



**World Mental Health Day**

The 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 was world mental health day. As a school we raised awareness of the importance of our mental health, and children and staff came to school wearing yellow. During the day children took part in some activities to support their mental health which included, mindfulness colouring, learning outside and doing some drawing and painting.



**Cross Country**

This year, Cross Country was a huge success! The year 1's did an excellent job as it was their first time, and ran 2 laps of the field with year the 2's. Years 3 and 4 also did a fantastic job and ran 3 laps, while the year 5 and 6's ran five laps of the field and playground.

The year 5's were very encouraging and had the responsibility of marshalling, which they did brilliantly.

All the year groups had the opportunity to participate in this amazing event. Cross country was very exciting this year and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thank you parents for all your support in raising money for our school resources.



A special congratulations to one of our families, where all three children came 1<sup>st</sup> place in our annual **Orchard Cross Country Fundraiser Event**. Alisha from Sequoia class, Laila from Rowan class, and Syed from Chestnut class. **Orchard Primary School** are very proud of all the children who took part in the event, and tried their very best. **Well done everyone!** Please continue to bring in your sponsorship money for this event, as the money raised, will be used, for playground resources for each class.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Week of 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
Scholastic Book Fair in Junior Hall - before and after school

**Week of 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
Parents Evenings - please look out for School Ping with further information

**Week of 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
Road Safety Week

**Wednesday 27th November**  
Coffee Morning for parents. Junior Hall from 8.45am



**Anti-Bullying Week/ODD SOCKS day**

This week was Anti-bullying week and the theme was "CHOOSE RESPECT".

Throughout the week children have been learning and discussing anti-bullying during PSHE lessons, assemblies and in class reflections.

They will understand what are the different types of bullying, how to speak up about bullying, and know what to do if they are worried about any bullying.

On Tuesday, 12th November 2024, it was ODD SOCKS day. Children and staff came to school wearing their odd socks to send a message that we should all be ourselves and free from bullying.

It has also helped us to celebrate Anti-Bullying week in a fun and positive way.

**Reception Admission 2025**

The application process went live on 2nd September 2024. You are now able to apply for a place in our Reception classes for September 2025.

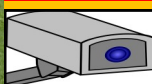
Information can be found at [www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions)

Or please contact [admissions@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hounslow.gov.uk)

**Special Mentions**

Congratulations to Krish in Redwood for winning third prize in the piano competition at the Kingston Performing Arts Festival. Amazing achievement! Keep up the good work!

Would your child also like to have a recent achievement mentioned in the school newsletter? If so, please email details and a photo (if possible) with permissions to: [parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)



These premises are under 24-hour CCTV surveillance!



**Congratulations!**

Juniper class and Sal class achieved the highest attendance for this week, 11th-15th November 2024. Well done and keep up the good work!



**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 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.



If your child's attendance at the end of the year is...	Your child would have lost approximately...
95%	9 school days
90%	19 school days
85%	29 school days
80%	38 school days
75%	48 school days

\*Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. The Department of Education expects that all children achieve at least 95% attendance.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year

10 minutes late every day = 6 days of school lost a year

20 minutes late every day = 12 days of school lost a year