

# Newsletter

22nd October 2021

### This Week

What a busy few weeks for everyone at The Orchard's. The children have had so much fun completing all their different learning targets. We are so proud of how well all the children have settled back into school and of how well the new children have immersed themselves in school. As you all know the children are so happy, settled and making amazing progress because of the dedication and commitment of the staff. They are an incredible team and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all of their hard work over the last half term.

#### Staffing

Mrs Rougvie will be leaving us today, after 3 years, to begin a new career in adult Mental Health. We thank her for her dedication and commitment and wish her all the very best for the future. I am sure you will all miss her on the car park in the morning.

Miss Walker has decided that for personal reasons, she will not be returning to work at The Orchard's. I know many of you will have met Miss Walker over the past few years and will miss her greatly. Miss Walker was instrumental in the creation of the school ethos, culture and vision and we thank her sincerely for her expertise and knowledge and for sharing it with us. We wish Miss Walker all the very best for a happy future.

#### Monster Mash

Today has been our annual 'Monster Mash'. The children (and staff) have had a fabulous time dressing up, playing party games, dancing and generally just having loads of fun. Special mention of thanks to Miss Webster for co-ordinating the school fun. Please see the pictures below.

#### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club begins after half term. As a reminder please make sure you have booked in the week before so that we can ensure staffing ratio's are correct and that children's individual needs can be met. The link is on Marvellous Me.

#### Thank you

Janet and Kath have been busy making hats and gloves to keep the children warm in the Winter. A huge thank you for this - it is so appreciated. They look so cosy - I think a few staff would like some too.







### School holiday activities

 Have a look at Trafford's SEND Local Offer website to see what services and organisations are on offer in Trafford for children, young people and families who have Special Educational Needs or who are Disabled:

https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/localoffer.page?newlocalofferchannel=0

#### • The Hideaway

The Hideaway, Partington, M31 4EL

Open SEND play sessions Tuesday 4:30pm - 6:30pm - Social Story available on their website Booking through the website - https://www.thehideawaymanchester.com/

#### • Adventure Forest

Adventure Forest, Unit 16 Severnside, Textilose Road, Trafford Park, M17 1WA

Autism friendly / additional needs sessions on the 1st Sunday of every month 9:15am – 11:15am – Social Story available on their website

Booking through the website - https://adventureforestplay.co.uk/

#### • Toy House Stay and Play Sessions

Toy House, 83 Irlam Road, Urmston, M41 6DU Stay and Play sessions every Thursday morning 9:30am-11:30am Booking through the website - https://www.thetoyhouse.org/

#### • Flip Out Manchester Trampoline and Adventure Park

Flip Out Manchester, Corbett Street, Manchester, M11 4TA ASD and Disability sessions every Tuesday from 6pm Booking through the website - www.flipout.co.uk

#### • InflataNation Manchester

Inflata Nation Manchester, Textilose Road, Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1WA Disability friendly sessions every Saturday 9:00am-10:00am

Booking through the website - https://www.inflatanation.com/





## **Diary Dates**

22.10.21 - Break up for half term

01.11.21 - Return from half term break

01.11.21 - School photo day

05.11.21 - Parent Coffee Morning with our Family Support team.



#### PE kits

Navy hoody or sweatshirt, white t shirt and navy joggers. Children should also wear trainers on this day.

PE days are listed below.

Brambles 1,2 & 3 - Thursday
Hilltop - Wednesday
Meadow 1 - Friday
Meadows 2 & 3 - Monday
Riverside 1 & 2 - Wednesday
Woodland 1 - Friday
Woodland 2 & 3 - Tuesday
Woodland 4 & 5 Wednesday



#### Class Awards

- Brambles 1 B1 am Abdur for becoming more settled and confident in B1.

  B1 pm Frankie for a coping really well with transitions and having a very settled first half-term at The Orchards.
- Brambles 2 Alessia for asking for help using her words.
- **Brambles 3** Anayah for having the courage to explore independently and showing interest in others.
- Meadows 1 Jack for his blossoming maturity with his transitions around school.
- Meadows 2 Gabby for communicating using his words
- **Meadows 3** Guilherme for making good choices in class & talking to an adult first when he needed support.
- Riverside 1 Tobias for finding the balloon picture to give to ask for more.
- Riverside 2 Uluf for fantastic communication, using sign along to request.
- Woodland 1 Jake for transitioning great around school and settling well into Woodland 1!
- **Woodland 2** Hadi for improving his independence skills during personal care and transiting into underwear.
- Woodland 3 Santi for excellent independent work with his workstation task.
- Woodland 4 Ali for being an amazing role model and his positive attitude toward learning.
- Woodland 5 KJ for using brilliant verbs and adjectives in his writing.
- Hilltop Maryam for using her independent skills more each week in person care!

Head Award - Alessia for initiating great play in her classroom 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 ... 'LOVE'



Cross flathands over chest, working hand in front.

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