



Official Opening

The new building was officially opened yesterday by Councillor George Derbyshire. Richard Harrington and Dorothy Thornhill were also in attendance to mark this significant moment in Orchard's history. Our thanks also go to Rebecca Isles for making an amazing cake!

Paul Sutton

THE ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL
This building was opened by
Councillor George Derbyshire
Chairman of Watford Borough Council
on 31st March 2015

Extension 2014/15

Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 25th March four Year 5 students took part in a Maths challenge after school. They took part in four rounds which required them to work together as a team and challenged them in all areas of Maths. They did really well to work together as a team and learnt a lot from the experience. Well done Thomas Uren, Zoya Khan, Charlie Davis and Oliver Brown! *Miss O'Neill*



Events Happening at Orchard

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| Wed 1 Apr | Last day for Nursery children |
| Thur 2 Apr | Last day of term - finish at 2pm |
| Fri 3 - Mon 20 Apr | EASTER HOLIDAYS |
| Tue 22 Apr | School opens after the Easter break |
| Tue 28 Apr | Year 5 Tip: Kew Gardens |
| Thur 7 May | Polling Day - School Closed |
| Mon 11 May | Reception Trip: Mead Open Farm |
| Fri 15 May | Nursery Trip: Butterfly World |

Year 5 Quick Sticks

On Thursday 26th March nine Year 5 children took part in the Quick Sticks Final after school. The children played some excellent hockey and improved their skills throughout the competition, learning more and progressing throughout. They showed great sportsmanship and both the parents and teachers were very proud of their performance. Well done to Thomas, Zoya, Zuva, Taylor, Elsa, Emma, Oliver, Charlie and Pirez. *Miss O'Neill*



Year 6 Tag Rugby

On Thursday 19th March Year 6 represented the school at the tag rugby festival. On an incredibly cold day the children played in three teams against a variety of other schools. Each team played four times, winning, drawing and losing a few. Despite playing really well and putting into place everything they had learnt in the training sessions, none of the Orchard teams progressed to the quarter finals. Well done to all of Year 6. Thank you to all the adults who watched and supported in the freezing cold. *Mr Williams*

Boys' Football Team

The boys football team played their first second round league match on Friday 20th March against Knutsford. It was the third time we have played them but this time it was a league game we had to win. It was a shaky start from the boys, despite having so much possession Knutsford took the lead 10 minutes into the first half with a super header - Cameron and our defence could do nothing about it. After the goal we had nearly total possession but the goal just wouldn't come. The boys didn't get put off, they continued to pass the ball well and eventually were rewarded with the break through. 1-1 and then 2-1, we had finally turned it around. At half time we knew we could push on and score more goals and that's exactly what we did in the second half. The boys scored a further three goals to make the final score 5-1 and continue our unbeaten run. The goal scorers were Cailan, Thomas and Taylor. Well done to all the boys representing the school and thank you to Charlie Davis' Dad for refereeing the game.

The boy's football team played Little Green in their second league game, second round. They were really motivated at the start of the match knowing that two more wins would mean qualification to the knock out round. Orchard thought this was going to be a tricky game as Little Green hadn't lost. We started incredibly well, right from the kick off we didn't give the opposition a chance. Little Green had very few chances in the entire game as Orchard played as team throughout. The goal took a little while to come but we knew if we kept playing like we were it was only a matter of time. Once we were 1-0 up the boys seemed to relax and played their incredibly talented, natural game. We scored again and knew we just needed to keep a clean sheet and the victory was ours. Our defence was called into action a few times with great defending from Taylor, Ben and Lenny - Cameron had to pull of some super saves to prevent them from scoring. Our midfield was dominant for the whole match with Charlie (captain), Oliver and Cailan playing in sync. This left Thomas upfront to make sure we kept troubling their goal keeper. The final score was 5-0 to Orchard. Just one more victory against Alban Wood and we will qualify.

Mr Williams