

CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Well we've packed in a lot into the last four weeks, despite it being a very short half-term. We've been thrilled with the work all of the children have been doing this term, but we'd like to say how proud we are of our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils for being so determined and coping so well with their SATs – they really did give their best, and we couldn't ask for more.

Twitter: @copschool



Please follow us on Twitter @copschool. Our Twitter feed is also still on the homepage of the school website.

Remember if you follow us on Twitter, you can get notifications reminding you of events in school. If you don't want your Twitter account to be visible to others when you follow, retweet or like a post, just amend your Twitter privacy settings.

Please note that in emergencies such as school closures, we will also continue to notify you by text message. However, as every text message costs the school money, we will be using Twitter and email to send out general notices.

Events featured on Twitter this month:

Design Technology Week
Rights Respecting Campaign Week
Fundraising for The Marine Conservation Society
Year 4 and Reception paired reading
YPP presentation on pollution at The Dennis Edwards Awards
Resource Base trip to The Sealife Centre
School Games Netball Tournament
Keyboard exam success
Reception visit to Umberslade Farm
Manga High success – 2nd highest points total in the country!

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Rights Respecting Schools News

This week was our Rights Respecting Schools Week and the children have all been working on campaigns to improve the lives of the local people in our area. They've been finding ways to encourage people to 'Ride and Stride', to donate to local foodbanks and to give blood. Ask your children about their campaigns and look out for their work on our Twitter feed and on our next newsletter.



Design Technology Topic Week

The start of the Summer Term was kicked off with our fantastic DT topic week. Children had the opportunity to design a variety of products for specific audiences, explore famous British engineers and inventors and get busy in the kitchen!

Year 1 created delicious salads using fruit and vegetables and explored moving pictures.

Year 2 produced some impressive cars and cooked an abundance of food for a teddy bear's picnic.

Year 3 worked diligently to design and sew pencil cases and created some very tasty sandwiches.

Year 4 developed their culinary skills, producing healthy smoothies and delicious cakes. They also designed and made moving toys.

Year 5 found out about famous bridges. They also tested different sorts of columns, pillars and arches and applied their findings to their own bridge designs. Later, they created some delicious bread and learnt about the action of yeast. We look forward to seeing what Year 6 produce during their upcoming DT week!

The week was definitely a success. Pupil's feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we have been very impressed with the products they have been able to produce.

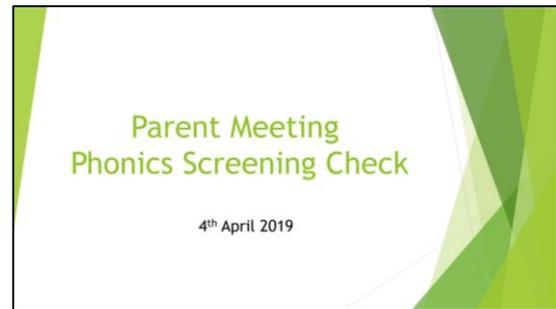


To see more photos of the week's work, have a look at our Twitter feed from 1st May – there are some particularly good examples of Year 5 experimenting with building bridges.

Phonics Workshop

On Thursday 4th April, a Year 1 parents meeting was held to explain all about when and why we have a Year 1 phonics screening check and how this is completed. There was a good turn out and evaluations sheets written by parents from this meeting, suggested they left with a better understanding of the phonics screening check and more equip to support their child at home.

Don't worry if you couldn't attend this meeting, all Year 1 children were given a handout of the powerpoint and an activity pack and you can also find the presentation on the school website under 'Parents' Info' – 'Parent Workshops'.



Notice for Parents of Year 5 pupils applying for secondary schools - entrance September 2020

If your child is in Year 5, parents will need to start thinking about the appropriate secondary school to send their child. There is an online preference form where parents select 6 schools. This form is normally available from mid July onwards and parents have until the 31st October 2019 to complete it. Currently, the Birmingham City admissions site is only giving information about this current year but should you wish to read more, then visit it

here: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1

It discusses researching secondary schools as well as giving advice on the different criteria needed to apply for each school.

Once we have more details, we will provide you with these.

Should you wish your child to take a grammar school test, this happens before your child enters Year 6. You may find these links useful:

<https://www.schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk/admissions/grammar/>

<http://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/year-7-admissions/>

<https://qmhs.org.uk/admissions/year-7-admissions-entry-for-entry-in-september-2020/>

Please bear in mind the closing date for pupils sitting the test.

End of Spring Term House Competitions

The Spring Term house winners were Birchfield. Congratulations Birchfield!

Woodville	Ashley	Birchfield	Thornhill
6757	6169	6813	4215

Here are the Summer Term house and vice captains from Year 6.

House Captain	Vice-Captain
Raihaan	Marta
Parisha	Cain
Aanya	Kareena
Ayesha	Rayan

KS2 Manga High

All pupils have access to Manga High as part of the school subscription. Here they can practice their basic skills in mathematics in a fun and engaging way. Teachers also set challenges for pupils to earn bronze, silver and gold medals. These challenges link to the topic taught that week in Maths. To earn a bronze medal, pupils need to get 4,200 points; to earn a silver medal they need to earn 9,000 points and finally to achieve a gold they need to earn 14,000 points. Pupils have to play the game more than once to achieve a gold medal.

The more medals a pupil achieves, the more points they get. The whole of KS2 is then placed in a leaderboard. Pupils are awarded house points based upon their position in the league table.

Results from March

1st Rayan 50 points
2nd Amara S 49 points
3rd Rishika 47 points
4th Ranveer 41 points
5th Ayyub 37 points
6th Rithvik 36 points
7th Niyah 28 points
8th Rayya 21 points
9th Rohan G 21 points
10th Ismail R 20 points

Results from April

1st Amara S 203 points
2nd Uzayr 195 points
3rd Rayan 193 points
4th Isha R 105 points
5th Rithvik 104 points
6th Zahra A 94 points
7th Rishika 87 points
8th Zaina 64 points
9th Ayyub 62 points
10th Ishaq 49 points

Who will be crowned Manga High champion at the end of May?

School Council

This year, we have been teaching the children how to be more mindful, in support of our work on children's mental health. The teachers have been trained to deliver lessons on breathing techniques and strategies to help the children understand how to self-regulate their emotions.

Our School Council are working extremely hard to support this development across the school. They conducted a questionnaire to understand what children at Cherry Orchard Primary School knew about mindfulness, and this information was then used to make an action plan.



The School Council decided that 'mindfulness areas' in each classroom would allow children to have a safe place to go during the school day. The School Council members created a sensory wall decoration, posters and made the areas comfortable and relaxing.

As you can see from the photographs below, each mindfulness area is unique and is based on what each class desired.

KS2 School Council will be meeting with KS1 School Council members after half term to support KS1 learn more about mindfulness.



Eco-Council



So far this year, eco-council have been working on lots of different topics such as reducing the amount of plastic waste by using the ink pots to recycle whiteboard pens, litter picking and lots more. Our informative assembly about plastic waste and the effects on marine life raised awareness on this vital global issue. We will be continuing our hard work by saving energy in our classrooms and helping to reduce CO2 emissions. We will ensure we carry on working hard to do our bit as a school to save the environment.

Stay tuned for our eco-rap!

Rayan (6SA, Head Eco Councillor)

Upcoming dates for your diary

03 June	SCHOOL CLOSED – Teacher training
04 June	Start of term for children
10 June	Y3 trip to Conkers
12 June	Y1 trip to Weston-Super-Mare
21 June	HSBC School Bank Open 8.45-9.15am
03 July	Class transfer day
04 July	Y2 to Y3 parents' transition meeting
10 July	YPP visit to The Houses of Parliament
11 July	Global Goals performance at the REP
12 July	HSBC School Bank Open 8.45-9.15am End of year reports out
15 July	Symphony Hall Youth Proms
16 July	Y6 Cinema and Bowling trip
17 July	Parents' evening
19 July	End of term

As you can see, we have a very busy half-term ahead of us, with lots of extra-curricular activities planned to ensure the children get the most out of their time with us at Cherry Orchard. Please note, some of the event dates have changed since the last newsletter.

Communication with Parents and Carers



Update on emailing letters:

This half-term, we've been working with our IT system to enable us to email trip letters to you via ParentPay, and have had a few technical issues! As soon as these are resolved and we are ready to go paperless, we'll let you know.