

# The Orchards Primary Academy

## Newsletter

21st May 2021 / Summer Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

We continue to share good news this week, from the things that the children are involved in outside of school. Isabella-Rose in our year 3 class, is a wonderful dancer who has continued to stay involved in online competitions even during lockdown, where she has placed 1<sup>st</sup> in almost every one! Perhaps the most exciting of all, Isabella-Rose has recently auditioned for the Royal Ballet School and is due to perform in Blackpool in July. We are so proud of you Isabella-Rose and we can't wait to see the outcome of your audition.



Remember us when you are on Strictly!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Carrier

### Attendance

Whole school attendance: %

Best class attendance: Year%

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

### Social Media

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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   | Jay-Lee    | Freya M  | Blake    | Nico         |
| Reception | Mia-Rose   | Evie     | Ava      | Elijah       |
| Year 1    | Harvey     | Ella     | Jonathon | Sam          |
| Year 2    | Daisy      | Olivia C | Carl     | Jessica C    |
| Year 3    | Summer     | Oliver Q | Isabelle | Shayla       |
| Year 4    | Vincent    | Petal    | Abigail  | Casey-May    |
| Year 5    | Elizeth    | Abigail  | Lily     | Year 5       |
| Year 6    | Leah       | George   | Michael  | Alaika       |

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### News from Early Years

#### Pre-School

The children are looking at plants and how they grow. The children are growing a pumpkin plant in class and have also been making flowers which are displayed in the classroom; they look absolutely fantastic! The children are counting the petals on the flowers to support their counting skills.

#### Nursery

This week the children have learnt how lifeguards help us and how they keep us safe at the beach. They have learnt what the flags mean and where the best place is to play in the sea. The children have had to label items that they would see at the beach. Our phonics is going really well; the children are already learning digraphs and learning to write words with the digraphs contained. We are so proud of them!

#### Reception

In Reception the children have made really colourful sun catchers to do with the story 'Rainbow Fish' and are writing sentences about the story. Everyone has enjoyed sequencing the story and have also been working hard with addition and subtraction sums. Please complete the maths and phonics pack that was sent home this will support your child in achieving the ELG.

### News from KS1

As part of their topic work, Year 1 have been learning about the King Arthur story and have now moved on to finding out all about Scotland. In English, the children are writing their own stories based on 'Paddington' and in their Maths work they are continuing with grouping and sharing.

In Year 2, the children are completing writing activities based on 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs'. In Mathematics, the class have moved on to division and in their topic work, they are continuing to learn about the weather- in particular, the effect that the equator has on the weather.

This week, our Year 3 class have published Roman reports as part of their English journey. In topic work the children have completed Geography map work also based on the Romans. In their Maths work, the children have been learning all about money.

### News from KS2

Year 4: In Year 4 we have been writing our playscripts based around the tale of Beowulf and we are looking forward to acting these out in the final week of term. For Religious Education, we have been learning about Buddhism and the different ways Buddhists can show dedication

Year 5: We have been studying the different climates of Africa and now move onto a much-anticipated part of our learning journey, where we examine some of the glorious patterns and artwork from the continent and try to create our own in the same style, using water colours! We will also be writing a diary account based upon our class novel 'Journey to Jo'burg'.

Year 6: In mathematics, we have been looking at angles and using calculations to find missing angles within triangles, straight lines, parallel lines and around a point. Much trickier than we expected! For history, we continue to learn about World War II and the impact it had on people at home, including rationing as well as evacuation.