



Orleans Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the last of this year's termly reports to parents. Each of these reports is designed to give you key information about how the school is progressing and developing. It is also designed to highlight our achievements as a school. The previous two letters I have sent to you over the year were in relation to the autumn and spring terms. This letter focuses specifically on the summer term.

Thank you to all of you who responded to our 2018 Parent Survey, we are very pleased with the results and as you will have seen in the previous letter earlier this week, we have already made some changes based on your feedback. Over the summer, I will be writing the final version of the School Development Plan for 2018 2019 and will be incorporating your views into our plans for next year. The summary of the School Development Plan will be published on our website in the autumn term.

We are very proud of how our pupils have approached the SATs and we look forward to publishing the results in the autumn term.

Teaching and Learning

During this year, we have had a key focus on developing the implementation of the Maths Mastery approach to teaching and learning in Maths, particularly in terms of ensuring all pupils are enjoying Maths and making good progress. The results for the summer term demonstrate that, as a school, we have achieved this. Earlier this year we reviewed our curriculum, the focus this term has been to look in depth at the English curriculum to review the texts that the pupils are accessing and that they are engaging pupils in developing their writing. We will be continuing this in the autumn term as part of our School Development Plan.

At Orleans we value the opportunity to enrich the pupils learning and as part of this teachers organised educational visits which took place throughout this term to;

- Forest School (Nursery)
- Bocketts Farm (Reception)
- Strawberry Hill House, Kew Gardens, Twickenham Bee Keepers Association (Year 1)
- Wisley Gardens and St Paul's Cathedral (Year 2)
- The Science Museum, St Albans Museum, The British Museum (Year 3)
- Bletchley Park, The Look Out centre and a walk in London focussing on the architecture (Year 4)
- Hooke Court, the Houses of Parliament, Teddington Lock, the Globe Theatre and the Science Museum (Year 5)
- PGL, Kidzania and Kew Gardens (Year 6)



Richmond upon Thames
Children and Young People's Trust



Many of the children have had the opportunity to participate in extracurricular events. These opportunities help to build the children's self-confidence and motivation to strive for excellence. They also provide enrichment opportunities across the school to enhance our teaching of the National Curriculum. This term these have included; World War Two Workshops for the Year 4 pupils; a Roman Workshop for Year 3 from Drama Hut; a Shakespeare Workshop for Year 5 with the Orange Tree Theatre and the Light Dome for Years 3 and 6.

We have also held our ever-popular annual Year 4 sleepover, which is preparation for the Year 5 three day residential in the autumn term to Hooke Court in Dorset. Our team of Year 6 girls won the Kingston and Richmond Girls Science Quiz and two of our pupils got through to the final of the 500 Words story competition.

In terms of music, our wonderful orchestra performed at the Richmond Prom and our two choirs took part in the Richmond Singing Festival. I had the privilege of attending both of these events, our pupils performed exceptionally well and collaborated with many other schools in the borough as part of each of these.

In sport, we have participated in Football, Rugby, Netball, Tennis and Hockey matches as well as many other sporting events. We are very proud of all the pupils who have represented us over this year. Our Sports Days were not only lots of fun but also really demonstrated the determination and sportsmanship, which all the pupils embraced. Our Reception and Key Stage One pupils really enjoyed their Sports Afternoon at Orleans Park School.

Miss Verge and Miss Reynolds were very proud of the Key Stage Two pupils, at their Sports Day. It was great to hear the houses cheering each other on and enjoying the event. A big congratulations to both Crane and Syon House for a joint first place win! All of the children should feel proud of their amazing achievements this year. We would also like to say a massive thank you to OPPTA for providing the medals for the children; it makes a huge impact and is truly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing how these skills progress and believe everyone should be proud of their achievements in sports this year.

Professional Development

As a school, developing our staff is high on our agenda and in terms of professional development; we have focused on ensuring the training, which staff have attended, has made the maximum impact on pupils. For example, an external trainer provided training on how to provide challenge within Maths Mastery. This was highly beneficial in assuring that we met the expected standards for Maths and that the more able pupils are consistently being challenged in their learning. Teachers also attended training to develop a whole school understanding of the UNICEF Rights Respecting Project that we are involved in. All teachers have continued their training on Target Tracker, which we will continue to embed as our assessment system used from Year One to Year 6. All staff have attended Safeguarding training and I have attended additional training on Online Safeguarding with Miss Connolly which supports me in my role as the Safeguarding Officer for the school. Miss Connolly has also attended training that enables her to be an additional Safeguarding Officer.

Subject leaders have attended a variety of training across the term which are designed to share good practice with other schools. In addition to this, our Governors have attended specific courses to support them in their role as a Governor and I have attended a day's training with Alex Axiom, our Chair of Governors on Health and Safety. Our Caretaker, Tony James, has attended statutory training on specific Health and Safety matters.

Staffing

This term Lynn McAlister joined us as part of the admin team and many of you will have met her over the term. We also welcomed back Mrs Bennett who re-joins us after her maternity leave.

As you know, we are saying goodbye to Miss Hearn, Miss Protts, Miss Lane and Mrs Monim. This week we will be holding a whole school assembly to celebrate their time at Orleans, with special memories and to give them each

a leaving gift. We will miss them all and wish them good luck in their future endeavours. I am sure they will be back to visit us or possibly even work with us again!

Junior Leadership Team/School Council/Pupil Voice

As you know, Pupil Voice is very important to us at Orleans and we specifically plan opportunities for pupils to give their feedback to us about various different aspects of school.

The Junior Leadership Team met six times during the term. Their focus was on conducting a Health and Safety Walk with Mrs Drake and myself. They looked at the school from the perspective of the children. They surveyed the children about which sporting activities that they would like to see at lunchtime and then took this information to Elis Staines, who works with the children 3 times a week at Lunch, to draw up a rota of activities, which Elis has used throughout the term.

The Learning Ambassadors have been involved in the presentations for transition meetings with both parents and pupils and they are currently preparing the agenda for the new Learning Ambassadors who will take up their role after the October half term.

This term the School Council has met three times, the focus of the meetings has been:

- Writing to Mrs Evans about suggestions for ways to raise money for charities in the future.
- Reflecting on what has gone well (charities, dressing up days and being good role models) and what could be better next year.
- Discussing what makes a good School Councillor and putting together a profile for the incoming School Councillors.

Community Cohesion

We have really enjoyed the opportunities which pupils have had to be part of the community. These have included organising and participating in Charity fundraising days for the World Wildlife Fund and Flourishing Minds.

The School Nurse and the Diabetic Nursing Team have visited the school and worked with the staff giving advice and training on specific illnesses, such as epilepsy and diabetes as well as leading sessions for parents on anxiety in children. We have also hosted Roehampton University Students for their placements in Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

I hope you and your family have enjoyed this year at Orleans. I wish those of you whose children are moving on to secondary school good luck, please do let us know how your child gets on. To everyone else, I hope you have a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you again on 5th September when school starts again.

On another note

We are looking for a volunteer for a Treasurer post for our Voluntary School Fund. If you are interested in this role, please email the school office on info@orleans.richmond.sch.uk and we can contact you to discuss it in more detail.

Yours sincerely



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