

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

7th May 2021 / Summer Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

We started the week by celebrating the children for their class awards. We also have a very special mention for Logan D in our Year 3 class who has raised £320 for a family friend, who was recently diagnosed with stage four cancer. Logan has been doing a sponsored silence to raise money for her and her family. Not only is this an amazingly kind and thoughtful thing to do, it also shows incredible empathy of Logan's part. We are so proud of you Logan!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Carrier

Attendance

Whole school attendance: 91.7%

Best class attendance: Year 4 – 95.4%

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

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Celebration Assembly Awards

We know that you may be missing the opportunity to come into school and watch your child receive their awards each week, so we will celebrate the children here!

Class	Star Pupil	Writing	Maths	Good Citizen
Nursery	Elizabeth	Harry	Declan	Serenity
Reception	Henry	Lucy	Lawson	Noah
Year 1	Rayaan	Estefania	Ivy	Peri
Year 2	Callum	Jessica C	Vincent	Georgia
Year 3	Lacey	Lilah	Sham	Amira
Year 4	Aolun	Charlie D	Alice	Lily-Rose
Year 5	Jonny	Sam	Matilda & James	Lawand
Year 6	Ciara	Ruby-Lou	Rio	Alise & Darren

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News from Early Years

Pre-School

The children are learning the rhyme 'Old Mac Donald's Farm'. They are learning what animals live on a farm and what noises the animals make. The children are also matching the animals to where they live. We are challenging ourselves to hold scissors correctly and use them to cut too!

Nursery

The children are continuing to learn about 'People Who Help Us'. Last week the children made a 2D fire engine. The children had to name the shapes and talk about the shape properties. This week the children are making wanted posters of their chosen cartoon character where we will be thinking of really exciting describing words for them!

Please remember to share your child's reading book at home and return to school every Monday.

Reception

In Reception the children have made wonderful Elmer elephants from milk cartons. They have decorated them using all the colours of the rainbow. Next week the children will start mixing colours to make new ones and they will be creating 2D shape fish. The children will be expected to name the shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

News from KS1

In Year 1 this week, the children have continued their writing on the theme of Paddington and have enjoyed applying their basic writing skills into extended pieces based upon the story. In topic, the children are continuing to learn about the United Kingdom and have found out about characteristics of London and the story of St. George.

Year 2 have been learning all about Wild Weather (Which has also been reflected in this week's regional weather!) The children have been using weather symbols to show weather around the United Kingdom and have also considered how weather affects us. Mrs Hughes is extremely pleased with the perseverance of Y2 in Mathematics.

News from KS2

Our Year 3 class have been working extremely hard in mathematics to use inverse operations to calculate missing numbers. In Science lessons, the children are learning about plants and how they grow. This week they have identified and described the functions of roots of flowering plants and investigated the way in which water is transported within plants.

Year 4: Over the coming weeks we will not only be writing our own play-scripts, but performing them too! In mathematics, we have been studying place value and decimals and are ready to move onto adding and subtracting decimals in this context.

Year 5: In Geography we have been exploring the continent of Africa, understanding that there are many different countries within this area. We will continue learning about the physical and environmental conditions within this fascinating place over the coming weeks. To supplement this learning, we have been reading the book 'Journey to Jo'burg' and understanding the dangers of apartheid.

Year 6: In mathematics we have been engrossed in finding the areas of triangles and parallelograms, as well as the volume of certain containers. Next, we look at ratios. I wonder if Mr O'Neill will share his sweets as part of the lesson... In history we continue to delve deeper into the causes of the World Wars and find out more about why World War II in particular started.