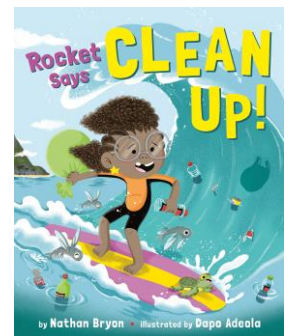


Dear Parents / Carers



Year 1 children have been reading the book *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. They have been inferring what the characters are feeling and using time connectives in their own writing to sequence the events of the story. I sat with a few Year 1 children today and we looked at how their writing has changed since they started Year 1 in September. The progress was really evident and wonderful to see and they should be really proud of themselves. Today they created wonderful art work inspired by Kandinsky.

The children in Reception have been thinking about what job they would like to have when they are older. It was wonderful to hear that someone wants to be Queen of the Ocean when they are a grown up. I don't doubt that this child will achieve their dream if they really want it! The children have also been discussing what can do to look after our planet and they read the book 'Clean up!' They understand that rubbish can be harmful to our planet and the animals and it is important for all of us to be responsible by recycling.



As part of their Geography learning the Year 2 children have been finding about Africa and all the special physical and human features in that continent. In Science, they have started their unit on Living Things and their Habitats and identifying what makes something a 'living thing'. Their indoor PE is yoga at the moment and they have been working hard to create yoga poses and put them into sequences, developing their strength and flexibility.

Next week, is **children's mental health week**. The theme this year is **My Voice Matters**. Across the week children here will be doing various activities as a whole school and in their classes to help them develop the tools they need to express themselves. The following link has some support for families and I have included the 'top tips' document for talking to children about their mental health with this newsletter email.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/#:~:text=Children's%20Mental%20Health%20Week%20will,they%20need%20to%20express%20themselves.>

The week will finish with 'Dress to Express' Day on Friday 9th February which is a muffti day. We only ask that they children wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and for running around the playground in.



See you on Monday.
Mrs Cary



Thank you for
walking your wheels
this week 😊



Value Awards

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



Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Ethan A	Maple	Leo G	Beech	Darcie
Elm	Hattie	Rowan	Elijah	Oak	Parker
Holly	Annabel	Willow	Edward	Sycamore	Eva
		Pine	Odin		

Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change.



will be visiting our school the week commencing
11th March 2024

Click on the link below if you would like to see in advance what they have on offer.

[Travelling Book Fair Parents Hub - Travelling Book Fairs \(scholastic.co.uk\)](https://www.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-book-fairs)

Safer Internet Day

In this ever-increasing technological world, it is so important to remind children about online safety. There is so much more to think about than just being vulnerable to online predators or viewing inappropriate images and videos. As part of our online safety curriculum we support pupils with their self-image and identity, online relationships and reputation, online bullying, managing information, health, wellbeing and lifestyle, privacy and security, and copyright and ownership.

We will celebrate Safer Internet Day at The Orchard on 6th. The theme for 2024 is:

'Inspiring change?'

Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'



At The Orchard, we have developed an acceptable use agreement which we expect all children to follow when using devices at school.

When using computers at school I will:

- ask a teacher or suitable adult if I want to use the computers/tablets
 - use technology safely, sensibly and respectfully
 - use websites that I have been directed towards by my teacher
- not go on a website or download anything without permission from my teacher
 - inform an adult if I see something that upsets me
 - not give out any of my personal information online
 - treat others kindly and respectfully
 - ask for help or guidance if I need it
 - have fun, enjoy my learning and stay safe

We continue to monitor pupil and staff use of the internet and children can also alert staff via our Bee Safe Button if they see something that causes concern or upsets them.

This is a great time perhaps for parents to review settings/restrictions on devices!

As well as setting up parental controls on the device itself, remember to check any apps your child would like on their device. Is it suitable for their age? Review all settings and privacy options for each app. For the devices themselves use the available settings to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Follow the links below to find out more:

iPhones/iPads: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Google Play: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Lost Property Box

There is a new **Lost Property Box** and it is currently located outside the school office.

Please check for missing items.

We also ask that you label everything you can so that, if we can, we can get items back to your child directly.



Free Parenting Workshop

Supporting family wellbeing through
sleep education



Wednesday 14th March 2024

9am in the school hall

<https://www.midnightmentor.co.uk/>

More details to follow shortly



Save the Date

The Orchard



Friday 22nd March 2024

THE HUB, RAY ROAD, WEST MOLESEY - KT8 2LG

Cost: £17.50 pp for the quiz and a sharing meat and cheese board served to your table.

Vegetarian platters provided and other dietary requirements catered for.

Teams: Minimum 6 - Maximum 8



Click here to book your ticket!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=74207>

Orchard Reading Recommendations



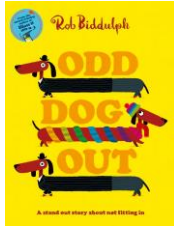
You can click on the book covers to link you to Amazon to read more about each book.

Reception

Matilda and William in Holly Class love the book
Odd Dog Out

by Rob Biddulph

"We like looking at the book and seeing all the different colours of the odd dogs. We like the rainbow scarf and his rainbow hat," they tell us. This book is clearly a firm favourite at The Orchard amongst the children and the staff.



Year 1

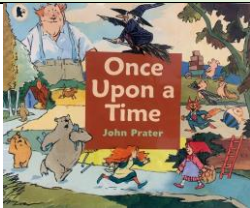
Theo in Rowan Class recommends
Disco Donkey by Everley Hart



It's all about a donkey that wants to disco. 'I think children in Reception and Year 1 will like it because it is very silly.'

If you love dancing and donkeys and maybe just being a little bit silly, this book is for you.

Staff



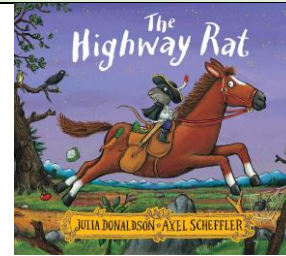
A recommendation from Mrs Smart.

She says, "One of my favourite books to share is
Once Upon A Time by John Prater.

This picture book features a little boy who is just having an ordinary day with 'not much to see, not much to do'.

The simple rhyming text is lovely to read aloud but the main action is in the illustrations. In the background to the boy's day, traditional tales and nursery rhymes come to life. It's a wonderful book for reminding us to look beyond our immediate surroundings whilst also discussion of other famous characters and their stories."

Year 2



Bastie in Beech Class recommends
The Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson

The Highway Rat is a rhyming story about a rude rat who steals food. One of the best bits is when the Highway rat goes to a store and eats food off the floor. It's a really funny story and I would recommend it to children aged 4 to 5.

Artist of the week: Frank Sinatra



He had lots of nick names: Chairman of the Board and Ole Blue Eyes were two of them.

He was called the 'greatest singer of the 20th Century'.

Frank was part of a very special group of friends, who were all entertainers, called the Rat Pack. They performed together on stage and in films.

He was best friends with US President John F Kennedy.

'7934 Sinatra' is the asteroid that has been named in the memory of Frank Sinatra.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4x11tu2tgDnG0OZCgc89t?si=af1c68daa3ef4827>

Dates for the Diary

Monday 5th to Sunday 11th February

Children's Mental Health Week



Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day



Friday 9th February

PTA: Chinese New Year lantern sale



Friday 9th February

Dress to Express Day



Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Half term



Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February

Parents Evenings

(more details to follow later next term)



Friday 1st March

PTA: Leap-a-thon



Tuesday 5th March

PTA: Mothers' Day

'Golden Ticket' Chocolate Bar Sale

Shhhh! It's a surprise!



Tuesday 5th March

Reception: Ducklings are coming!



Wednesday 6th March

Whole School - Drama Workshops



Thursday 7th March

World Book Day



Friday 8th March

Year 2 Wisley Trip



w/c Monday 11th March

Book Fair



Tuesday 19th March

Sublime Science



Friday 22nd March

PTA: Quiz Night



Tuesday 26th March

PTA: Easter Disco & Easter Colouring Competition



Thursday 28th March

School finishes @ 1:45pm