



The Orchard Primary School

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24th November 2023

### Cross Country Event

Children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended a cross country event at Osterley Park. We were all looking forward to the event as we had been practicing at school. The first race was year 3 and 4 girls. Next it was the year 3 and 4 boys race followed by the Year 5 and 6 girls' and boys' race.

While the race was happening we all cheered each other. Mrs. Brown was running alongside, encouraging us to keep going. We all finished the 1-mile race and we were all extremely proud of our achievements.

By Matthew, Aveen and Lucy-May

### Kew Gardens Year 3 Trip

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Year 3 did something very exciting. We went to Kew Gardens as part of our learning about rainforests in geography. The adventure started on the double-decker bus, 237! The journey took us from Staines Road, past the River Thames and Brentford Canal to Kew Bridge.



At Kew Gardens, children investigated the rainforest plants in the Palm House. The cacao tree, which is used to make chocolate, banana and papaya with real green bananas and papayas hanging from their branches, made us all hungry!



We measured the humidity, soil moisture and temperature to learn about rainforest climates. Although it was a VERY wet day, we learned a lot about rainforests many have said they would LOVE to go back. Thanks to all the adults who made this trip happen.

By Mehveen, Ahmed and Sebastian



### Reception Admission 2024

The application process went live on the 1st September 2023. You are now able to apply for a place in our Reception classes for September 2024.

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

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

**Closing date : 15.01.2024**

### 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)



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 28th + Thursday, 30th November  
Reception 2024 Open Mornings.

The Open Mornings, school visit, are for families interested in their child joining our Reception classes in September 2024. Times to visit can be booked by calling: 0208 570 6247

Tuesday, 5th December 2023 10am  
+ Wednesday 6th December 2023 2pm  
Year 1 Nativity

Tuesday, 5th December 2023 2pm  
+ Wednesday 6th December 2023 10am  
Reception Nativity

Please see Teacher Assistants before and after school for tickets from Tuesday, 28th November.



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part



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[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



### The Globetrotting Guild of Orchard Primary School

Yes, previously Miss Arri was in Brazil. This week **Where in the world is Visula?**



Today I have flown to north east from Brazil. I went to Rhine River, Reichenbach Falls, Jungfrau, which is 4158m long. I also went to Zytglogge, Fraumunsters, Landwasser Viaduct. In Lucerne I had lot of fun looking at all beautiful things there.

At the moment the temperature is 13°C, which is not that cold, so I am taking a city tour and a bus tour. I went to Madrisa Land theme park and also took a lovely day trip in a train. The train also had beds! I was amazed with the self-guided tour of Zurich. Here you can find the best watches in the world. I got a lovely watch as well.

I had lots of chocolates and cheese fondue there. My favourite was leeks with potatoes and sausages. I am trying to speak French, Italian and Romansh and German are spoken in here.



**Laurel class and Oak class achieved the highest attendance for this week, the 20th November to the 24th November 2023.**



### 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.