



# CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Here are the latest notices.

## Modeshift Stars Award



We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Modeshift Stars Good Travel Plan for 2024. As a school we have been working hard to reduce our use of cars and replace this by walking to school, cycling, park and stride or by using public transport. Where possible, we also try to walk to any events or educational visits: our girls' football development squad have walked to Dorrington School; our pupils walked to St Mary's Church as part of their RE curriculum; and in the summer our year 6 pupils will walk and catch the train for their end of year trip. As well as this, we promote safer cycling by participating in schemes such as Bikeability. These sessions have taken place for our year 3 and 4 pupils and will be taking place for year 5 and 6 pupils next week. Our school council representatives have conducted parking surveys outside of school to assess how safe our road is for our pupils. We aim to continue to reduce traffic around our school, to promote active lifestyles and improve the environment. Thank you to all of our staff and families who have supported us in our efforts to achieve our aims.

# Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

## YPP

Earlier this month, our year 5 Young People's Parliament representatives met with other local schools to plan a project which they will implement back in school entitled, 'Loving our World, Loving our community campaign.' They spent the day at Aston Villa sharing their thoughts and ideas, and hope to make a difference to the local community once they carry out their project.



## Year 6 – STEM Ambassador

Many thanks to John Courtney, a STEM ambassador, who visited on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. After learning how ultrasound works, the children were able to try it out for themselves – using a dummy and an ultrasound machine to practise! The children found out about what it is like to work as a sonographer in an NHS hospital. We think we have some future sonographers amongst our Year 6s.



### **Year 3 – Temple Visit**

Year 3 had a fantastic adventure visiting Shree Geeta Bhawan Temple. Exploring Hindu traditions, they discovered the power of kindness and delved into the significance of various Hindu Gods. The temple's vibrant colours amazed them and they learnt a lot from their visit.



### **Year 6 Verve Poetry Competition**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, six Year 6 pupils showcased their talents at the Birmingham Hippodrome, eloquently sharing their poignant poem about refuge. Their performance was part of The Verve Poetry and Spoken Word Festival. Our pupils competed against 11 other schools from Birmingham and Sandwell, showing their core value of courage to perform their poem onstage in front of around 500 people. A huge well done to our poetry competitors!



### **Years 5 and 6 Athletics competition**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 18 Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an indoor athletics competition at George Dixon Secondary School. They competed in a range of events: javelin, standing long jump, standing high jump, speed bounce and various different types of relays. We are pleased to announce that our Cherry Orchard team came second and have qualified for the Level 3 Games where they will test their athletic performances against schools across the whole of Birmingham.



## Year 4 Dance Competition

On Tuesday 27th February, 15 children from Year 4 took part in the KS2 Dance Festival. They had a fantastic morning watching and performing their dance routine along with five other schools.

The children showed great courage and were a respectful and supportive audience. Well done Year 4; you should be proud of yourselves.



## Stars of the Week



2/2/24	Hana RH, Kirat RA, Ahmed 1JA, Maleek 1A, Maryam 2D, Emad 2B, Ethan 3JN, Zakariya 3JS, Daniyal 4H, Bhavneet 4L, Ibrahim K 5ST Ibrahim M 5SA, Rayyan 6BE, Faizan 6K, Haaris RB
9/2/24	Noah RA, Zayaan RH, Alvina 1JA, Dawud 1A, Yenea 2B, Anaya 2D, Anaiya 3JN, Aliyah A 3JS, Liya-Rose 4H, Mariya 4L, Ayana 5SA, Hana 5ST, Maryam 6BE, Kadiri 6K, Yusuf RB
23/2/24	Joanna (Nursery), Inayah RH, Remario RA, Amiyah 1A, Eva 1JA, Mariam 2B, Laila 2D, Safaa 3JS, Armani 3JN, Krishan 4L, Hamnah 4H, Alaiya 5ST, Anaya 5SA, Reuben 6BE, Chavin RB

## Attendance

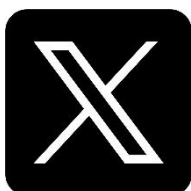
As you will know from the letter we sent out about attendance, 'good' attendance is classed as 96% or above over the year. **This is our whole school target. We are currently at 95% which has stayed the same as January.** We monitor class and individual attendance weekly. Here are the percentages for each class from the beginning of the school year to now:

RA	94%	RH	92%
1JA	95%	1A	93%
2D	95%	2B	92%
3JN	97%	3JS	96%
4H	97%	4L	96%
5SA	95%	5ST	96%
6K	96%	6BE	95%
RB	92%	NURAM	87%

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

## Upcoming dates for your diary

04 Mar	Years 5 and 6 Bikeability
15 Mar	Year 5 and 6 Level 3 athletics
21 Mar	Year 5 – Easter Assembly -2:15
22 Mar	Break up for holiday
08 Apr	School Opens for Summer term
08 Apr	Year 1 – Spring Walk
15 Apr	Year 3 – Vaisakhi Assembly – 2:30
16 Apr	Year 2 – Forge Mill Farm – Pond Dipping and minibeasts
17 Apr	Year 1 and 2 Edgbaston Taster Sessions
18 Apr	Year 5 – Safe side Visit



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