



The Orchard School

Weekly Bulletin

Week commencing: Monday 23rd October 2023

Dates for your diary

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| Wednesday 25th October | Parents evening - 3:30 – 5:30pm |
| Friday 27th October | Break up for Half Term |
| Monday 30th October | Half term |
| Monday 6th November | Pupils return to school Parent support group – Curriculum overview – 9:30 – 11:00am |

Harvest Activity Morning



It was lovely to welcome so many family members into school yesterday for our harvest activity morning. I hope you all enjoyed spending some time with your children in class and getting to know the staff. We had some lovely feedback from you all.

Thank you for your donations of food, these will be part of our harvest display until half term and will then be delivered to a local food bank.

Thank you also for your donations to Macmillan Cancer Support. The donations are still being counted but so far we have raised over £50.

Parents Evening

Next Thursday is our Autumn term parents evening where we are offering appointments with your child's class team either in school, on Microsoft Teams or a phone call. A letter with your appointment time will be sent home. For those parents/carers who are coming into school for the meeting there will be refreshments in the hall along with information from some of the external agencies we work with. I look forward to meeting more of you on Wednesday.

Parent Support Group

Our next parent support group is taking place on Monday 6th November at 9:30am. This is an opportunity to meet with myself and Laura Valentine our Teaching and Learning Lead to discuss the curriculum we offer at The Orchard School. A letter has been sent home with further information.



Rock Climbing

This week we were able to restart the rock climbing sessions. Class 15 went on Monday and had a fantastic time as you can see from the below photographs.



Hospital Rooms Project

The charity Hospital Rooms are working with Sandwell CAMHS developing artwork for the service. We were lucky to have some of the artists come into school to create an installation for one of the spaces at CAMHS. Pupils who participated in the project created a fantastic sensory sculpture. They were able to choose materials to add to the sculpture and experience the sensory walk through. The sculpture will add to and inspire permanent artworks for Sandwell CAMHS.



Headteacher Award

This week three pupils have achieved a headteachers award:

- Roman in class 4 for doing some fantastic work in music, singing along to the songs and reaching out to explore the instruments without any prompting. Roman has made such an improvement in his engagement and persistence in music with Big Top. Well done Roman.
- Shameer in class 7 for achieving 3 of his targets in PE by mirroring the moves of a partner and moving rhythmically whilst dancing to the Cha, Cha Slide! You had some fantastic moves Shameer, well done!
- Anshdeep Singh in class 5 for a fantastic week in class where he has fully participated in activities and transitioning to different rooms throughout school. What a great week Anshdeep, well done.

Awards at The Orchard School

At The Orchard School we are committed to celebrating the success of our pupils' achievements as this helps to develop and promote a passion for learning. Pupils' achievements are celebrated in the following ways:

- Immediately praising the child to acknowledge their success.
- Sharing their achievements with peers/class.
- Good work slips in the home/school diary to share success with families.
- Pupil of the week celebrated by placing a red apple on our school celebration tree in reception.
- Pupil of the week certificates sent home to families.
- Headteacher awards, awarded by the headteacher and a gold apple placed on the celebration tree in the school reception.



Alongside this, classes and pupils may also have their own reward systems in place, as we aim to ensure that rewards are age appropriate, meaningful to the child and developmentally appropriate so that the pupils understand the reward system.

Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion have brought some poppies and other related items into school for Remembrance Day this year. If you wish to buy anything, please send in a donation into school with your child.



Finally, a reminder that school breaks up for October Half Term next Friday, 27th October at 3.00pm.