

School Update

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On Monday 22nd April, pupils and staff celebrated **Earth Day** with a whole host of activities. Our Eco-Warriors started the day with an assembly all about plastic pollution and then they planted some trees on our school field. We had a fantastic turn-out at our break time bake sales and children donated generously to our Earth Day fund. Children then took part in various activities in their classrooms and have produced some amazing work.



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you for all your donations. We have raised an amazing £526.15! The eco-warriors will be discussing which sustainable projects we can use this money for soon. Thank you also to all of you that donated baked goods for the bake sales - it was a great success because of your generosity.

Mrs Bird and the Eco Warriors

Summer Term 2024

April 2024

Mon 22nd	Earth Day
Thur 25th	SEND Parent Coffee Morning 9-10.30am
Fri 26th	Miss Twombly—Class Assembly

May 2024

Mon 6th	Bank holiday Monday
Fri 10th	Miss Cooper—Class Assembly
Mon 13th - Thur 16th	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
Fri 17th	Miss Smith—Class Assembly
Sat 18th	Pre-School Open Morning 10-11.30am
Mon 20th	Year 5 Viking Day!
Wed 22nd	Breakfast and After School Club Open evening 6-8pm
Fri 24th	PTFA Takeover Day!
Mon 27th - Fri 31st	Half-term

June 2024

Mon 3rd	INSET Day—children not in school
Tues 4th	School open for children today Science Week!
Thur 13th	Sports Day—Reception, Year 1 & 2
Fri 14th	Sports Day—Years 3-6
Wed 19th	Year 4 & 5 at Twycross Zoo
Thur 20th	Gymnastics Finals!
Fri 21st	Mr Harris—Class Assembly
Thur 27th - Fri 28th	Year 6 Transition Days at Humphrey Perkins
Sat 29th	PTFA Summer Festival

July 2024

Thur 4th-Fri 5th	Year 6 Transition Days at Rawlins Academy
Fri 12th	Last day of term



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COMING SOON



HOPS High 5

This week our whole-school reward system called **HOPS High 5**—based on our 5 core values was again celebrated. We've linked our school rules to these values so the children are rewarded for living them through their positive behaviours. They earn value points each time they demonstrate one of these values, with the overall aim of achieving enough points to receive a values badge. Interim certificates will be issued at regular milestones and weekly **Values Awards** are given out to children showing their commitment to the **value of the week**.



We were delighted to award our **Values Awards** in Assembly this week, with children from across the school receiving them for showing our Core Values. This week we focussed on *Thinking about our future* — looking at how we can protect the world for our futures. As part of this we celebrated Earth Day which was tremendous fun. Our children love to share their ideas and understand the importance of listening to the ideas of others. Well done to all those children who received awards (and also those who didn't!) for demonstrating any of our values in school this week!



Bronze and Silver Awards

This week we were pleased to announce more **Silver Award** winners alongside our Bronze Award winners! It was fantastic to celebrate the efforts of our Year 6 children who are a real credit to the school!

These children, and many others, are well on their way to being the first of our **High 5** badge winners. Awesome stuff!



Getting to School Safely

With us having **530 pupils** at Hall Orchard, getting to and from school safely is an ongoing challenge.

The roads surrounding the school are not designed for the amount of vehicular traffic they receive, immediately before and after school, and consequently there is an increased risk of an accident taking place. I would ask parents to be vigilant in reminding the children to look both ways when crossing driveways and roads, whether walking or cycling/scooting.

I would also request that, whenever possible, the children should walk to school—the exercise is an added benefit! If walking is out of the question, then could I suggest that parents park a little further away and walk the last part of the journey. Our friends at the Three Crowns (at the junction of Cotes Road/High Street) have said that parents can park in their car park whilst doing the school run. Car sharing is another great way of relieving congestion—and also a good way of sharing the dropping-off duties.

If you must drive, then please consider the safety and wellbeing of other road users, our neighbours and most importantly, our pupils, by adhering to a few guidelines:

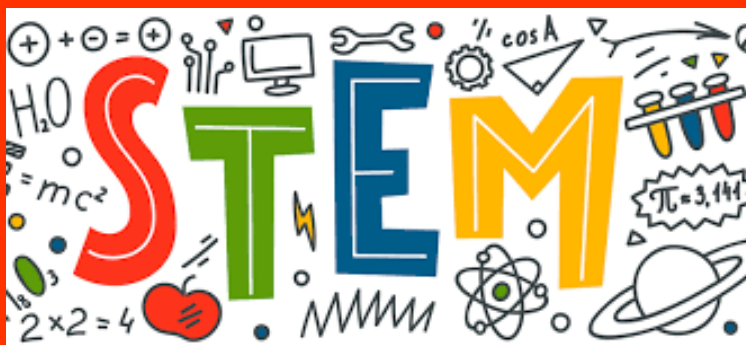
- * drive slowly along the surrounding roads
- * do not drive or park on the pavement or across driveways
- * switch off engines whilst parked up
- * do not drive into or reverse into the main school entrance
- * act with consideration for others at all times.

If you are concerned about a car being driven or parked without care or attention around school, then I would suggest that you report it to the Police and/or Leicestershire County Council, as the school has no power beyond the gates to do anything about it other than to ask respectfully for consideration for all users.

We spend a lot of time teaching our children about our values (including Community, Respect and Friendship) and we would hope that parents would share our ethos, even in the most testing of circumstances, such as at drop off and pick up after school!

The safety of our children is incredibly important and even if these strategies are only employed occasionally, it will make a great difference overall in improving the situation.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.



Science Week— Week beginning 3rd June

Do you work in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) sector? If so, would you be willing to come into school to do a talk/ activity to our children as part of our Science Week celebrations? Drop us an email if you can help — reception@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk—marked for the attention of Mrs Godwin. Many thanks in advance.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

BBQ Summer Festival planning is well underway. This year we will be running a bar and BBQ. Running these stalls ourselves gives us the opportunity to raise even more money than hosting external vendors. These funds are then used to further enhance our children's school experience at Hall Orchard. To run both of these we do need your help, please do consider volunteering some time, even one hour will go some way to helping us out. Contact us at ptfa@hall-orchard.leics.sch.uk

Annual General Meeting Our Annual General Meeting will take place on 21st May 2024. The evening will start at 6.00pm with the PTFA Annual General Meeting in the school hall. Wine and nibbles will be available. The PTFA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTFA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school.



If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining the PTFA as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time please send nominations no later than 17 May 2024.

PTFA Take Over Day On 24th May the PTFA will be hosting a non uniform day, launching our Summer Raffle and this year's Frozen Fridays...details to follow.

Please support **Hall Orchard CE Primary School PTFA** on [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) today and fundraise with your everyday online shopping at Tesco, eBay, Just Eat and many more!



Next season U12 players wanted

We are looking for players to join our current U11 age group as we move up to U12.

If your child is aged between 10 and 11 (school year 6) and looking for a new club, then we'd love to hear from you.

Based out of Rawlins Academy, Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 8DY.

We train on Wednesdays evenings, Saturday mornings, and are part of the Leicestershire Foxes 9v9 league playing matches on Sundays.

If you'd like more information, then please contact our U11's coach Matthew Chanin on: 07979 988494 or email chanin_819@btinternet.com

About Quorn Juniors Football Club:

Quorn Juniors Football Club are a FA Charter Standard Club affiliated to the Leicestershire & Rutland County FA that has been providing junior and youth football in the Charnwood area for over 30 years. We are a high quality, well run and sustainable football club, where putting fun and safety is at the heart of what we do.



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ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.