

Orchard Primary is still providing a 'Good' quality of education

You should have received our latest Ofsted Report, following the inspection that took place two weeks ago. We are extremely pleased with the report, which cites many favourable comments about the atmosphere in the school, the quality of the teaching and leadership and the behaviour and progress of your children. In the words of one pupil, 'a safe, friendly environment in which to have a good education'.

One of the next steps for the school is to ensure that recent actions to reduce absence become embedded and lead to sustained, regular attendance of all pupils. This can only be achieved by the parents of children at Orchard playing 'their part' - ensuring children do not have any absences unless it is absolutely necessary. This includes not requesting leave for holidays or family get togethers in term time. I hope you will all support the school with this action.

Paul Sutton

Girls Football

On Thursday 14th January the girls' played Tanner's Wood in the first round of the Knockout cup. The children braved the harsh weather conditions and knew that a draw would result in a penalty shootout. There were lots of chances by both teams, and a few fantastic attempts by Orchard. With time almost nearing to the end, and the prospect of penalties, the girls dug deep and in a one on one with the goalie, Aamna managed to score, with the game ending in a 1-0 win to Orchard! POM – Emma Pinder for fantastic work in defence.

The girls' were drawn against Abbots Langley in the second round of the Knockout cup, and knew that it would be a tough game as it was the first team they had played against this season. The girls went out determined and from the start worked well as a team, however a few mistakes early on led to two goals in quick succession for a well formed Abbots Langley. Although the game ended in a 2-0 defeat, they all came off the pitch proud of themselves and how far they had come in such a short time. POM – Abby, for progressing so well week on week, and working tirelessly in defence. *Miss O'Neill*

Safer Internet Day 2016

On February 9th 2016, school took part in Safer Internet Day. The day was introduced with a whole class assembly on Monday where the children recapped and refreshed their memories about staying safe online. Then on Tuesday and throughout the week, the children took part in lots of different activities such as making videos demonstrating how to stay safe, learning songs to help us remember what to do and what not to do online and creating posters telling children and adults about the dangers when online. The children had a great understanding already and were able to use this to produce some excellent work. Staying safe online is vital not only in school but at home. Perhaps ask your child about staying safe online and hopefully they will be able to tell you what to do and how to enjoy the Internet safely.

Mr Williams



Events Happening at Orchard

Wed 10 Feb	Stay and Play sessions for Nursery
Thur 11 Feb	Reception Stay and Play, 2.15pm
Thur 11 Feb	PSFA Discos , after school.
Fri 12 Feb	EYFS Coffee Morning, 9.15am
Mon 15 - 19 Feb	HALF TERM
Tue 23 Feb	School Class Photographs
Wed 2 Mar	Class 1E Assembly, 9.00am
Wed 2 Mar	Voice in a Million - Wembley Arena
Thur 3 Mar	Year 5 Quicksticks Hockey, 12.30pm
Tue 8 Mar	Parent Consultation evening
Thur 10 Mar	Parent Consultation evening
Sun 13 Mar	Choir singing at The Royal Albert Hall
Wed 16 Mar	Class RL Assembly for Parents, 9.00
Wed 16 Mar	Year 6 trip to Kidzania
Fri 18 Mar	Sport Relief
Wed 23 Mar	Class 2AH Assembly, 9.00am
Fri 25 Mar	SCHOOL CLOSED - Good Friday
Mon 28 Mar	SCHOOL CLOSED - Easter Monday
Wed 30 Mar	Class 1L Assembly, 9.00
Wed 30 Mar	Reception Stay and Play, 9.00am
Fri 1 Apr	School finishes at 2pm - last day of term
Mon 18 Apr	SCHOOL OPENS - children return from the Spring Break