

## The Orchard Newsletter

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has been busy and the children have been fantastic in their learning. We talked about determination in our KS1 assembly at the beginning of the week. We thought about how Dory (the blue tang fish in the Disney films Finding Nemo and Finding Dory) reminds us to '**just keep swimming, just keep swimming**'.

It is great to see how determined our children are.





Well done to all those children who put themselves forward to be their class school councillor. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of your classmates and speak to them all. Children have now been elected to represent each class this year and we are looking forward to seeing how they come together as a group and help to have a positive impact on the school. We will be having our first meeting next Friday.

Our **Reception** children have been reading Dear Zoo this week and thinking about the structure of a story. They have made some wonderful art work using animal prints and described what different animals are like. They have also been doing lots of counting and answering the question 'How many...?'.





Year 1 children have enjoyed using clay to make plates and cups. They will decorate these next week. We have enjoyed watching them create and perform dance routines about lost toys that come to life in our PE lessons. This week they took on the role of a BGT judge and gave feedback on each other's' performances. Thankfully they were a lot kinder! In Science they have been learning about the parts of a plant and made some very intricate pipe cleaner plants with all the important parts included.

In **Year 2**, the children have been partitioning numbers in maths and becoming more and more confident at representing two-digit numbers in different ways. They have evaluated their Andy Goldsworthy inspired sculptures and it has been lovely to see these displayed in the classrooms. They have also enjoyed exploring the story of The Storm Whale by Benji Davies.



Next week we are kick starting our **Kindness Challenge**. Each child's class has a special jar that they are hoping to fill to the brim with all their kind acts. I wonder if any class will fill it up before the week is over?

As one of our safeguarding focuses with the children we will also be discussing the **PANTS rule** with them next week. Please be assured that this is done in an age appropriate way. If you would like further information or resources please check the bulletin further down this newsletter. You can also watch a recording of Pantosaurus and the Power of Pants at this YouTube link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT3YEdv6a3E

See you Monday! Sally Cary

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	Our values ar	e: Courage, Detern	nination, Respect	and Kindness.	
Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Seb	Maple	Poppy F	Beech	Paige
Elm	Marnie	Rowan	Skylar	Oak	Benji
Holly	Cosmo	Willow	Freddie B	Sycamore	Esme
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### **Census Day: Thursday 5th October**

is a really important day for schools across the country as this is when schools are surveyed regarding their pupil numbers.

This information impacts our next year's funding and so we would like to ensure The Orchard School is in receipt of the maximum amount possible to future proof the success of the school and give our children the best possible resources and staffing. In order to achieve this, we are holding a **special lunch** for children to enjoy. The menu is attached to this email. If your child is usually a packed lunch, but would like to try a school meal on this day, they are most welcome to.



Please let the office know on Monday if you child is usually a packed lunch but would like to try our school lunch on census day.

Many thanks

### A message for our Year 2 Parents

Are you looking for a school place for September 2024?

If you are considering a place at St Lawrence for your child, please do make an appointment by ringing up the school office on 02089410846 or emailing office@stlawrence-junior.surrey.sch.uk to visit and learn more about our very special school. Our Open Morning Tours will take place on

the 3rd and 10th October at 9am or 10:15am. We look forward to welcoming you.

Mrs Grace MacLean

Headteacher



## **PANTS: Your questions answered**

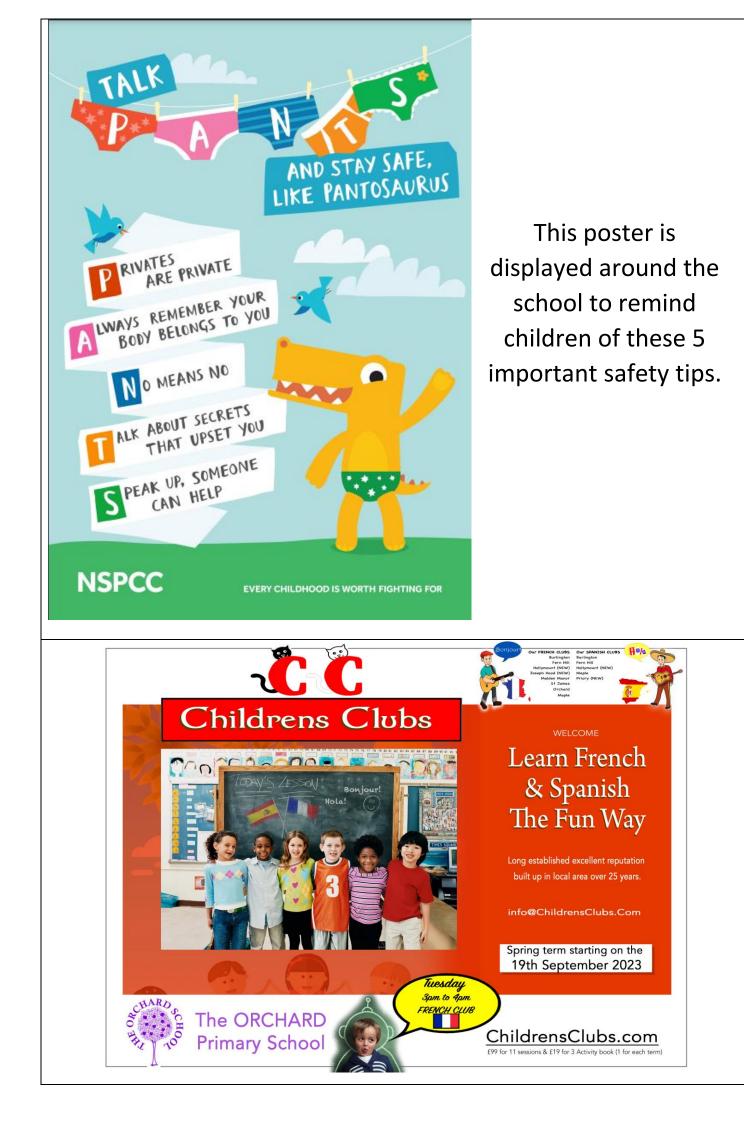
This coming week we will be talking to our children here about the PANTS rule.



As you talk **PANTS** with your child, it's natural for them to have some questions. The NSPCC has lot of advice to help you answer them accurately and in an age appropriate way.

Please click on this link:

https://rb.gy/9b1x3





Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 £5 Reception - 3-4pm

Year 1 - 4-5pm Year 2 - 5-6pm



Dress up – no masks Snack Dancing Games Quiet area



Make your booking here: https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=67061

# Artist of the Week: Vivaldi



Lived over 300 years ago in Italy Used to be a priest Classical A violin teacher but composed music for many different instruments You can listen his amazing concertos here:

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0p1FF2g4CL0M21zPjhzcUe?si=2cbd8b67cc4f4af0

### **Save the Dates**

For the Grown Ups!

Let's kick start the Christmas Season in style!

#### ORCHARD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

When: Saturday 25th November 2023 Where: Imber Court, Ember Lane, Molesey KT8 0BT Time: 7.30pm - midnight Dress code: Dress to impress Tickets: £30 per person to include drinks reception, food and entertainment. You can get your tickets here: https://www.ptaevents.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=66

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For the children!





Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Orchard 10am – 1pm



