

The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a great week here at The Orchard. The children have been learning about Road Safety and know important safety rules to follow:



I have told them that “**Kids Know Best**” so don’t be surprised if you get a few reminders from them about how to be near the roads!

Year 2 children have been writing to Orion a little boy in a book called **Orion and the Dark** by **Emma Yarlett**. Orion is afraid of lots of things including the dark so the children have been giving him some very thoughtful advice. The children have also been learning about the Nativity story through art and the symbolism within them.



Year 1 children have been creating art in the style of Arcimboldo. I saw a beautiful face today made by Thomas in Willow class who created it from pictures of fruit including a very spiky pineapple, blueberries and apples. Very impressive. In Maths they are been exploring the concept of odd and even numbers and showed excellent understanding and recall of these numbers.

Reception children have been learning about celebrations and the how it feels to give and receive presents. They have also been getting very chilly with **Blue Penguin** and learnt some great facts about penguins as well as exploring the characters feelings. In Yellow Bay this week they experimented with melting ice and also made split-pin penguins.



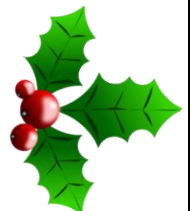
It has been delightful to hear the singing going on around the school as the children prepare for their **Christmas assemblies** in the last week of term. The booking for these has now opened so please check your Parentmail app. There will be two shows per year group and a limit of two seats per child.

Please see out Dairy Dates section for dates and times.



Please note that Christmas jumper day is on 7th December and then our class Christmas parties are on the 14th. The kitchen will be providing warm food such as pizzas and sausage rolls on the 14th December but class teachers will also be sending out party food lists for parents to send in some other scrumptious delights. Please don’t send in too much. We have found in the past that a little goes a long way at these events and we don’t want any wastage. Thank you in advance – I love a party ring!

We will also prepare for Christmas with our **Kindness Advent**. Kindness is one of our values that we hold very dear to us. We would like to encourage the children to seek out ways to be extra kind to others and to look beyond the present getting for themselves. Attached is our Kindness calendar with lots of lovely ideas to do something kind each day. We are doing this jointly with St Lawrence, for those of you that have siblings over there.



The PTA are in full swing preparing for our **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December**. There are some wonderful raffle prizes up for grabs – over 80 of them. Some of you have really gone above and beyond to make it a such a fantastic raffle. Thank you so much. You should have received raffle tickets to sell on to family and friends but if you don’t sell them, please return them to the box in the school office so they can be sold by others. Thank you. See our prize list at the end of the newsletter.



Please help by bringing in:

Wednesday – lucky dip jar and any donations for Christmas hampers

Friday: Muffi Day – chocolate and bottles of alcohol



Lastly, each class received a letter today from the 'Secret Reader'. Next Tuesday, classes will be read a story by someone that is not usually in their class. I wonder who will be visiting each class?

Wishing you all a happy weekend and for those parents attending the PTA Christmas Party tomorrow evening. I hope you have a wonderful time.

Mrs Cary

Orchard Reading Recommendations



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

Staff

Mrs Webb recommends

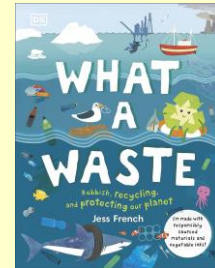
The Story of Matthew Buzzington by Andy Stanton.
Recommended for Year 2 (although I have read it to Year 1 but cut a few bits out). It's a great story about a boy who moves to a new school and has to find ways of fitting in and coping with the school bully, all the while trying to harness his own very special superpower. Really funny and genuinely exciting.



Year 2

Sam in Sycamore class recommends the non-fiction book **What a Waste** by Jennifer French.

Sam says that we need to help the environment because if we don't then the animals will become extinct. Sam also suggests people read this book if they want to learn how to look after the world.



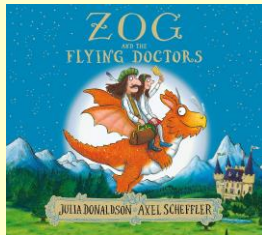
Year 1

Fred in Willow Class recommends

Zog and the Flying Doctors

by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

"I like it because it has exciting flying in it and they help all of the different animals."



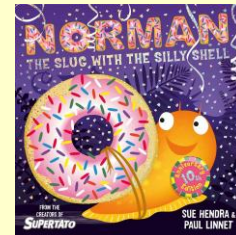
Reception

Sammy in Ash class recommends

Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell

By Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet

"You will like this book because it is really funny and you need to watch out for the pair of pants at the end!" What a brilliant story!



Value Awards

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

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Katie	Maple	Logan	Beech	Sayed
Elm	Mabel	Rowan	Teddy	Oak	Lana
Holly	Matilda	Willow	Jessica	Sycamore	Orla
		Pine	Emma		

"Have courage and be kind. Where there is kindness there is goodness, and where there is goodness there is magic." - Disney's Cinderella



Dates for the Diary

Saturday 25th November

Grown Ups Christmas Party @ Imber Court



Tuesday 28th November

Secret Reader



Wednesday 29th November

No Pens Day Wednesday



Wednesday 29th November

Wreath Workshop

7:30pm @ The Orchard



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There is still time to book on.

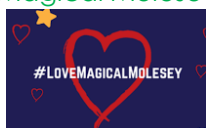
Thursday 30th November

Year 2 Parent Tour @ St Lawrence



Thursday 30th November

Magical Molesey



Choir singing at 5:20pm - Come and join us!

Friday 1st December

Muffi Day

Chocolates/Sweets and Bottles of plonk for our Christmas Fayre Tombola



Friday 1st December

Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Storytelling Experience
Dip & Dab's Christmas Show



Saturday 2nd December

School Christmas Fayre



Wednesday 6th December

Bridge Road Winter Wander

Choir singing at 5:30pm - Come and join us!



Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day



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

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



Bikes and Scooters

These should not be ridden on our grounds at all. Please could all parents and children make sure that these are walked through our entry points and through our playgrounds at all times.



Artist of the Week: Johnny Cash

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/1aEXPDCJdFHsXGFzC4FhME?si=a591dba90b8541d3>



He was named J when he was born – just J. He grew up in Arkansas and from the age of 5 years old he worked in the cotton fields with his family and would sing while he worked. His mother taught him to play the guitar. He worked in the Air Force as a Morse Code operator intercepting messages from the Soviet army. It was when he joined the Airforce that he was given the name John because they wouldn't accept an initial for a name. If he was stranded on a desert island and allowed some music to listen to, Johnny said he would choose Beethoven.

Christmas Fayre Raffle Prizes

Over 80 Christmas raffle prizes

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |
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