



The Orchard Primary School

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9th February 2024



Children's Mental Health Week 2024

This week the children have been taking part in lots of activities to support their Mental Health and Well Being which has been organised by the school council.

We started off the week by wearing the colour yellow which helped us to feel calm and happy.

Other activities have been yoga, creative activities, mindfulness, colouring, being out in nature and doing some meditation.

The classes have been checking in on how they are feeling each day.

The theme is "Your Voices Matter" and we have also been encouraging the children to talk about their mental health and knowing where to get support.



Ruth Cadbury, MP; visit to Orchard

On Tuesday, 6th February, Ruth Cadbury came to visit our school. Ruth is our local MP.

She gave a short talk to year 6 and then the school council showed her around the school.

Ruth finished off by meeting with all the school council reps. She talked to them about her role as an MP; how important that role is and how it is a very similar role to being on our school council.

The school council got to ask Ruth some questions they had decided upon from each year group. It was very interesting to find out about what a member of parliament's role is all about.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

School telephone: 020 8570 6247

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

School website: www.orchardprimary.com



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HALF TERM BREAK

12th February to 19th February 2024
Children return to school on 20/02/2024

Have a lovely half term break!

NURSERY Admissions September 2024

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 can take up a free, part-time place (15hrs per week) in a school nursery class from the September before their fourth birthday.

The closing date for applications is:
8 March 2024

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 2024' brochure at www.hounslow.gov.uk/nursery_admissions

CONGRATULATIONS

WELL DONE to the following children who have been recognised for their efforts in the weekly Appreciation Assemblies.

Year 1

Suruthika, Ryan, Anaya, Mohammad, Maiewa, Ekramullah, Hanna and Amelia

Year 2

Aamina, Alec, Anika, Rishwin, Asjad and Jeremiah

Year 5

Zainab, Clark and all of Sequoia for their fabulous class assembly

Year 6

Fran, Weronika, Leonel, Faizul, Safwahn, Haleema and Zohal

Half Term Child and Adult Free Activities

Please visit www.hace.ac.uk or call 020 8583 6000 to see what activities are available in the half term and to book your free place.



The Globetrotting Guild of Orchard Primary School (GGOPS)

Well done if you guessed Ecuador!



Where in the world is Alec?

The country I am visiting was once a part of the kingdom of Kaabu as well as part of the Mali Empire. Part of the kingdom persisted until the 18th century, while other parts of the country have been ruled by the Portuguese Empire since the 16th century. In the 19th century, it was colonised as Portuguese Guinea.



This country is located in West Africa and the capital is Bissau. It is bordered by Senegal.

Some of the traditional foods eaten here are Yassa, Cafriela de Frango (grilled spicy chicken) and Donette. Caldo stews are popular including Caldo de Mancarra, a chicken and peanut stew.



Hazel class (3 weeks in a row!) and Sycamore class achieved the highest attendance for this week, the 5th February 2024 to the 9th February 2024.



Every school day does matter.

Important Attendance Information

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 for your co-operation and continued support with attendance. We will continue to push this important educational success ingredient.

Lunch

Please book your child's school meal on Parent pay in advance for a week, month or term as you prefer.