



The Orchard Primary School

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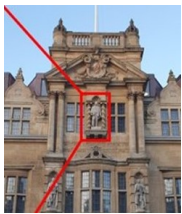
24th February 2023

Welcome back after the Half Term break. We hope you had a lovely week. We now look forward to a busy, successful and happy rest of the Spring term.

This week, Year 4 have started tennis lessons on Wednesday afternoons with a team from Dukes Meadow. Lessons will continue for the next six weeks.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children had a visit from the NHS Dental Team who applied fluoride varnish as part of the 'Healthy Teeth, Happy Smiles' programme. The dental nurses were pleased to see so many students so thank you to all parents who provided permission for their children to take part in this activity.

Sycamore class presented their class assembly on conflict and resolution on Friday morning. The theme was presented thoughtfully, offering examples of conflicts in different contexts, including families, nature and stories. They considered whether the conflict was necessary and shared some inspiring and thought-provoking examples of how conflicts were resolved, including whether to take down the statue of Cecil Rhodes, the philanthropist and slave trader



They finished by sharing the image of one of the most iconic handshakes in history, that share by Nelson Mandela & South African president FW de Klerk in 1990, as they led the audience in a moment of reflection: *On the first anniversary of the start of the war in the Ukraine, we hope and pray for a resolution to the conflict. Thank you that we are able to gather safely and share our thoughts freely.*

A massive well done Sycamore! Thank you to parents who attended.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 2nd March 2023
NEU Teacher's Strike Day
(to be confirmed)

Friday, 3rd March 2023
World Book Day

NURSERY Admissions September 2023

For children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, application forms are available at the school office or via parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk

Or can be downloaded with the 'Starting in a Hounslow School Nursery in September 2023' brochure at www.hounslow.gov.uk/nursery admissions

Please remember to submit the forms to the school office with a copy of your current council tax bill (or tenancy agreement) and a birth certificate. Closing date is soon: **10 March 2023.**

Poetry Day - 24th February 2023

Today, the whole school has had a fun Poetry Day!
See next week's newsletter for details.

Year 1 Mental Health Week

During Mental Health Week, the children explored what it means to connect to a trustworthy person if they are feeling worried or concerned. Mental Health week introduced the children to the importance of sharing their feelings and how our anxiety or stress can lead to problems. The children enjoyed writing who they would talk to on their bracelets and created a linking figure with their friends.



Attendance

Olive class and Cedar class achieved the highest attendance for this week, 21st to 24th February 2023



Sequoia class and Cherry class were rewarded with a 'Mufti Day' on Friday, 24th February 2023 for best attendance in the first half-term of the school year.

Keep up the good work!
Every school day does matter.

We are very concerned about the punctuality and attendance of the children at this time.

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' 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, please email details (appointment & time) to the absence email. If collecting early to take your child to an appointment, please also include this in your email. Thank you.