



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Here are the latest notices from Cherry Orchard.



We are delighted to announce that we, Cherry Orchard, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a total of over 100 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Our Year 5 Sports Crew who have plan, organised and led a weekly Year 1 and 2 lunchtime sports club: Sophia, Iosif, Zain, Aisha, Sumaiyah, and of course Harry for supporting them. Mrs Kumari, Mrs Hussain, Mrs Bi, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Fletcher for supporting the children in their inter-school competitions. Our Year 3, 4 and 6 Sports Crew members who have led games at lunchtimes.

We look forward to going for gold once again in 2024!

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 May. This was slightly lower than our April figure. Remember the importance of active travel on mental health and wellbeing as well as children's health and the environment.



Our class leader board for May

Class	Amount of badges earnt
2A	30
4K, 5ST	29
RA, 5L	29

Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard



At the end of the Summer half term, the pupils in KS2 participated in their inter-house games, where the children chose to represent their house in either archery, bench ball, art or the music quiz. The points were added up with the following results:

1st – Ashley

2nd – Birchfield

3rd – Woodville

4th – Thornhill

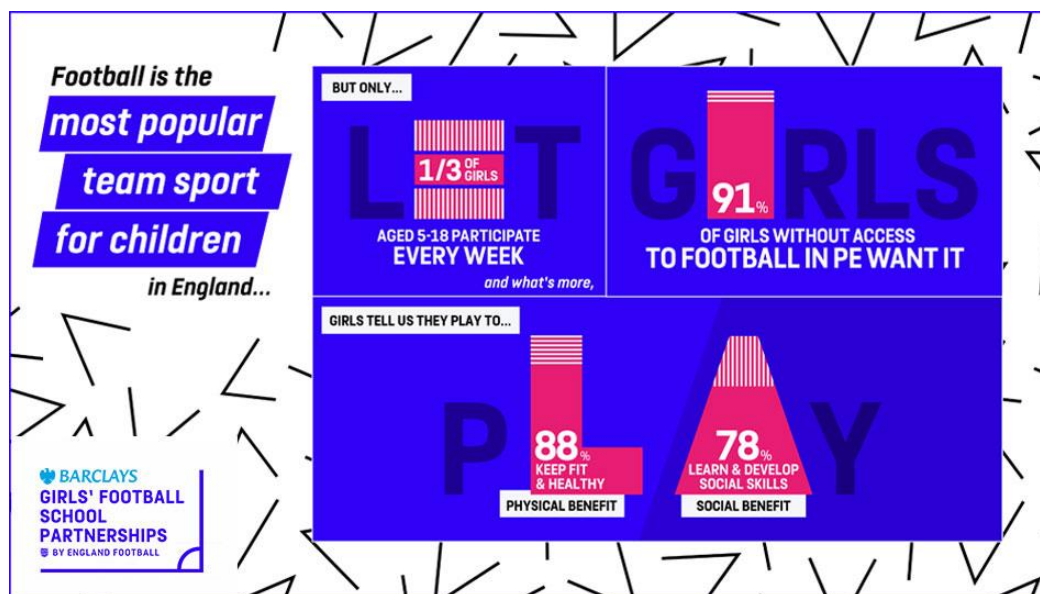
Can we say a big well done to all of the members of Ashley for their performance.

Girls' Football Tournaments



Pupils in Years 3, 4 and 6 represented Cherry Orchard in the Girls' Football tournaments during June, promoting equal access to football in schools. These tournaments are sponsored by Barclays who have explained the following:

'As our national game, Barclays believes in the power of football and its ability to speak to the nation and create confidence and opportunities for young people. For example, 80% of girls show more confident behaviour having played football. Yet we know historically the opportunities to access the game haven't been equal; 76% of men said they played football in PE lessons at school, yet only 19% of women said they had the chance to play. That is something we want to change, and this is why we are putting our name behind this commitment.'



Cost-of-Living information

The cost-of-living crisis is impacting people across Birmingham and we know this is a worrying time for many families. With help from our partners, a new downloadable booklet that offers practical advice on the help and support you might be able to get if you have financial worries has been put together.

[Download cost-of-living booklet HERE](#)

It provides information on how to check if you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to, and looks at how you can heat your home safely and keep it free of damp or mould.

With escalating food prices, there's also advice on how to access support in the city if you are struggling to feed yourself and your family. Plus, on each page, you'll find useful organisations which can offer support if you are affected by the increased costs of living.

You can also find more information [cost-of-living information on the council website](#)

Online Safety

'Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.'

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. To find out more on how you can support your child at home to stay safe, SKIPS have created guides with useful information. Click on each picture to find out more.

 <p>A Parent's Guide to Social Media</p>	 <p>A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures</p>	 <p>A Parent's Guide to Gaming</p>	 <p>A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming</p>
 <p>A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming</p>	 <p>A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers</p>	 <p>A Parent's Guide to Fake News</p>	 <p>A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings</p>

If you would like additional information, you can contact SKIPs directly by e mailing them on info@skips.com

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 93.4%.**

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

RA	92.1	RH	90.0
1JA	93.4	1K	90.2
2A	93.9	2B	93.9
3HN	94.6	3HT	94.9
4J	93.5	4K	94.2
5L	95.0	5ST	94.6
6P	93.9	6BE	94.7
RB1	89.3	RB2	93.2

Upcoming dates for your diary

07 Jul	End of year reports out
10 Jul	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
11 Jul	Parents' information evening (Nursery to Year 5)
12 Jul	Class transition day
12 Jul	Year 2 – 3 transition meeting 3:30pm
13 Jul	Parents' information evening (Year 6)
20 Jul	Year 6 – end of year performance – 2pm
20 Jul	Year 6 – disco 5pm – 7pm
21 Jul	Whole School Picnic and bake sale
24 Jul	Year 6 – cinema and bowling trip
25 Jul	End of term (mufti day)



Please follow us on Twitter @copschool for news and updates on learning and fun at Cherry Orchard. You can also find our Twitter feed on the home page of our school website.

Thank you!

Additional Information

You will find lots of additional information on our school website. Please go to 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.