



Another fun week has gone by and we couldn't be prouder of all the wonderful performances from the students. Thank you to all parents who attended and the staff for preparing the children!



### Multi-skills event at Osterley Sports Centre

Children in year 2 attended a Multi-Skills event last week and had a wonderful time. The following was written by Stevie and Marcela in Laurel class explaining their day:

"We went to Osterley Sports Centre and the leaders showed us what to do. The man blew a whistle and the leaders showed they were ready. We played football, dribbling, basketball, hockey, rugby, throwing and bowling. It was good exercise, it really helped us to stretch. We really liked eating lunch in the hall and the bowling."



### The Orchard Explorer

Hello curious children!

The Orchard Explorer is back with some fun and cool Geography facts!

Did you know Iceland grows 5 centimetres per year?



Iceland is divided by North American and European tectonic plates and grows by nearly 5 centimetres per year as the plates grow wider apart! Cool!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Starting 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Nursery Parent Meetings  
Please book with Nursery staff

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Hot Chocolate drinks for Y1/2/3  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Hot Chocolate drinks for Y6/Reception

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Festive Fair/School Council Christmas Fair  
3.45–5pm Admittance by ticket only

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Last day of term - Nursery

1.30pm school close on  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
Please collect your children promptly  
School reopens on 6<sup>th</sup> January

### Orchard Primary Values

This poster, independently re-created by Shaan last week (Willow Class) beautifully illustrates how children at Orchard observe and take note of what is in their school environment:



Beautiful drawing Shaan!  
Keep up the good work!

### Term Time Leave

The law requires that ALL children of school age attend school every day unless s/he is ill or there are exceptional circumstances. For this reason, parents should always arrange visits to family, including those in other countries, during the school holidays. If you feel that you need to take your child out of school during term time please discuss this with the school before finalising any arrangements.

A 'Term Time Leave' form is available in the school office and we ask that this is completed with all details of absence/travel prior to leave being taken.

We monitor the absence of all children and you are likely to be required to have a meeting with the Headteacher or the Attendance Support Officer, either before or after time away from school, to discuss all term time absence.

Where these term time absences are not authorized, the absence will be referred to the Local Authority (LBH) and parents may incur a fixed penalty warning notice or a fine.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Congratulations!

Sequoia class & Juniper class achieved the highest attendance for this week, 9th December - 13th December 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.

YR. GROUP	ATTENDANCE %
Yr. 6	94
Yr. 5	96
Yr. 4	93
Yr. 3	94
Yr. 2	91
YR. 1	87
REC.	87
Nursery	78



Attendance Matters!

