



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Here are the latest notices.

Packed lunch box reminder



We have seen a growing number of banned items in pupils' packed lunches. If you send your child to school with a packed lunch, could you ensure that they **do not** bring in the following:

BANNED ITEMS - Packed Lunches should not include:

- **Sweets/confectionery/chewing gum**
- **Fizzy or sugary drinks, or energy drinks**
- **Crisps** (A standard sized bag of crisps of around 25g will be allowed as an accompaniment **on Fridays only**)
- **No more than one dessert item per day** (cake, biscuit, cereal bar, fruit loaf/bun OR scotch pancake)
- **No more than two portions of food each week that includes pastry**
- **Items containing nuts are not allowed in school** (Although these are healthy, some children are allergic to nuts and they can cause a severe reaction even when in other pupils' lunches).

If you are looking for alternatives, please try the following:

For a healthier snack:

- Replace cakes and pastries with fruit bread or teacake
- Replace salted savoury snacks, such as crisps, with breadsticks, rice cakes, cheese and crackers or popcorn (not sweet or toffee)
- Include dried fruit or fruit salad
- Drink water, milk, 100% fruit juice, sparkling water, fruit smoothie, or yoghurt drink.

This policy was created in conjunction with parents and pupils. If you would like to read the policy in full, please visit our school website:

<https://www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=26>



Sleepfullness: Online parenting support to aid healthy sleep and wellbeing in 0 - 5 year olds

Sleep is important for our physical and mental wellbeing and we know that from birth, sleep is fundamental for healthy brain development. While sleep is a natural instinct, it's also a skill we develop: learning how to wind down and how much sleep we need. New resources created by psychologists and health visitors are now available at www.inourplace.co.uk/sleep to promote connected relationships between parents and infants to help children to learn and thrive as they grow. Use your Birmingham postcode to access support.

Wider personal development at Cherry Orchard

British Cycling

Years 5 and 6 have been lucky to have the opportunity to take part in cycling and skills sessions after school on Thursdays. 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 who wish to participate in cycling skill sessions to contact him on 07940433539 or via e mail on christianandrews@britishcycling.org.uk Free sessions take place for children aged 7+, who can ride a bike, on Wednesdays at Holford Drive Sports Hub, 4:30pm to 5:30pm or on Mondays at Great Barr School 4:30pm to 5:30pm.



Easter Assembly

Thank you to all the family and friends who attended the Year 5 Easter assembly this week. It was wonderful to see you enjoying your children's performances. All of the children were fantastic and we were impressed by their dohl playing, singing, narrating and acting skills. Thank you staff for your hard work in preparing the assembly for us all to enjoy.



Mosque Visit

On the 29th February, Year 5 visited Birmingham Central Mosque. We were incredibly excited about this trip as many of us were looking forward to showing our friends and teachers more about our faith AND we have been learning lots about Islam in our RE and History lessons. We made our teachers incredibly proud with the knowledge that we shared with our tour guide! Inside the mosque, after taking off our shoes, we visited the Community Room. After that, we were taken upstairs to the Main Prayer Hall. We were stunned by the size of it, the enormous dome and the decorative carpet (which we learned helps give everyone their own space to pray in). We got to experience the different movements that Muslims use in their prayers as well as being shown different copies of the Qur'an - Ahmed Q in 5SA even demonstrated some of the prayers in Arabic in front of us all!

Overall, every single one of us thoroughly enjoyed our visit. Thank you Mrs Liaqat for organising it for us!

KS2 Music Competition

KS2 pupils took part in a competition where they were asked to create a poster or PowerPoint presentation about an instrument, composer or genre of music. Here are our winners; aren't they fabulous!



Bikeability

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 had an exciting opportunity to participate in Level 1 and 2 Bikeability training in order to promote active travel and healthy lifestyles. For level 1 training, pupils had to check the safety of their bike and then show control when using it on the playground. For level 2 training, pupils applied their level 1 training on the road. The children had to use hand signals to indicate to drivers if they were turning left, right or slowing down. A huge thank you to our Bikeability training instructors Lucia and Katie.

Congratulations to the following children for passing their Level 1 Bikeability:

Sumaiyah and Faizan

Congratulations to the following children for passing their Level 2 Bikeability:

Jakub, Amelia, Umar, Amari, Adina, Prabhmeet, Mahi, Afrida, Mu'aaz, Anaya, Xenon, Yusuf, Reo, Hana

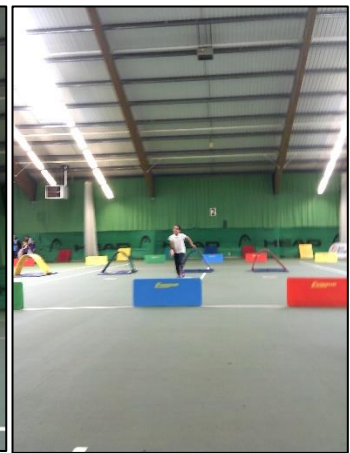


Year 3 Tennis Coaching Sessions

Year 3 have been very lucky to have received a term's worth of tennis coaching as part of their PE sessions this term. Dan, from Springfield Tennis Club, has delivered the coaching and was very impressed with our pupils' rallying skills; there could be future Wimbledon stars in the making. If your child is interested in taking part in further tennis sessions outside of school, please contact Dan via e mail dan.dwtc@outlook.com or via phone on 07427111555.



Year 5 and 6 Level 3 athletics



We were really impressed with our year 5 and 6 athletics team who represented the St John Wall School Games partnership in the Birmingham Level 3 Games. The competition was fierce and we were proud of our performance competing against the most athletic schools in Birmingham. Even though we didn't come in the top 3, we enjoyed our day and learnt lots of new techniques to improve our performance next year.

KS2 Orchestra

Our orchestra had lots of fun on 20th March as they performed at the CBSO Centre in Birmingham. The children performed beautifully and made Miss Sandford very proud! We also watched lots of other wonderful performances from school across the city. Thank you to Mr Beilby for preparing the children with three difficult but fun songs.



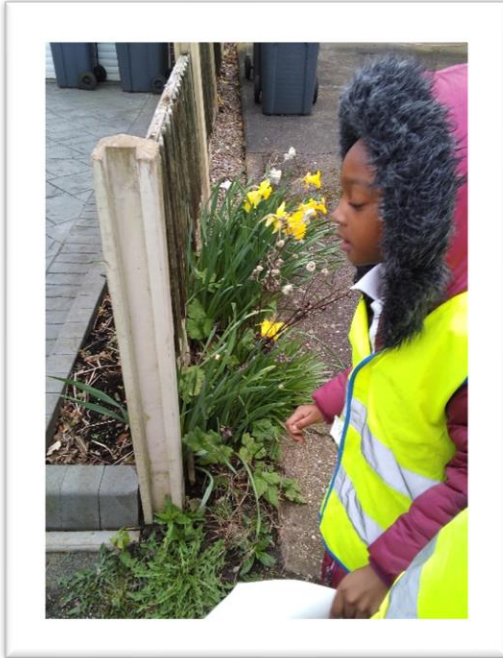
YPP

On Friday 15th March, our four Young People's Parliament representatives met with their counterparts from other schools in the Handsworth Association to discuss their 'Loving our World, Loving our Community' campaigns. As well as this, they were meant to interview our local MP but unfortunately, other important government business came up which meant that this was not possible. Instead, they had a tour of Aston Villa Football Stadium!



Year 1 Spring Walk

Year 1 went on a walk to Perry Hall park. We went to find signs of spring and to find physical and human features as part of our science and geography curriculum. We spotted lots of signs as well as having a fun time.



Stars of the Week



1/3/24	Muhammad (Nur), Isaac RA, Aaliyah RH, Yusra 1JA, Amelia 1A, Anthony 2D, Eli 2B, Kneoh 3JN, Sukayna 3JS, Usama 4H, Hasnain 4L, Aizah 5ST, Aliyzah 5SA, Hassan 6BE, Reo 6K, Akaal RB
8/3/24	Meira (Nur), Chennai RA, Amin RH, Hafsah 1A, Rajan 1JA, Nyla 2B, Abraham 2D, Aayat 3JN, Ayden 3JS, Alivia 4L, Parineeta 4H, Ashton 5SA, Ibrahim 5ST, Minal 6BE, Hawa 6K, Flynn RB
15/3/24	Ekam (Nur), Kayan RA, Inaayah RH, Jemima 1JA, Karam 1A, Adam 2D, Rian 2B, All of 3JS, Khushpreet 3JN, All of 4L, Seerat 4H, Sienna 5ST, Ruhema 5SA, Jiya 6K, Ahil 6BE, Ysaac RB
22/3/24	Hidayah (Nur), Ariya RA, Aiyah RH, Balraj 1RA, Aaida 1JA, Inayah 2B, Ishaaq 2D, Ishrar 3JN, Theia 3JS, Amrit 4L, All of 4H, Malaika 5SA, Diamant 5ST, Ishaan 6BE, All of 6K, Yahya RB

Attendance

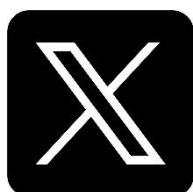
As you will know from the letter we sent out about attendance, 'good' attendance is classed as 96% or above over the year. **This is our whole school target. We are currently at 95% which has stayed the same as February.** We monitor class and individual attendance weekly. Here are the percentages for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

RA	93%	RH	91%
1JA	95%	1A	93%
2D	95%	2B	93%
3JN	96%	3JS	96%
4H	96%	4L	96%
5SA	95%	5ST	96%
6K	96%	6BE	95%
RB	92%	NURAM	88%

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

Upcoming dates for your diary

08 Apr	School Opens for Summer term
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
24 Apr	Whole School Class Photographs
13 May	Year 6 SATs week
14 May	Year 2 – Stone Age Workshop in school
21 May	Year 3 Ancient Greece History Workshop in school
21 May	Year 4 – Sandwell Valley – Welly to Belly trip
24 May	Year 6 – Tamworth Castle trip
24 May	End of half term
03 Jun	Year 4 Multiplication Check
10 Jun	Year 1 Phonics testing week
14 Jun	Year 4 Eid-ul-Adha Assembly



Please follow us on X @copschool for news and updates on learning and fun at Cherry Orchard. You can also find our X 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.