

The
Orchards

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Newsletter

7th December 2021

Welcome Back

Happy New Year to all our families and friends.

It has been so lovely to see the children back in school this week. They have settled right back in and are already making some fantastic progress. I have been in every class at different points this week and I can honestly say that behaviour across school is incredible. The children are happy, focused and ready to participate in their learning which is wonderful to see.

COVID

As with all schools across the country, we have seen a high number of absences due to COVID this week. This is in both children and staff. Thanks to parents who ensured that children had COVID tests before they returned we have not seen any onsite cases yet. As a reminder children should not attend school if they have

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature
- Loss of taste or smell

They should instead get a PCR test and isolate until they receive the results.

We are all expecting that the next few weeks will be challenging. The rates of COVID in Trafford have never been higher and this inevitably becomes cases in school, both of children and staff. You have been absolutely fantastic in supporting us in keeping our community safe throughout this pandemic and I know that we can be assured of your support moving forward.



TRANSPORT

The Local Authority transport solutions are being adversely effected by COVID and staff being required to isolate. School staff are stepping in as passenger assistants to ensure that children can get to school, however this does mean that route times change. We are working really hard with transport to let you know in advance when things will be different, however this is changing on an hourly basis so please be patient with both us and the transport team. I can assure you we are doing our absolute best. If there are any parents who are able to transport their own children at this time, please get in touch with the transport team as they would very much appreciate your help.

ATTENDANCE

Can I remind parents to please ensure they contact school should their child be absent for any reason. The school office is open from 8am. Where we are unable to make contact with a family by 11am on the first day of absence a home visit will be completed to check that everyone is ok. If following a home visit we are still concerned, ie, there is no answer at the door then school may request a safe and well check is completed by the Police. We work in this way following the death of Chadrack Mulo, a young boy with autism, who was unable to seek help after his mum passed away in their home. Thank you in advance of your support & understanding with this policy.



Diary Dates

Please see below lots of upcoming dates for your diaries. Some of these will be subject to change due to COVID but we will let you know this as much in advance as we can.

12/01/2022 - Riding the rapids start date

13/01/2022 - Orthotist

01/02/2022 - Parents meetings WC



Family Support

Our family team continue to be available to support families with a variety of different things from housing to DLA to sleep tight referrals.

If you would like to make an appointment or to speak to one of the team please give the school office a call.



Class Awards



Brambles 1 - Am - Abdur for a really settled first week back.

Pm - Kareena for doing great work in cooking.

Brambles 2 - Joshua for using his build a sentence strip and using his problem-solving skills to crack an egg!

Brambles 3 - Anayah for having a happy, settled week in school and wonderful participation in new activities.

Meadows 1 - Kruthik for an amazing first week back!

Meadows 2 - Willian for great shape work in maths

Meadows 3 - Aiden - for independently requesting 'help' to pull the paper towel out of the holder after washing his hands.

Riverside 1 - Mikaeel for counting to ten!

Riverside 2 - Kayani for great independence skills during personal care.

Woodland 1 - Shahhussain for managing his emotions great throughout the week using self-regulation methods!

Woodland 2 - Max for working hard on his writing skills in English.

Woodland 3 - Harvey for being so kind to his friends and getting involved in every activity!

Woodland 4 - Oliver for completing his tasks and having a positive week!

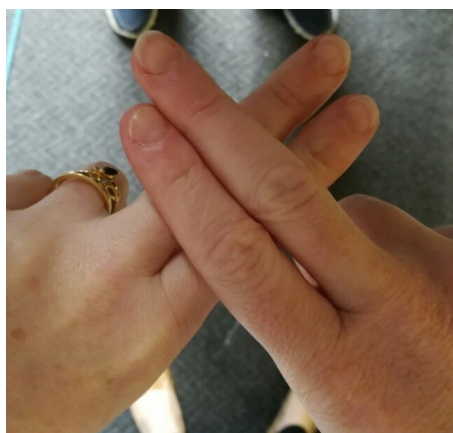
Woodland 5 - Rio for giving 100% in his gymnastic lesson and trying lots of new exercises.

Hilltop - Ambika for excellent use of her voice to make her taste preferences known, well done!

Head Award - Mutjaba Anwar for really challenging himself this week in his Maths work with Mrs Cawood.

Sign of the week

The sign of the week is '**family**.'



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