



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Here are the latest notices from Cherry Orchard.

## **Walking to School – WOW – Living Streets**

Well done to all of our pupils who have managed to participate in active travel at least once a week in March. We have awarded lots of badges and are proud that you are becoming more active and environmental citizens of Birmingham. Thank you as well to all of our families who have supported their children. Let's see if we can achieve more badges in April.

### **ACTIVE JOURNEYS TAKEN**

**3920 = 78%**

### **NUMBER OF BADGES EARNED**



**312**

### **LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT**

**77%**

Our top 5 class leader board

<b>Class</b>	<b>Amount of badges earnt</b>
5L	29
6P	28
RA	28
4K	27
RH, 5ST, 2B	26

## **Walk to School Week**

Are you up for a challenge? Do you think you can walk to school every day for one week? Walk to School Week takes place from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Why not give it a go and see if you can complete the challenge!

### **School uniform giveaway!**

Next week we will be putting out items of school uniform that have been donated to us. We have a huge amount and it will be available Tuesday through to Friday at 08:15 to 08:45 and 14:45 to 15:15 in the community room next to the school office. So, if you need uniform items, pop into school between those hours.

All items will be free of charge. We will have a box out for donations to The Children's Society, but there is no obligation to contribute.

## **Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard**

### **Cherry Orchard String Orchestra Gala**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March our KS2 string orchestra performed at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in front of lots of other schools and parents. Here is a report from two of the pupils who attended:

*My experience when performing at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire was that it was very exciting. We all sat in selected seats and practised playing. Lots of other schools participated too. –*  
Dax, Year 4



*I had to rehearse before we actually played in front of the parents. My favourite piece of music I performed was God Save The King- Xander, Year 4*

### **ECB cricket with Years 1 and 2**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, pupils in Year 1 and 2 were lucky enough to take part in cricket coaching sessions with Edgbaston Cricket Club. They refined their batting and bowling skills – it was a smash hit with all of our pupils!



If your child is interested in playing cricket, then why not sign them up to All Stars Cricket at Handsworth Cricket Club.

All Stars Cricket provides boys and girls from 5-8 years old with 8 weeks of non-stop fun. The activity and game-based programme is suitable for all skill levels, providing your child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket, while making friends in a safe and enjoyable environment. Wed 10 May - Wed 05 Jul 2023 17:00 - 18:00 for 5-8 years olds.

Click on the link below to book your place:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/b3f51fcd-c1d8-4b8d-89dd-7b33fde85b12>

## **British Cycling**

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, pupils in Year 5 and 6 participated in their first cycling skill and technique session. These sessions are aimed at pupils who can already ride a bike and wish to progress further in developing their control. Christian Andrews, from British Cycling, warmly welcomes other children to wish to participate in cycling skill sessions to contact him on 07940433539. Free sessions take place for children, who can ride a bike, on Wednesdays at Holford Drive Sports Hub, 4:30pm to 5:30pm.





## Year 1 Walk to Perry Park

Year 1 walked to Perry Hall Park to look for signs of spring. On their way to the park, they spotted deciduous and evergreen trees. A pretty front garden had tulips, daffodils and hyacinths growing in it. At the park they found beautiful blossom on the trees and daisies and dandelions in the grass. A nest was high up in a tree. (By 1JA)



## Year 4 Roman Soldier

As part of their history curriculum, year 4 had a visit from a Roman soldier. They learnt that Roman soldiers weren't always at war but spent most of their time training for battle. Our children practised the different fighting formations as well as finding how difficult it was to move, let alone fight, by dressing up in the heavy armour, carrying a shield and sword.



## **Eid Celebration Assembly**

Thank you to all the family and friends who attended the Year 4 Eid assembly. It was wonderful to see you all in school, enjoying your children's performances. All of the children were fantastic and we were impressed by their singing, narrating and acting skills. Thank you staff for your hard work in preparing the assembly for us all to enjoy.



## **House and Vice Captains – Summer term**

We are pleased to announce our house and vice captains for the summer term. Congratulations to the following children:

<b>Ashley</b>	<b>Birchfield</b>	<b>Thornhill</b>	<b>Woodville</b>
House Captain - Dawud	House Captain - Naadhira	House Captain - Pallavi	House Captain - Inayah
Vice Captain - Nicholas	Vice Captain – Aisha	Vice Captain - Zoya	Vice Captain - Aaria

# Attendance

As you will know from the letter we sent out about attendance in September, 'good' attendance is classed as 96% or above over the year. **This is our whole school target. We are currently at 93.2% so 96% is going to be a challenging target.**

We monitor class and individual attendance weekly. Here are the percentages for each class from the beginning of the school year to now:

RA	90.8%	RH	90.5%
1JA	93.8%	1K	90.1%
2A	93.1%	2B	94.5%
3HN	94.2%	3HT	95.5%
4J	93.1%	4K	94.6%
5L	96.1%	5ST	95.3%
6P	91.5%	6SA	92.8%
RB1	89.6%	RB2	92.8%

## **Information for Parents of pupils with SEND from Birmingham City Council**

Dear Birmingham Parents and Carers,

Here is the link to complete Birmingham SEND Survey 2023:

### **BirminghamSendSurvey2023**

This survey seeks parents and carers views about their experiences of SEND services for their child/children. It follows on from a similar survey that was carried out last year and now aims to measure any improvements made. This survey has been co-produced with the Birmingham Parent and Carer Forum (BPCF).

We would love to hear your current views on SEND services provided by Birmingham City Council (Education), Birmingham Children's Trust (Social Care) and Health (NHS) in Birmingham, alongside the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum.

***All parent and carer survey responses will be automatically entered into a prize draw with a chance to win one of four £25 shopping vouchers. The survey will officially close on Friday 26th May at 11.59pm and the names will be drawn at random on Wednesday 31st May 2023.***

Please contact us on [SendSurvey@Birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:SendSurvey@Birmingham.gov.uk) if you need any assistance to complete the survey.

# Upcoming dates for your diary

01 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
05 May	Wear red, white and blue in celebration of The King's coronation
08 May	Extra Bank Holiday for His Majesty The King's coronation (school closed)
09 May	Year 6 SATs week
11 May	Reception trip – Ash End Farm
26 May	End of term (mufti day)
<b>05 Jun</b>	<b>Start of term for pupils</b>
06 Jun	Police safeguarding talk with Year 6
09 Jun	Sports' Day – KS2 am; KS1 pm
13 Jun	Birmingham City Mission Assemblies
14 Jun	Year 6 individual photos and whole school class photos
23 Jun	Reserve Sports' Day – KS2 am; KS1 pm
26 Jun	Weston-Super-Mare – Year 1
28 Jun	SEND Summer Sports' Festival
10 Jul	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
25 Jul	End of term (mufti day)



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Thank you!

## **Additional Information**

You will find lots of additional information on our school website. Please go to [www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk](http://www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk). If you cannot find the answer to your question, please ask a member of staff. The office number is 0121 5540862.