



The Orchard Primary School

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31st March 2023

This week 'Rock Steady' held another fabulous concert, showcasing the musical talents of a number of Orchard pupils. Well done.

Nine children enthusiastically participated in a 5-event pentathlon at Osterley Sports Centre on Thursday 30th March.

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed an assembly by *Jam Coding*, who introduced the Game Building Afterschool club that is running in the new term.

Awards were received by Srithan and Valusha who won the competition to design a poster of their favourite computer game.



Last week, the Rowan class assembly was about Ramadan. The children discussed how Ramadan is not just about refraining from food/drink, but also about increasing good deeds/actions.

An emphasis was placed on being kind to others and giving charity...which could also be as simple as giving someone a friendly smile.

WORKING WITH ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

A group of 10 children in year 6 have been taking part in a children's fitness study at St Mary's University in Twickenham. We went there for a day in January and when we arrived I was amazed by how enormous it was! Megan (a teacher at St Mary's) escorted us through the hall to a room where they checked our height and weight. This room was called the Bio Mechanics Lab. We got a questionnaire about our health and if we had been experiencing any pain in the last 7 days.

We each got a fitness tracker to wear for one week. For the next eight weeks (from January to March) Megan has been visiting us at school twice a week. We have been doing balancing, walking with 2 – 10kg sandbags, hopping exercises and team games testing speed and agility. After all that, on Friday, 24th March we went on another trip to St Mary's and did the same thing as the last time, to check if we had got any stronger. Going to St Mary's was a very lovely and interesting experience for me and the other 9 people.

Tasneem – Redwood

Class



Children who took part: Isa, Leon, Radia, Glenyza, Natalia, Tasneem, Aayush, Ali, Jannat and Mario

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 3rd April—Friday, 14th April
SPRING BREAK/EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday, 17th April 2023
Children return to school

Have a lovely break and we will see you back in school on the 17th April ready for a busy Summer Term.

Thank you for your support with the Annual Easter Raffle. For now, the three main prize winners are:

Aaminah, Sequoia
Samicah, Cedar
Nicole, Sal

Congratulations to all those who won - enjoy your chocolate goodies!

Year 3 Multi-skills Festival

This term, 15 Yr. 5 leaders have been learning leadership skills through weekly leadership training sessions with Sport Impact. The Yr. 5 children used their new skills on Tuesday, 28th March when they ran a multi-skills festival for 60 Yr. 3 children.

They taught the Yr. 3 children different games along the themes of balance, agility and coordination; turning themselves into human stopwatches, demonstrating games, leading activities whilst encouraging and helping the Yr. 3 children. The Yr. 5 leaders were brilliant and worked really hard throughout the whole afternoon. Well done leaders, you were fantastic role models for Yr. 3 and you should be very proud of yourselves.

Carolyn Evans, Sport Impact



Special Mention



Last weekend, Iveen and Aveer took part in the 2023 BJJ Junior National Championships. They fought well with strength and control with Aveer winning a silver medal. Congratulations!

Attendance

Laurel class and Redwood class achieved the highest attendance for this week, 27th March to 31st March 2023



Plus both classes have the best attendance for this half-term so will have a mufti-day on Friday, 21st April 2023.

All children who attended everyday this week will also be rewarded with a mufti day on Friday, 21st April 2023.

For highest attendance this week, Year 6 will receive extra playtime on Monday, 17th April 2023

Thank you for your support this week. 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' 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, 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.