



The Orchards

BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Newsletter

8th October 2021

This Week

On Friday 1st October, we welcomed families to join us at school for the Great Orchards Bake Off to support the annual MacMillan coffee morning. The Orchards staff stepped up to their bowls and produced superb creations worthy of The Orchards wooden spoon! Which was made by one of our pupils and is a work of art. We raised over £200 for MacMillan, which is a charity close to many hearts.

The cakes were served at our parent coffee morning. It was lovely to see such a busy, cake filled Friday - it created a warm feeling of wellbeing across school. Our children donated money so they could select cakes to take home. The cake trolley manned by our own Woodland 5 was a welcome sight on a Friday afternoon.

It is safe to say the whole event was a great success. Full school events like this show what a great family we are at The Orchards. The Great Orchards bake off will have a position of permanence in our calendar. Our spoons will be back next year for more great cake creations.



Breakfast Club

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the breakfast club survey. We had a great uptake and clearly lots of parents who would be interested in before school provision. We have been working hard over the past couple of weeks to ensure we have all the risk assessments in place and are able to correctly staff the provision. As such we are aiming to launch the breakfast club on 1st November. More information will come out about this next week.

Local Offer

It was fabulous to see so many parents in school on Wednesday to hear about the local offer. I know the local offer lady Sarah was really impressed by the turnout.

Parents Evening

Teachers will arrange parents evening slots with families next week. This will be done via zoom. Staff will arrange the times to suit families - they can be during the school day or after school dependent on your preference. If you are unable to make parents evening next week please let staff know and they will arrange an alternative week for you. It is important that we have the opportunity to celebrate your child's amazing learning so we will work with you to make times work for you.

Diary Dates



12.10.21 - Flu vaccines

15.10.21 - Parent coffee morning with our family support team

19.10.21 - Parent Workshop - Occupation Therapist Self Care (sign up on Marvellous me)

01.11.21 - School photo day



Family Team

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 - Albie for great use of PECS during snack time.

- Kareena for being highly engaged during a cooking activity.

Brambles 2 - Amelia for excellent communication, great behaviour and active learning.

Brambles 3 - Annabel for always being kind and friendly.

Meadows 1 - Lochlan for super sitting in the dinner hall and exploring new foods with his senses!

Meadows 2 - Saad for being more independent in his learning

Meadows 3 - Aiden great Maths and English work.

Riverside 1 - Lara for independent walking and standing up. She walked so much in the playground to share the water play.

Riverside 2 - Ryan for exploring new and unfamiliar foods.

Woodland 1 - Ikhlas for a great week communicating using PECs and repeating words.

Woodland 2 - Balaaj for using his voice more when requesting.

Woodland 3 - Srija for her moving around the school brilliantly using her walking frame.

Woodland 4 - Labeeqa for her maturity and being a kind friend when playing games. Also for trying hard with her lunch everyday!

Woodland 5 - Rio for always giving 100% effort in his work.

Hilltop - Muhammad for trying his best and being super persistent when walking after having his casts off!

Head Award - Ismail for becoming so much more mature with his learning and showing great listening and attention skills in his class this week.

Sign of the week

Each week the children will focus on learning a new 'core' sign. We will share these with you in the school newsletter and Marvellous Me.

This weeks signs is ... **'LISTEN'**



Working cupped hand (palm forward, pointing up) behind ear.

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