



The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 30th November 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

The frost on the windscreens over the last couple of mornings have been a sign that winter is definitely on its way – and with that Christmas ☺. Last weekend was our Parent Christmas party and I understand it was a great evening. Thank you for supporting this event. Today our school has been decked out with Christmas decorations. A wreath, made by my very own hands on Wednesday evening at the Wreath making workshop, has made its way to the office to add some Christmas cheer. The Year 1 and Year 2 children were all treated to a fantastic story telling experience this afternoon as Dib and Dab raised the roof with their hilarity! It even involved a blow up Father Christmas costume! We are all looking forward to our Christmas Fayre tomorrow as well. Thank you for all the choccies and wine brought in today and stored in my office. It has taken a lot of will power to resist the choccies, but I promise I did.

Thank you to our PTA for organising such wonderful events. It takes a lot of time and effort beforehand, behind the scenes and on the day of these events to make them happen. We really do appreciate all that you do.

We had great support at Magical Molesey this week as our 50 strong choir sang so beautifully. It was a busy event and some of the children had never performed to an audience that big before. I was very proud of all of them. I am looking forward to being with them at other performances over the next two weeks.

This week '**secret readers**' visited every classroom and different teachers shared some of their favourite stories with the children. The teachers enjoyed their visits and we hope the children did too. We will do this again soon.

I wonder which secret reader will go to which class next time!



Year 2 – have been learning about '*groups of*' and '*multiplication*' in their a this week and have been introduced to the **x** symbol. By the end of Year children need to know their 2, 5 and 10 timetables. You may have noticed on our clubs register we have a new timetables club starting in the Spring term for our Year 2 children which they may like to take part in. The children also made healthy sandwiches this week as part of a DT project. Thank you to all the parent helpers that came in to support it. You were absolutely fantastic and the class teachers and children are really grateful for your support.

Reception children have been learning more facts about penguins and thinking about what they would pack on a trip to the Antarctic to see visit them. They have also been learning about freezing, melting, sinking and floating.

Year 1 have been exploring what happens to trees as the seasons change this week and also learning about the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees in their Science lessons. I was very impressed with their pronunciation. They have also been learning about all the different visitors in the Nativity story.

We have lots of Christmassy events coming up. Our **Christmas Fayre** is tomorrow between 10 and 1pm and then on **Thursday** we have our **Christmas school lunch** and the children can wear their **Christmas jumpers** to school in place of their school jumpers on that day. If your child is usually a **packed lunch** but would like to have the Christmas lunch on the 7th, please let the office know by Monday morning so the kitchen can make any necessary changes to numbers.

It is **not** a full muffin day that day - just a swap of your school jumpers and cardigans.

The following week (14th) will be the **Class Christmas parties** and the teachers have sent out some communication about those via Teams.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow.

Mrs Cary

Value Awards

Our values are: **Courage, Determination, Respect** and **Kindness**.

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Theo	Maple	Elara	Beech	Alessa
Elm	Artis	Rowan	Julie	Oak	Daisy
Holly	Hugo	Willow	Freddie M	Sycamore	Benji M
		Pine	Maddie		

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow.

Artist of the Week: Madness

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4VSQPUFZV9MO7TEwjjFTbY?si=deec7c4ba07246a8>

A lot of their songs are about childhood memories but sometimes they tackle controversial issues. Their most successful time was between 1980 and 1986 and they had hits in the singles charts for 214 weeks. They announced last month details of their new album, and released its lead single, C'est La Vie.



No Pens Day Wednesday

We had No Pens Day Wednesday this week which meant the children were not allowed to pick up a pen/pencil at all. All their learning was done through using hands on resources or through verbal interactions, drama and discussions.

After learning about expanded noun phrases earlier in the week, children in Sycamore Class worked together on No Pens Day Wednesday to create this story which Mrs Webb typed up.

No Pens Day

Can you spot all the expanded noun phrases?
What a **brilliant, interesting** story with a **creative, surprising** twist!

Princess versus Dragon!

A collaborative story by Sycamore Class

Once upon a time there was a terrifying, red dragon sitting in a dark, gloomy cave reading a book. One day he decided to go outside and explore the world so he flew out of the front door all the way to his destination which was a tower with a princess inside.

At the front of the wide castle was a group of strong knights guarding the princess from dragons. The big, red dragon blew steaming, hot fire at the knights and then he flew up to the castle and found the princess.

The princess drew a sharp sword and waved it around trying to hit the dragon but the dragon was too fast and it melted the sword with its flaming, hot fire. Just when the princess thought she was safe, the dragon managed to break down the great castle and managed to eat the lonely, innocent princess.

Luckily, the clever princess had magical powers and was able to escape from the dragon's belly. She rescued the knights who were hiding from the fierce dragon and the knights helped to finally slay the fearsome dragon. Finally, the princess and the knights celebrated the death of the dragon with colourful fireworks in the dark, night sky.

The end.



Dates for the Diary

Saturday 2nd December
School Christmas Fayre



Monday 4th December
Year 2 to watch St Lawrence Year 4 Christmas Performance in the afternoon

Wednesday 6th December
Bridge Road Winter Wander
Choir singing at 5:30pm - Come and join us!



Thursday 7th December
Christmas Jumper Day



Wear a Christmas jumper instead of your school jumper

Christmas Performances

Monday 11th December

Year 1 @ 9:30am

Year 2 @ 2pm

Tuesday 12th December

Reception @ 9:30am

Year 1 @ 2pm

Wednesday 13th December

Year 2 @ 9:30am

Reception @ 2pm



You can book your place via Parentmail now

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Party Lunch
Year group teachers will be in touch



Thursday 14th December

Special visitor



Thursday 14th December

Reception Christmas Storytelling Experience
The Littlest Christmas Elf



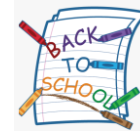
Friday 15th December

School Finished at 1:45pm



Wednesday 3rd January

Children return to school on



Wednesday 20th January

Parent Coffee Morning
with our Family Support Worker
Teresa Doe



amazon Wish Lists

Thank you for your donations so far. We are really grateful 😊



Does this scooter belong to you?

It has been outside the Hansler Grove entrance for some time now.

Please remove it to ensure it doesn't get damaged or start to go rusty in this weather.

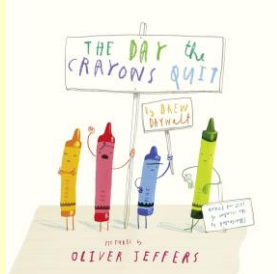
Orchard Reading Recommendations



You can click on the book covers to link you to Amazon to read more about each book.

Staff

Mrs Pazinas recommends **The Day The Crayons Quit**
By Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers



I enjoyed reading this funny and creative book with my niece. In the book the crayons each write letters to their owner Duncan about how they want to be used or how they are being used! Some crayons are pretty fed up with Duncan and they want him to fix the problem, whilst others are very happy that they are used so often. My niece especially loved the little argument between the colour yellow and orange (which one would you use to colour in the sun?) and it was quite interesting how she had her own opinion about each colour. It gives a nice, humorous and I think 😊 true description of how crayons are used from a child's view. It's a lovely cute book for ages 3-7 years old.

Year 2

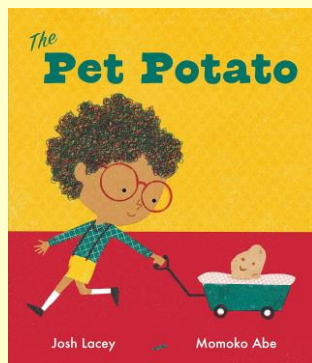
Jude in Oak class recommends **Shh! We have a plan** by Chris Haughton.

"I like it because I like the funny speech in it and the way they always say the same things in it all the time. My favourite bit is the "1...2...3...RUN AWAY!" page because it was the funniest bit."



One hilarious foiled plan after another. If you want a laugh out loud read, this is the book for you?

Year 1

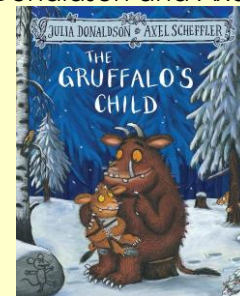


Atticus in Maple Class loves **The Pet Potato** by Josh Lacey and Momoko Abe. It reminds Atticus of growing things in the garden with his mum.

Now you may not think that a potato will make a very good pet, but you will be quite surprised to learn just how great they are. Find out all the little things that Albert gets up to in this story with his pet potato.

Reception

Elijah in Ash class tell us that **The Gruffalo's Child** by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.



I like this book because it is about the Gruffalo's child. He is just the big Gruffalo. It has prickles all over its back but it doesn't have a poisonous wart at the end of its nose – yet!

If you are a fan of the Gruffalo then we are sure you will love this book too.



Christmas performances can be booked via Parentmail.

Please make sure you have done this by

Thursday 7th December

2 tickets per child



Christmas Fayre Raffle Prizes



Over 80 Christmas raffle prizes

1. £150 cash from Rawlinson & Webber
2. Joulberry - Kensington **Silver Bolt Necklace** RRP £255
3. In harmony £98 facial or redeem value against chosen treatment
4. £100 voucher at Mezzet from KWW Solicitors
5. Mitre - complimentary afternoon tea for two with a value of £80
6. £50 Petit Nantais voucher
7. Firefly £45 Blow dry
8. £40 Sakura hairdresser voucher
9. Istanbul Mixed Mezze for 2 and 2 glasses of wine
10. Daytona Go Kart Racing for 2 at Sandown Park
11. 5 At the Bridge meal for two with a bottle of wine
12. Dish lunch with wine for two
13. Meals for two at the Molesey Cafe Restaurant
14. Mezzet voucher
15. Electric toothbrush with toothpaste and mouthwash from the Molesey Dental Practice
16. Honeysuckle voucher
17. Hamper from the Greengrocer
18. Xcel 2 tickets for softplay
19. Xcel 2 tickets for climbing
20. Pavillon one month membership
21. £15 voucher from Garsons
22. Hersham pottery £15 voucher
23. Happy Potter voucher
24. Free MOT from Walton road garage
25. Free MOT from Dennis Road
26. £25 voucher from hopscotch shoe boutique
27. Tin of Daylesford loose leaf tea
28. White Company reed diffuser
29. Set of 4 heart shaped side plates
30. £25 voucher from Green King
31. Voucher from Henry's Kitchen
32. Two fish & chips from Molesey Fish Bar
33. £20 from JRWT Butchers
34. Two large signature pizzas from Fireaway
35. Image professional dry cleaners - 2 piece suit dry cleaned (£12.50)
36. £20 voucher from E&J Wilson Dry cleaners
37. Sam's kebab - 2 small chicken shish kebabs
38. Green & Lovely £25 voucher
39. Peter J Dale Butchers £20 voucher
40. Frame Maker Framed Artwork
41. Palace Antiques **Annette the antique duck**
42. Beehive Boutique voucher
43. Thai courtyard £30 voucher
44. Vineking voucher
45. Avena voucher
46. Caneloni - 2 x coffee and cakes
47. EKA - Art Set
48. £20 voucher from Miss Polly
49. Indian Panarama Lunch for 2 adults and 1 child
50. Nails Forever - Hand & Toe Nail Polish with Colour
51. Creams from the chemist
52. **Over 30 vouchers for one week gym pass at Xcel**



Year 2
sandwich making
in Oak class



Dip & Dab storytelling workshop