

Orchards News

January 2016

We got off to a great start again this term with our amazing maths week. Competition on SumDog was intense and the cup snowmen were a triumph. We had the Year 3/4 residential to Stibbington and have two more residential this term. After school clubs continue to go well and we have added ICT Club for Y4/5/6 this week.

Attendance

We are making really good steps to the Government Target for attendance and 113 children received 100% attendance certificates for the Autumn Term. However I must remind parents that we have regular meetings with the EWO who looks at the attendance of any child under 95%. If you would like support with attendance please ask the office to make an appointment with Mrs Carlile (our family support worker) or myself.



Above are the 100% attenders.. We are in our Christmas jumpers as this was the last day of the Autumn Term!

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Christmas Sumdog Challenge Results!

Over a 28 day period a staggering 150,476 maths questions have been answered by Orchards children!

The class with the 3rd highest score is Almond with over 11,000 points. Their prize is a visit from Mr Mario soon. In 2nd place, Elm class scored 28,704 and they win a maths lesson with Count Backwards.

Leading the school are Oak class with 42,062 points who win a lesson with Count Backwards and Countess Forwards! Look out for another challenge soon. The top individual scorers were Gabija S. in Y5, Oliwier Y6, Nikola Y5, Gabija B Y5 and Kiah in Y5. Well done everybody!
Mr. Laband

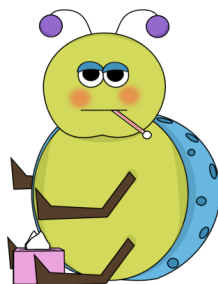
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Year 6 went to an athletics competition on Friday 4th December. We competed against 4 different schools. We did standing long jump, 4x1 relay race in which you had to have four people run a lap each and the first one to finish is a winner. It was great fun! We came third out of eight teams which is quite good.....Demi Sporthall athletics happened on the 4th December. The year 6 classes enjoyed their day out. We took time out of our learning to take a bus journey to Chatteris. Year six thoroughly enjoyed it. We also went against other schools. There were four schools and they were split into 8 teams...Ryhan

Winter 'bug'...

Unfortunately the winter sickness bug is doing the rounds in our school. Please can we respectfully remind you that if your child is poorly with sickness and/or diarrhoea, they will need to be absent from school for **48hrs after the last incident**.

Please telephone the school office (01945 583 799) to inform us that your child is going to be absent so we can mark it in the register as an illness. This is the school's policy, in line with guidance from the NHS, to minimise the spreading further throughout the school. Thank you for your cooperation and support. - Copyright of Lakenheath Community Primary School. (<http://www.lakenheath.suffolk.sch.uk>)



Children with a High Temperature

Children who wake with a high temperature can come to school. If you have given them Calpol or the equivalent to bring the temperature down, we are able to give your child a second dose at lunch time once you have completed a medical form.

Please note: The NHS website advises forehead thermometers don't give accurate temperatures.

Year 6 Trip to the Space Centre in Leicester

On Friday 8th January, year 6 went to the National Space Centre. We went as a year group. There was some amazing activities set up for us. Everybody enjoyed the school trip. There were rockets that we got to under and around.....Macey Mae



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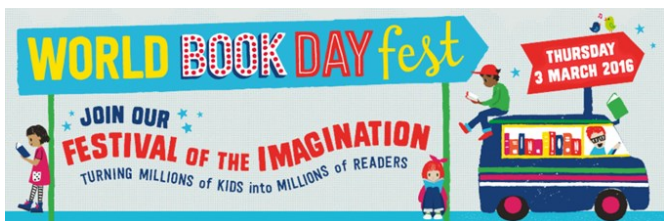
After sausages, spaghetti and toast for breakfast, Thursday started with a room inspection, which was truly remarkable. The Foxes room was really tidy but so smelly that Mr. Laband had to open the window for fresh air. The best room with a score of 95% was The Frogs which had teddies all tucked up with toothbrushes and toothpaste all parallel. The beds were perfect, but everyone needed to remember to turn our lights off.



Thursday was Roman themed; it was very pleasing how much the children remembered from their topic work last term, and they were really motivated to learn about Roman life. In groups, we made Roman sums in wax, made Roman food spiced with cinnamon and handled lots of interesting artefacts. We spent the afternoon learning about the life and routines of a Roman foot soldier - it was exhausting but fun. We then had a real treat: Roast Chicken with stuffing, broccoli and all the trimmings.

The day ended with the children having a an atmospheric camp fire with marshmallows with Miss Webb, Mrs, Thorrold and Mr. Norris. while Mr Laband prepared another hot chocolate treat.





World Book Day will be with us soon... on Thursday 3rd March. To celebrate this we will be encouraging the children to dress up as a famous book character of their choosing. We would also like to invite you to come to our reading café where you can take your child along and enjoy a cup of tea, cake or biscuit. During that time you can read and discuss a book with your child. You can also visit the school library to borrow books and toys, enter our prize draw as well as try out Bug Club in our ICT suite. The café will be open at 8.45am and close at 10.30am so that the children can have their break time. This will be for children in Early Years up to Year 6. An additional letter will be sent out for you to confirm whether you will be able to attend so that we can cater for everyone.

Bikeability

We learnt how to ride a bike safely. On the first day of bikeability we did the ABC check. A stands for Air in your tyres, B is breaks and C is Chain. On the second day we went out on the edge of Cherry Road, and did a U-Turn. On the third day we went to Sherwood Avenue and did left turn in... and right turn out. On the last day we did right turn in and right turn out. Y5—Megan, Zara and Joseph

We learnt how to ride a bike one handed when using our signals. On the second day we went on the road, and also learnt how to put our bikes into position. We learnt how to go round a parked car. Y6—April

Maths Week

We has a fabulous maths week with lots of great mathematics going on through games, and Mr Laband kept his eye on Sumdog. It was a surprise to the children that he can see who is using it even at home!



We had some great costumes on the Friday and the Maths team selected 5 winners. They were Auguste in Maple, Ethan in Laburnum, Keegan in Hazel, Arturas in Laburnum and Marc in Rowan. The staff winner was Mrs Rust who came dressed as Mrs Bead String.

We had a fabulous 64 parents attending the Maths Fair, and it was great to see so many people stayed on to play the games the children from across school had designed and made.

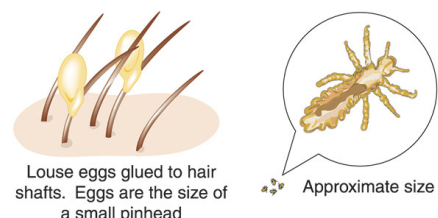
CHILDREN'S SAFETY

We have had several near misses with children cutting through the car parks at both the front and back of school. Please do not allow your children to take a 'short cut'. We have ensured that there is a safe footpath around both car parks for the children, which ensures children are safe and staff are not worried about where a child may be as they are reversing to park.

I have also had a request from the Oasis Centre that parents avoid the grass at the moment as it is soggy and getting churned up. Please do park in the space there rather than driving to the barrier and reversing as children come to school. I am keen to avoid any accidents.

Nits

We have had a couple of outbreaks of head lice recently. Can I ask you to check your child's hair and if you do find any head lice please treat it. The Boots pharmacy opposite Barclays can issue a prescription for children free of charge. Thank you :-)



Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr John Davis to our team. He will join as our second Deputy in September. As we continue to expand, we felt it was time to add to our Leadership team. Mr Davis will lead on the pastoral aspects of school whilst Miss Lynch will continue to oversee Teaching and Learning.

Mr Davis will do some days with us in the Summer term to prepare for the next academic year, and I look forwards to inviting you to a Coffee Morning to meet him.

We are also expanding our office team, and will be able to introduce our new Receptionist in the near future.

Diary Dates

February Half term: 15—19th inclusive
 Easter : 25th March—11th April inclusive
 May Half Term—30th May—3rd June inclusive
 Break up for the Summer Holidays— Starts Friday 22nd July

Class Assemblies

Walnut	9th March	Rowan	20th April
Beech	25th Nov	Cedar	8th June
Maple	18th Nov	Elm	16th March
Hazel	15th June	Chestnut	10th Feb
Almond	4th May	Oak	2nd March

N. Parker