



The Orchard Primary School

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26th April 2024

London Mini Marathon 2024

Many **CONGRATULATIONS** to the children who took part in the London Mini Marathon on Saturday, 20th April 2024.

They all ran the 2.6km route in central London, took part with enthusiasm and encouraged each other. Their fabulous medals well and truly earned!

Thanks to the parents who supported the children and Miss Glassman and Mrs Brown who accompanied the children in the race.



Class Assemblies

Here at Orchard, children have the chance to present a topic they have been learning to the school and their parents. Today the theme for Beech's class assembly was 'Being Positive and Enthusiastic' and last week Cedar class presented on 'EID al-Fitr'.

It is always wonderful to have parents attend class assemblies and for the children's hard work to be appreciated. Thank you.

School Lunches

Please book your child's school meal on Parent pay in advance of the day lunch is needed. This can be a week, month or term ahead, as you prefer. The latest menu is on the school website.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School telephone: 020 8570 6247
School email: parent@tops.hounslow.sch.uk

For enquiries or to update contacts,
School website: www.orchardprimary.com



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 29th April 2024
Reception Drop-in at 3pm

Thursday, 2nd May 2024
Year 1 Drop-in at 3.10pm

Friday, 3rd May 2024
Willow class assembly in Junior Hall at 9.10am

Friday, 3rd May 2024
Year 2 Drop-in at 3.10pm

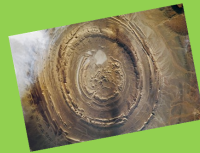
Monday, 6th May 2024
PUBLIC HOLIDAY—no school today

The Globetrotting Guild of Orchard Primary School (GGOPS)

Yes, last week it was Lithuania. Did you guess correctly?



Where in the world is Hamid? This week I'm in the last country to abolish slavery. In historical times the country was settled by sub-Saharan people. More than 16.6% of the population lives below the extreme poverty line. Arabic is the official language spoken in this country, French is widely spoken especially by the educated. The majority of the population is Muslim, since Islam is the sole religion of the state. This country was occupied by France up to 1960. This country is most rich in: iron ore, gold, copper, gypsum and phosphate rocks. I also visited the Richat Structure.



When I spoke to a native they explained gazelles, ostriches, warthogs, panthers, hyenas and lynx are commonly found here. Lions are confirmed to be extinct in this country. Fish is the main source of protein among the inhabitants.

I've eaten some great dishes here, including: awarikh (dates), thieboudienne (cheb-ujin), a coastal dish of fish and rice, is considered the national dish, served in a white and red sauce, usually made from tomatoes, méchoui, whole roasted lamb and samak mutabal (spiced fish).



Hazel class and Beech class achieved the highest attendance for this week, the 22nd April to the 26th April 2024.

YR. GROUP	ATTENDANCE %
YR. 6	95
YR. 5	94
YR. 4	95
YR. 3	96
YR. 2	93
YR. 1	94
REC.	91
Nursery	90

Thank you for your support with attendance week. Year 3 have had the highest attendance this week. **CONGRATULATIONS**

Important Attendance Information

Punctuality

Gates open at 8.45am. Children can go straight into class at this time.

- ◇ Key Stage 2 children (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) **MUST** be in class by 8.55am.
- ◇ Key Stage 1 children (Reception, Y1, Y2) **MUST** be in class by 9.00am.

Please be on time to school. Being late disrupts the start of the day for your child, can make your child miss out on important lessons, information 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 above.**

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.

Together we will continue to push this important educational success ingredient to help improve your child's outcome.

HOME START - FREE VOLUNTEER COURSE

Could you give two hours a week to support a family? Local charity **Home Start** is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability.

The course will run in Hampton Wick from **9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 9th May to 20th June (not half-term 30th May).**

After the course, volunteers visit and support a family for 2-3 hours a week.

For more information, **please contact Erin** on erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161