The Orchard Primary School Newsletter

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From Mrs Bruce

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy few weeks it has been here: as you can see from the many photos. We have had some wonderful curriculum enrichment including visiting Kew Gardens, Hobbledown Heath and exploring the River Thames. We have also had our spooky discos- there were some fantastic costumes!

Today we have celebrated many of the children who have had 100% attendance this term with a raffle. This is an area we are continuing to strive for improvement in, as the children cannot learn if they are not at school and missing lessons within a series, makes it harder to catch up upon their return. Unless your child is very unwell, please ensure they are in school on time daily.

The weather definitely feels like it has taken a turn this week and the rain has ruined many an outside lunch time. Please use the half term to ensure your child has a waterproof coat which fits them and black school shoes. (Wellies can be brought in a bag on rainy days but please bring school shoes to change into.)

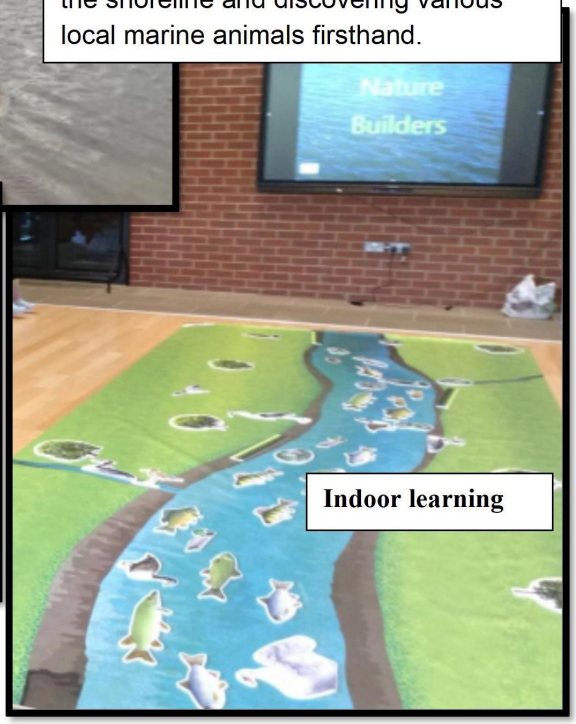
I hope the weather is better for us all during this half term so we can get out and enjoy some autumnal walks. I wish you a restful and relaxing week off.

Best wishes,

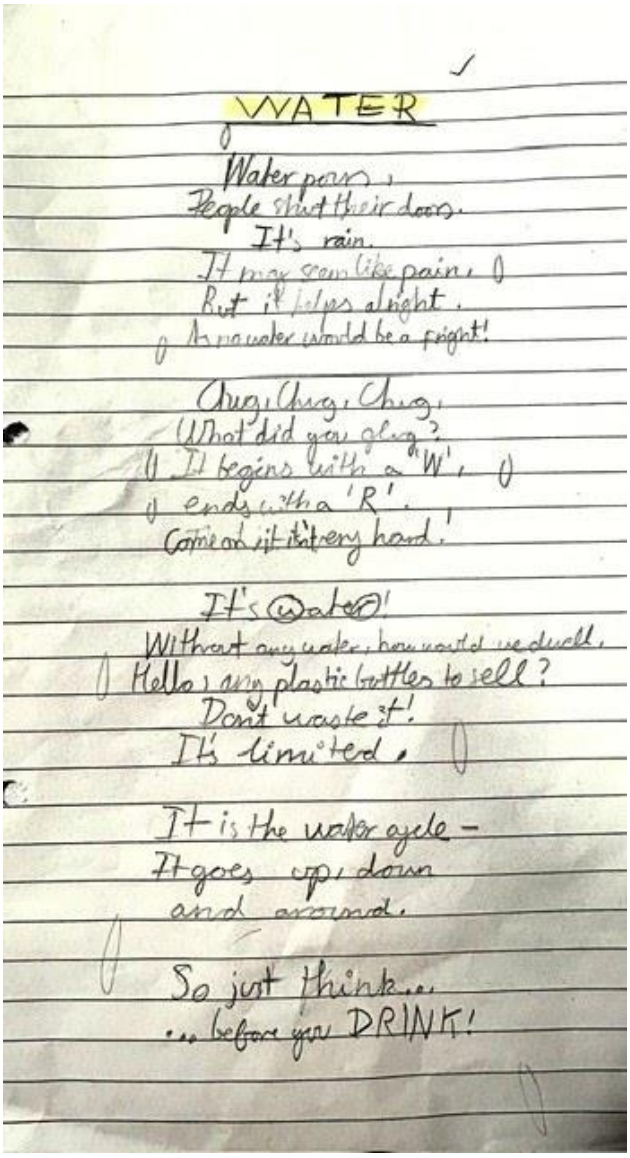
Lorna Bruce

Trips and Curriculum enrichment

Making a Splash in Geography! Our **Year 5** students thoroughly enjoyed their recent field trip, which perfectly combined indoor learning about the **River Thames** with an exciting outdoor adventure. During low tide, the children headed down to the riverbank to put their knowledge into practice, exploring the shoreline and discovering various local marine animals firsthand.



Indoor learning



WATER

Water pours.
People shut their doors.
It's rain.
It may seem like pain.
But it helps a light.
As no water would be a fright!

Chug, Chug, Chug.
What did you glug?
It begins with a 'W',
ends with a 'R'.
Come on, it isn't very hard.

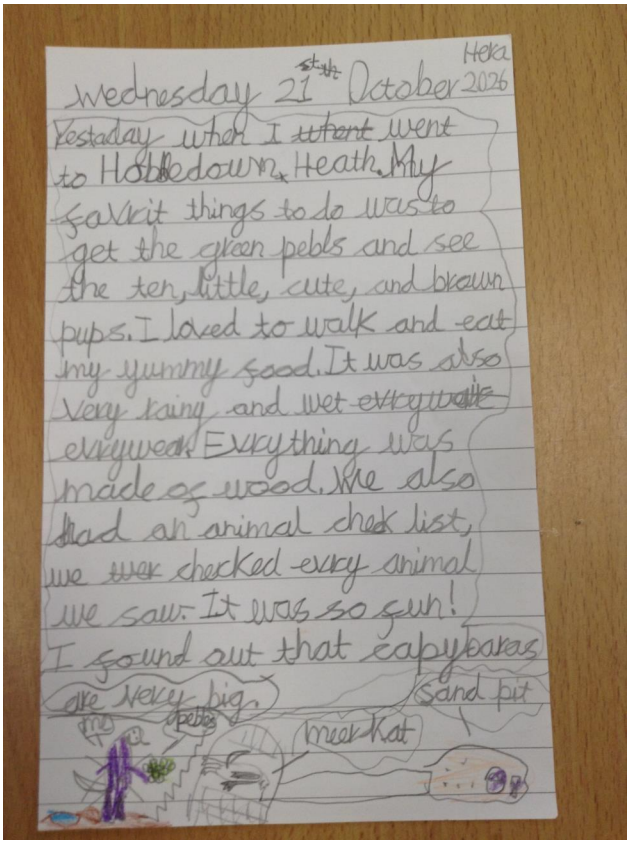
It's Water!
Without any water, how would we duvet.
Hello, any plastic bottles to sell?
Don't waste it!
It's limited.

It is the water cycle -
It goes up, down
and around.

So just think...
... before you DRINK!

Rishwin in 5 Sequoia was so inspired by the trip and the topic, he wrote this beautiful poem about Water at home. How fantastic.

Year 2's trip to Hobbledown Heath



Heka

Wednesday 21st October 2026

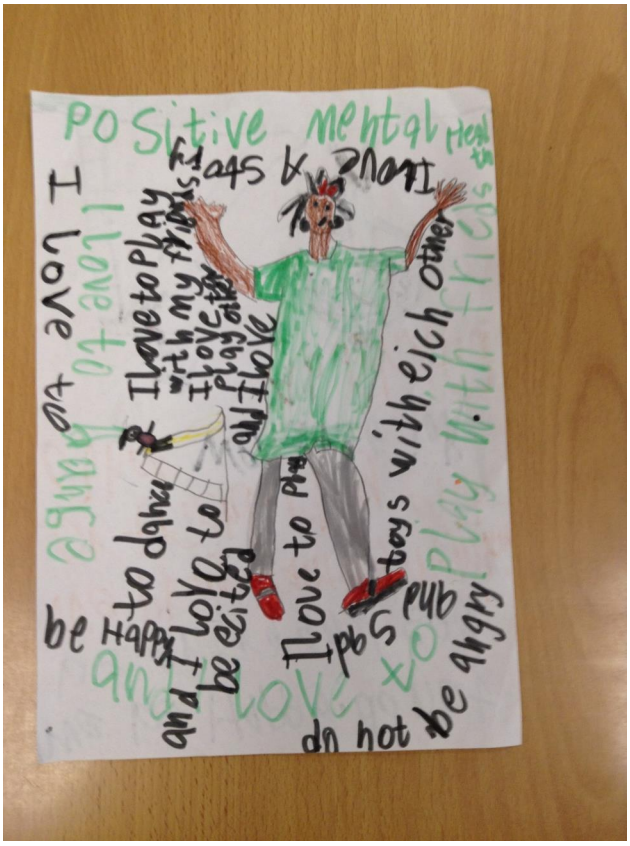
Yestaday when I ~~when~~ went to Hobbledown Heath. My favrit things to do was to get the green pebls and see the ten, little, cute, and brown pups. I loved to walk and eat my yummy food. It was also very rainy and wet ~~everywhere~~ everywear. Everything was made of wood. We also had an animal chek list, we wer checked every animal we saw. It was so fun! I found out that capybaras are very big.

pebbles

meerkat

sand pit

1 - We celebrated Black History Month



2 - Dressed up i Yellow to celebrate World Mental Health Day

We greatly enjoyed a performance by Rock Steady

3 - Year 3 exploring Kew Gardens

Our Cross-Country Adventure!

On Tuesday, I came to school full of joy and excitement because it was time to do the cross-country race!

I was happy and excited! My friends Druv and Yohanas and all the other children travelled by bus arrived at our destination. We got off the bus and walked about to the park. When we arrived, we found a place to sit, my friends and I began warming up.

First, the Year 3 and 4 girls' race began. It started raining, but the girls bravely pushed through it. Next, the Year 3 and 4 boys' race began, and they also battled through the difficult conditions.

After that, it was time for the Year 5 and 6 girls' race. Luckily, the sun was shining, the race started, and they all ran off. We were all nervous but determined. Which school was going to win? Who would come first out of 100 children? The signal rang out, and they raced off like lightning! We cheered them on and hoped they would do well (the girls were resilient.)

Finally, it was the Year 5 and 6 boys' turn! Druv and I were ready to give it our best shot. With Druv by my side, supporting me, I felt determined to do well. The race began, and I ran as fast as I could. I crossed the finish line; I came in the top ten, Mrs Nangle and Mrs Haldane were proud

of us all! Their support reminded me that taking part and trying my best was important. Overall, it was the best day ever!

By Zara and Bhavik (Maple Class)

Reception and Year 7 Admissions

School visits for RECEPTION 2027

School tours for Reception 2027 will be held at The Orchard Primary School on

- Thursday, 12th November 10am-11am
- Wednesday, 18th November 2.45pm.

At 2pm there will be a 45-minute presentation from the Hounslow School Admissions Team on the Admissions process (including time for questions).

If you are interested in attending a tour (and the presentation on the 18th November), please call the school office on 0208 570 6247 OR email **admissions@tops.hounslow.sch.uk**

We look forward to welcoming you to our school!

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Please remember the closing date is 31st October for all applications

https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

Attendance

A huge well done to the 249 children who had 100% attendance this half term and had their name entered to win a raffle prize!

The winning classes for attendance this fortnight are: Olive and Sal

October half term camp

4 - OHM our breakfast and after school club providers will be running a camp here at The Orchard this October half term.

Half-termly food vouchers

Hounslow Council will no longer provide school holiday supermarket vouchers for children attending Hounslow schools who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

We understand that this change may be difficult for families. Other support remains available for Hounslow residents, subject to eligibility:

- **Crisis and Resilience Fund:** help with food, utilities and essential costs.
- **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme:** free holiday activities and meals for eligible children.
- **Council Tax Support:** help with Council Tax for residents on a low income.
- **Housing Support Payments:** support for residents struggling to pay rent.
- **Essential Household Items:** help with essential furniture and appliances, including white goods, beds and mattresses.
- **Food Support in Hounslow:** information about emergency food, community fridges, food deliveries and other local support.

Further advice is available through Hounslow Council's cost-of-living support pages.

School discos!

Fun was to be had by all at the discos this week and we did fantastically well to raise funds for the school. A big thank you to Ms Campbell for organising and all the staff who stayed to support.

Superstars!

I am delighted to share some wonderful news about Bhavik's achievement over the weekend.

Bhavik participated in a tennis tournament at Gunnersbury Park, where he came runner-up in the singles competition and was awarded a medal for his achievement.

This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are very proud of him for his effort, dedication and sporting spirit. Well done, Bhavik!

Stars of the week

Hazel- Siddharth and Maramawit

Pecan- Daniyal

Laurel- Arzaan

Olive- Alijan and Rafan

Juniper- Maaran and Vivienne

Rowan- Suat and Aroush

Ash- Maryam and Gurnoor

Oak- Zoha and Abheyraj

Willow- Yahya and Hanna

Cedar- Aadabjot, Isumi and Madiha

Beech- Willow

Sequoia- Alisha and Yahya

Aspen- Aman and Helen

Sycamore- Victor

Redwood- Amelia and Isma'eel

Maple- Bhavik and Nysa

Sal- Soulaf aand Saharsh

Key Dates

Friday 6th November at 9.10am -

Redwood class assembly

9th and 10th November

Year 1 Library visit

12th November at 10am

Reception tour for nursery parents

18th November at 2pm

Reception tour for nursery parents

Week of 23rd November

Parents/Carers evenings

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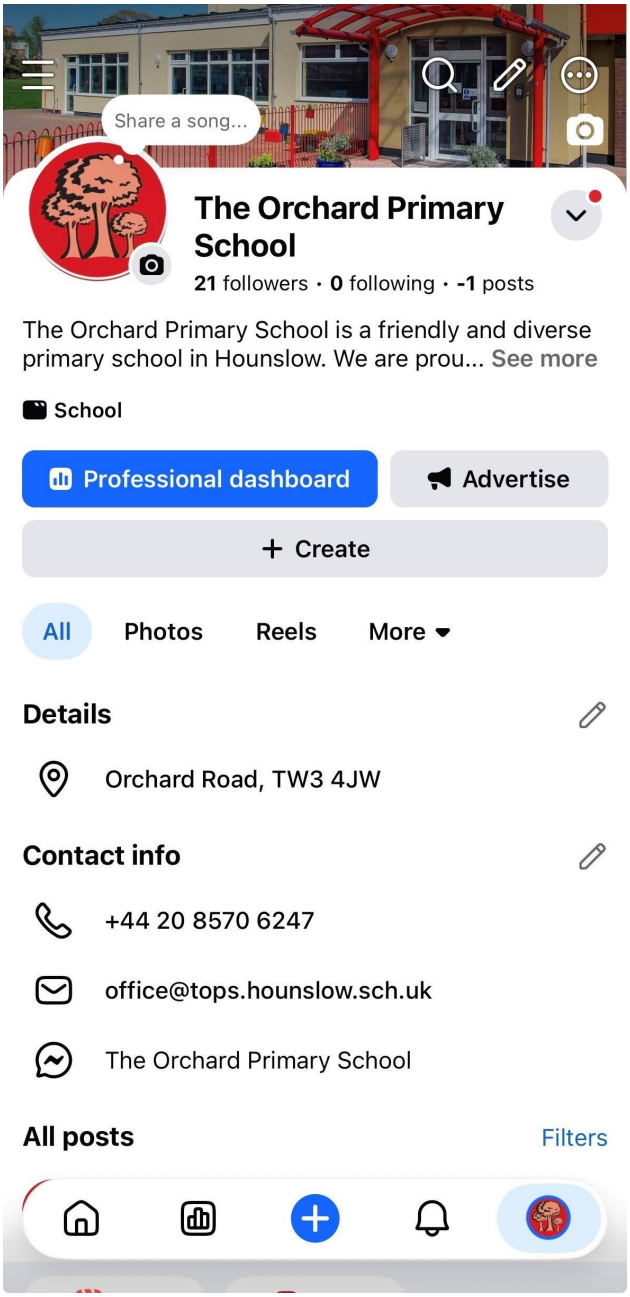
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