



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

## Walk to School

Well done to all of the children who are walking to school once a week to help improve the environment, reduce traffic and to stay healthy. As you can see we are currently 9<sup>th</sup> on the West Midlands Leaderboard. Can we improve on this over the next couple of weeks?



## London Marathon – Mrs Allchin

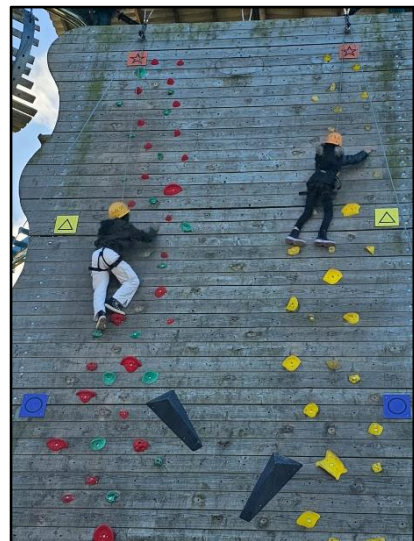
On the 21st April next year I am going to run the London marathon in aid of Sue Ryder. The Sue Ryder hospice, near my mum, helped and supported her so much before and when she died. I want that service to continue for others and so hope to raise £2,000 for the charity. After that I just need to run 26 miles. Wish me luck and if you would like to donate, [click here](#).



# Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

## Pioneer Centre

Last week, the year 6 children had a fantastic time at the Pioneer Centre in Shropshire. They spent four days facing their fears and working together as a team. Some of the activities they completed were climbing, abseiling, fencing, archery and laser tag. They also had a good old sing-song around a campfire. All of our year 6 pupils demonstrated many of the core values, especially courage when being away from their families. Well done to our children and thank you to our staff who accompanied them on their residential trip.







## **Active Kids Day**

Some of our year 6 children who stayed behind at school instead of visiting the Pioneer Centre had an opportunity to try outdoor and adventurous activities at Hamstead Hall Secondary School. Again, they used their core value of courage to tackle the climbing wall as well as taking aim when participating in archery.



## **Nature Area re-development**



During the week beginning 20th November, the year 6 children (who had not gone to the Pioneer Centre) have been improving our school Nature Area. They have been doing some great gardening activities: planting flowering plants, conifers and ferns (different groups in the plant kingdom). They have also created some bug hotels and are starting to make a mindfulness area for when some of the children might want some calm time. For the mindfulness zone, the children (in year 6) have also painted some rocks for that extra bit of calm.

(written by Akeem and Sumaiyah in year 6)



### **Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football Development Programme**

Some of our girls in years 3 and 4 have had the opportunity to develop their football skills as part of a football development programme. They visited Dorrington Primary School where they learnt to control a football, learn tactics and apply these to a controlled game. #letgirlsplay

### **Diwali Celebrations**

Congratulations to our year 2 pupils for their performances in their Diwali play. They spoke articulately as well as singing with enthusiasm and passion. Thank you to our year 2 parents – you were a wonderful audience as well.





## Hello Yellow Day

Thank you for all your contributions on our 'Hello Yellow Day' on 10<sup>th</sup> October. We raised £228.88 on the day for YoungMinds charity.

## World Children's Day

Thank you for all your contributions on World Children's Day on 20<sup>th</sup> November. We raised £233.10 in total for Save The Children.

## Spoz Poetry Workshop

Spoz – a local poet and writer - visited Cherry Orchard on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November to inspire our children to write and perform their own poetry. The year 6 children worked together in teams to write poems based on the topic of 'refuge'. Afterwards, they performed their poems to the rest of the year group. The winners of the poetry were Ashar, Avneet, Aisha, Reo, Liyanah and Ishaan. They will be taking part in The Verve Poetry Festival Competition in February against other schools across the West Midlands. We wish them luck.



## Stars of the Week



10/11/23	Fatima RA, Ozil RH, Yusuf 1A, Dylan 1JA, Ekam 2B, All of 2K, Zaakir 3JN, Inaayah 3JS, Dawoud 4T, Hamzah 4L, Abubakr 5ST, Xander 5SA, Harpreet 6BE, Anisha 6K, Ysaac RB
17/11/23	Aafiyah RH, Myrah RA, Nevaeh-Mae 1A, Ajani 1JA, Bella 2K, Keerit 2B, Sumayyah 3JN, Jeevan 3JS, Gianna 4L, Taranveer 4T, Mohammed E 5ST, Leen 5SA, Liyannah 6BE, Zaki 6K, Prabhraj RB
24/11/23	Karanveer RA, Usayd RH, Isaac 1A, Taijah 1JA, Haajar 2B, Maryam 2K, Ayaan 3JN, Aisha 3JS, Kayaan 4L, Amiah 4T, Yusuf B 5SA, Temi 5ST, Heshank RB
01/12/23	Ava RA, Aliza RH, Nurah 1JA, Aysha 1A, Harkirat 2K, Mikaeel 2B, Khadjia RB, Keobi 3JS, Khushraj 3JN, Omar 4T, Hamzah 4L, All of 5SA, All of 5ST, Afrida 6BE, Jamal 6K

## Attendance

As you will know from the letter we sent out about attendance, 'good' attendance is classed as 96% or above over the year. **This is our whole school target. We are currently at 96% so keep up the hard work!** We monitor class and individual attendance weekly. Here are the percentages for each class from the beginning of the school year to now:

RA	94%	RH	93%
1JA	95%	1A	93%
2K	95%	2B	96%
3JN	97%	3JS	96%
4T	97%	4L	96%
5SA	96%	5ST	96%
6K	96%	6BE	95%
RB	93%	NURAM	88%

Well done to 2B, 3JN, 3JS, 4T, 4L, 5SA, 5ST and 6K for achieving over 96%.

## Upcoming dates for your diary

04 Dec	Year 3 Think Tank trip
06 Dec	Year 1 Heritage Walk
07 Dec	Christmas jumper day and Christmas meal
07 Dec	YPP Opening Ceremony
08 Dec	Year 2 Theatre Trip – Blue Orange Theatre – Sleeping Beauty
12 Dec	Birmingham City Mission Assemblies
15 Dec	Year 4 – Sparks Fire Safety Workshop
18 Dec	Year 4 – St Mary's Church Visit
22 Dec	End of term
08 Jan	Teacher Day (school closed for pupils)
09 Jan	School Starts for Spring term
11 Jan	Year 3 - Temple Visit
16 Jan	Year 4 - Roman Soldier Visit in School
24 Jan	Year 5 and 6 Mixed Football Tournament
01 Feb	Year 6 STEM Ambassador Visit in School
09 Feb	Break up for half term



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### Additional Information

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