

Herts Great Schools The school was visited by Councillor David Williams (Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Education and Skills) as part of a new initiative - #HertsGreatSchools. The school was awarded a Special Award for the contributions the children created and in recognition of what a great school Orchard is.



Half Term I do hope you have an enjoyable half term. I look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 31st October.

Paul Sutton

Art Week

Last week it was Art Week in school (10th -14th October). The theme was Trees and Leaves. The children focused on many different artists and famous art pieces and used lots of different media, such as screen printing, cooking, collage and charcoal.



The whole school took part and produced such an amazing range of art work. The teachers and children all had lots of fun with learning and experimenting and the feedback from

Moving On 2017 (or 2018)



All Year 6 parents

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2017 is 31st October 2016

Girls Football Game

On Monday 17th October the girls' football team had their first game of the season. The girls produced some fantastic football and showed how much they had learnt from the last season, looking for passes more and they showed that they were working well as a team. With some new additions from Year 5, the girls kept possession for most of the game, with a final scoreline of 3-0; a hat-trick for Nancy! Well done girls, lots of proud parents and coaches!



Miss O'Neill

Visit from White Watch

Year 2 were very excited when White Watch from Watford Fire Station visited on Thursday 13th October. They spoke to the children about the role of a fire fighter, how to stay safe in the event of a fire, and then the children got to use the hoses to spray water. A big thank you to White Watch!



Mrs Harrop

Year 4 Tri-Golf

On Thursday 13th October, 4B and 4H went to Cherry Tree Primary School to participate in a Tri-Golf tournament. We took part in a lot of different games, testing our putting and chipping skills. The aim of each game was to score as many points as possible; some proved harder than others! All of Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon and impressed us all with their skills. *Miss Beattie*



Children's University

Well done to the children who have already received the following awards:



- Morgan Evans - **Gold Undergraduate Certificate**
- Kiara Kwijuka - **Silver Undergraduate Diploma**
- Humza Maroof- **Bronze Undergraduate Award**
- Grace McFall - **Bronze Undergraduate Award**
- Zaynab Naleem - **Silver Undergraduate Award**
- Bhavisha Raghvani - **Silver Postgraduate Certificate**

Remember to add all your hours from over the summer to your online passport. *Miss O'Neill*



Well done to Kiara (3CK), Max and Amelia M (Y5) for completing all of TimesToo. Remember to keep on logging in over half term; how many certificates can you get? *Miss O'Neill*

Attendance Information Please find below the latest attendance monitoring information. We are very pleased that this is an improvement on the same time last year AND an improvement from our last newsletter. It is one of our main school improvement priorities to ensure all children have 'good' regular attendance - this means over 95%. No child should be lower than 90% except for exceptional medical reasons. Currently all year groups are above 95% which is fantastic. Pupil Premium and SEN children still need to improve their attendance.

Percentage Attendance		Nos of pupils (with marks)	
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ALL Years	96.0	385	Boys	96.2	191	Girls	95.8	194
Ever FSM	93.8	67	Non Ever FSM	96.5	318	In Care		0
Pupil Premium	93.8	67	Non Pupil Premium	96.5	318	Summer Born	95.6	116
Current FSM	93.1	46	Non Current FSM	96.4	339	SEN K, A or P	94.1	44
Traveller		0	Non Traveller	96.0	385	E or S	89.8	5
			First Language			All	93.6	49
			English	96.6	205	No SEN	96.4	336
			Other	95.3	180	EAL	95.3	180
Ethnicity	White - British	96.7	137			Year		
	White - Irish	95.5	2			R	96.5	59
	Traveller of Irish heritage		0			1	96.5	86
	White Other	96.7	53			2	95.2	60
	Gypsy/Roma		0			3	95.2	58
	Italian	100.0	2			4	95.4	60
	Turkish	99.4	6			5	97.1	32
	Turkish Cypriot		0			6	97.0	30
	All White	96.8	200			All Above	96.0	385
	White and Black Caribbean	96.7	19					
	White and Black African	98.1	4					
	White and Asian	96.8	12					
	Any Other Mixed Background	96.0	19					
	All Mixed	96.6	54					
	Black Caribbean	96.0	7					
	Black - African	98.8	10					
	Any Other Black Background		0					
	All Black	97.7	17					
	Indian	95.4	36					
	Pakistani	93.5	50					
	Bangladeshi		0					
	Any other Asian Background	94.5	16					
	All Asian	94.3	102					
	Chinese		0					
	Any Other Ethnic Group	91.5	12					
	All Non White	95.1	185					
	Information Not Yet Obtained		0					
	Refused		0					