



The Orchard Primary School

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1st December 2023

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evening meetings. It was wonderful to see so many parents in the school and we are pleased that you have had the chance to see the children's work and classrooms.

Please do contact the school office if you have been unable to organise a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Special thanks also to our Year 6 helpers who helped the Parents Evening Meetings run so smoothly.

FREE MATHS SCAVENGER HUNT

For Families - at the Meadowbank Centre (Community Close, Cranford, TW5 9QX) Wednesday 20th Dec, 4 - 6pm

Learn as a family about how you can use maths in everyday life - with a fun scavenger hunt!

Visit www.hace.ac.uk or call 02085836000 to book your FREE place

Special Mentions

Congratulations to Harry who has completed his 5th grade purple belt in mixed martial arts with the Shentie Martial arts academy. Fantastic!



If your child has done something wonderful like Harry, please share it with us! We like to showcase the achievements of our pupils in the newsletter.

Please email the school office with photo permissions (if they are not already in place): parents@tops.hounslow.sch.uk

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School telephone: 020 8570 6247

School email: parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk
For enquiries or to update address or phone contact.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Tuesday, 5th December 2023
Year 6 trip to see 'Dick Whittington',
The Arts Centre, Hounslow

Wednesday, 6th December 2023
Yr. 3 Stone Age Workshop

Wednesday, 6th December 2023
Multi-skills Festival for some Year 2 children

Week of 11th December 2023

ATTENDANCE WEEK

Look out for further details...

Tuesday, 12th December 2023
Festive Breakfast hosted by the School Council
(Details to follow)

Tuesday, 12th December 2023 6pm
+ Wednesday, 13th December 2023 9.30am
Year 4 Concert

FSM Christmas holiday vouchers

If you are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals; have you registered your children on the Hounslow website for FSMs—to receive extra help towards grocery shopping during the holiday periods when your children are not getting school meals? Don't miss out!

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

The Globetrotting Guild of Orchard Primary School



Yes, last week Visula was in Switzerland!
Where in the world is Caprice?



This week I have flown north west of Switzerland. The people of this country speak both English and Gaeilge - the native language, so there are two words for almost everything! This country is known for it's music (ceol), great writers and poets (Beckett, Joyce, Wilde, Yeats) and it's rich green land ideal for farming wholesome fresh food (bia) full of many root vegetables (glasraí) such as potatoes (prátaí).

During a time of occupation when all the food (bia) was exported and it's people survived on subsistence farming the potato crop failed causing the Great Famine (An Gorta Mór) between 1845-1852. This ancient land has monuments older than the pyramids such as Newgrange (Brú na Bóinne) which is a Stone Age tomb by the river Boyne constructed around 3200BC.

Many castles dot it's land such as the Rock of Cashel (Carrig Phádraig) and Bunratty Castle (Caisleán Bhun Raithe). For the final clue, the Molly Malone statue is situated in it's capital city, Dublin (Baile átha Cliath), and there's a song about her as people there love (grá) music (ceol).



Mango class and Maple class achieved the highest attendance for this week, the 27th November - 1st December 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 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.