



The Orchard Primary School

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22nd March 2024

Thank you to all parents for attending the Parents Evening Meetings this week. It was lovely to see you all in the school. Thanks also to the Year 6 helpers and staff for their support with the smooth running of the evenings.

### Year 5 / Year 6 Netball Festival

On Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March a group of 8 children from year 6 attended a Netball Festival at Heathlands with Mrs Nangle and Mrs Sloley.

When we started playing I felt nervous and wondered if we were going to win. We played 5 matches and we won 3, drew 1 and lost 1.

I was really proud of my team and I even scored a goal and assisted other people. We all played in different positions for each match, my favourite was goal attack and centre even though it was sometimes stressful! I had to move back and forth around the netball court, which was very tiring. When we lost a match, we still managed to score and didn't stop trying.

Our teachers were really impressed because we listened to feedback and got better in every match. They were really proud of us because we were resilient, enthusiastic, good sports people and being Orchard Children. *Ayaan, Sal Class*



### Girls Disney Shooting Stars Football Festival

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March girls from Year 3 attended a Disney Shooting Stars Football Festival at Cranford Community College.

Joining other schools, the girls played in a number of mini football games in a relaxed and non-competitive environment and had a lot of fun. Big smiles all around!



### Orchard Primary School Easter Egg Raffle.

Tickets to win Easter eggs are £1. Yr. 6 will be visiting classrooms in the afternoons so you can buy your tickets. **DRAW: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### SCHOOL INFORMATION

School telephone: 020 8570 6247

School email: [parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk)  
For enquiries or to update address or phone contact.

School website: [www.orchardprimary.com](http://www.orchardprimary.com)



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
NURSERY parent meetings

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Rock Steady Concert 2pm, Infant Hall

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Nursery last day before the holidays

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
School closes at 1.30pm for Easter Holidays

School returns on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### The Globetrotting Guild of Orchard Primary School (GGOPS)

Abdi was in Cape Verde! Did you guess correctly? This week I've flown Northeast from Cape Verde to a country in Europe. It's a small country that lies between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea. This country gained its independence from Yugoslavia in June 1991. I have visited the capital city Ljubljana. River Ljubljana Kanal, Dragon Bridge, Ljubljana Old Town and Tivoli Park have been some of my favourite places to visit. Next, I'm going to explore the Lake Bled and then visit the Postojna Caves and Predjma Castle - a castle situated in the middle of a towering cliff. The landscape in this country is absolutely breathtaking. Check out my photos of Lake Bled and Soča Valley.



If you visit this country, you just have to eat the Štruklji (rolled dumplings) and Prekmurska gibanica - Prekmurian layer cake. I've really been enjoying sampling the top-quality cheeses and dairy products, as well as, honey. Did you know, this country has one of the richest bee-keeping traditions in the world, producing truly the best quality honey.



A range of **Free Workshops** are available for parents with their children in the second week of the Easter Holidays: **8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April 24**  
Visit [www.hace.ac.uk](http://www.hace.ac.uk) for more information or call 020 8583 6000 to book.



### Stay Away, I'm doing science: Fun With Light and Bubbles Free Workshop (5+)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1.00 - 3.00pm  
Meadowbank in Cranford (TW5 9QX)

**About the course**  
Come and explore the magic of light and learn about reflection and refraction through prisms, including bubbles as prisms!  
Our workshops are practical and bring the fun to science. Try your hand at different light and bubble based experiments and learn topics and techniques that can help support your child's school curriculum.

This session is for adults and children to learn together about science phenomena that are exciting and fun. You and your children will be given an opportunity to try several exciting science experiments.

#### What is required to join the session?

- These sessions are for adults and children to work together - parents will need to supervise their children at all times.
- For health and safety reasons, children must be over the age of 5 to attend this session.
- Please note we can only accommodate 1 adult to 2 children per family.
- If you or your child need any extra assistance within the class, please be sure to let our staff know when enrolling



Juniper class (again!) and Beech class achieved the highest attendance for this week, the 18<sup>th</sup> March to the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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](mailto: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. New menu starts 15 April 2024