

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

4th October 2019 / Autumn Term



This Term's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents, carers and friends who supported our coffee morning for Macmillan last week in school. If you made, bought or ate cake, thank you! We really appreciate everyone coming together to support this very worthwhile cause.

Continuing on the theme of team work, Year 6 returned safe and well from their residential to Kingswood on Monday this week. They took part in a number of exciting team building activities including fencing, tight line and leap of faith! Although very wet, they all had a wonderful time and will keep those memories for ever, I am sure.

Thank you to Mr O'Neill, Mrs Flynn and Miss Gindhay who gave up their weekend to ensure the children had a wonderful time.

Important Dates

Friday 11th October – Year 5 class assembly

Thursday 17th October – Reception Open day 10 – 11am; Reception 2020 intake

Friday 18th October – Year 3 class assembly

Tuesday 22nd October – Reception Open day 2 – 3pm; Reception 2020 intake

Friday 25th October – break up for half term

Wednesday 13th November – Parents' evening

Thursday 14th November – Parents' evening

Reminders

Nursery parents: You will have been given a letter about your child's Reception place for September 2020. Please make sure you action this to ensure your child gets a school place.

Governor Update

Welcome to the new section of The Orchards newsletter. Each week a governor will have the chance to introduce themselves. We want the LGB to develop more of an active and personable presence within the school environment.

My name is Laura Bowker and I have the pleasure of being Chair of Governors. I have been on the LGB for 18 months as a parent governor and link governor for Early Years. I have now taken on the role of Chair of Governors and will continue to be link governor for Early Years. I have a son who currently attends The Orchards and as a primary school teacher myself I have a passion for ensuring all children receive high quality education.

We are actively seeking new parent governors, so if you feel you can support the schools' vision please get in touch with Mrs Carrier or myself.

We are here as governors to work with you, as parents, and the staff at The Orchards to make our school Outstanding.

Laura Bowker



Chair of Governors

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Our Head Boy and Head Girl have been selected for this year. Congratulations to Pavan and Hiarianne!

This month's value



Friendship

Attendance

Number for reporting absences 0121 464 4302 Mr Hadley. School should be informed of absences before 9.30am on each day of absence.

Whole school attendance: 96.4%

Highest class attendance: Year 6, 99%

Social Media

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News from Early Years

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and relatives that supported our Reception reading and writing workshop. It was a huge success and an amazing turnout. I hope that you found this informative and useful. Keep an eye out for our next workshop which will be focused on mathematics.

The nursery children are now used to the routine of the nursery. They are continuing to enjoy dough disco where the children use playdough to do exercises with their hands to strengthen the muscles in their hands ready for writing.

News from KS1

Y1- The children are engaging well with their class text 'Superkid'. In their English work, the children have been using adjectives to describe size, shape and colour and have worked hard to sequence events.

Y2- The Y2 children have been working extremely hard and we have seen some fantastic homework linked to the Great Fire of London being produced- it was wonderful to show these examples off in our weekly celebration assembly on Monday. Thank you for your effort in helping the children to complete such wonderful homework in which they are able to apply their classroom learning.

Y3- Linking to their Rainforest topic, the Y3 children are thoroughly enjoying reading their Bear Grylls class text. Again, some fantastic homework examples have been produced which are on display in the classroom.

News from KS2

Year 4 are really enjoying their work on the Wild West this half term. They have also created some fabulous writing based on A Twist of Gold which is now on display.

Year 5 are working really hard in their swimming sessions and are making great progress both individually and as a group. Well done Year 5!