your child is not well enough to stay in school.

Absence of a child due to parents ill health or that of a relative, is not an acceptable reason for a child to not be in school.

Please try to make GP and dental appointments outside of school hours so that your child is in school as much as possible. If your child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, we expect your child to be in school before and after the appointment.

If your child has a hospital appointment or needs to attend the hospital please provide an appointment card, hospital discharge letter or email details (appointment & time) to the absence email.

This is a requirement so that absences can be authorised.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.