

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It has been such a fantastic week here at TPA – we have seen your children making excellent progress in their assessments and have enjoyed being able to share their successes with you at our Parents' Meetings. Thank you to all the parents who attended; either in person on Tuesday or online on Thursday. I know that the teachers really value these meetings to share successes and next steps; we are lucky to have parents who are such dedicated partners in learning.

This week, we have also continued to develop our partnership with Twickenham School. Each Tuesday, some of their Year 8 students come to hear our Year 3 children read; and this week we took our link to a new level. On Wednesday, Year 5 visited Twickenham School for some Science Week experiments. They were very excited to use the Bunsen burners! We look forward to continuing to grow our partnership as the year progresses.

Our other excitement this week has been Science Week. Every class has enjoyed a Silly Science workshop and additional science disciplinary literacy learning (otherwise known as science in guided reading!). Thank you to Miss Kirstie for organizing our Science Week!

Last week, we shared the news that we will be changing the logo on our school uniform over the next two years. This means, that if you buy a new uniform item for next September, it is likely to have the new Omnia logo. However, if your child is not yet growing out of their uniform, or you would like to continue to make use of the amazing second-hand stock, you still have two years to do this. We will not be throwing any uniform away, so both Stevenson's and our very own TPA PTA uniform shop will continue to sell the old branded items until everything is gone. Please don't worry that there will be a penalty for the 'wrong' uniform logo.

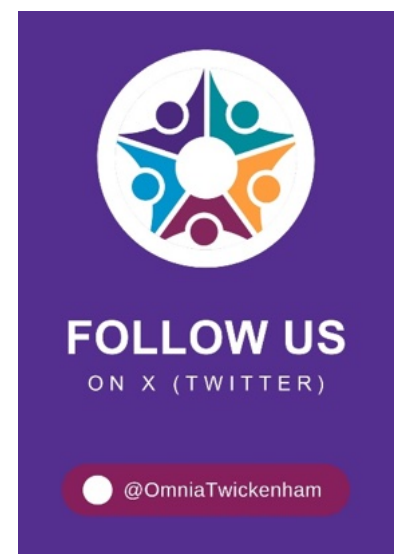
Finally, thank you to everyone who donated to our Red Nose Day non-uniform today. We appreciate that money can be tight, but our School Council are committed to raising money to support those less fortunate than ourselves.

Have a great weekend,

Erin.

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Spring Term: 8th March 2024
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

 Dates for NEXT WEEK	
18.03.24	Last week of clubs (see office news for the following catch up week)
19.03.24	Reception – Trip to Kew Gardens
21.03.24	Year 3 – Violin Recital
21.03.24 – 22.03.24	Year 4 - Residential



Office News

Clubs End Next Week

Next week is our last week of clubs.

Only Dance & Drama classes will be running on Tuesday 26th March.

Breakfast Club- Summer 24

As per the Breakfast Club letter sent today, online booking via ParentMail will be going live today. Please go to 'forms' and select the days you require. If you do not require Breakfast Club, please do not submit a form.

Deadline to book: **Wednesday 20th March**

Booking Confirmation: **Friday 22nd March**

Key Dates

Enclosed with the Newsletter you will find a copy of the key dates for Summer 2024. We have also included next year's term dates. Both of which are available to view on our website here:

<https://gems-twickenham.secure-primariesite.net/opening-times-and-term-dates/>

You can also sync the key dates to your personal calendar by clicking here:

<https://gems-twickenham.secure-primariesite.net/diary/subscribe/>

Sponsored Read Update!

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our sponsored read! In sponsorship, we raised over £3000 with an additional £800 in book sales. Usborne will then add 60% of this total in free books for our school. We could not have raised this total without you.

Two readers in particular blew us away. Charlotte in Y2 Darwin raised the most sponsorship money; and Amelia in Y3 Glennie read for the longest time (1000 minutes)!

Attendance this week...

Class	Attendance %
Reception Turner	93.33
Reception Hepworth	93.95
Year 1 Potter	96.02
Year 1 Dahl	95.1
Year 2 Darwin	95.2
Year 2 Hawking	96.85
Year 3 Elgar	95.98
Year 3 Glennie	95.1
Year 4 Austen	95.22
Year 4 Dickens	95.91
Year 5 Moore	95.95
Year 5 Nightingale	95.1
Year 6 Farah	95.68
Year 6 Brown	94.99

Well done to:
Hawking (Again)
for the best attendance
this week!

Please remember that we do not authorise any holiday taken during term time. The school attendance target is **97%** of pupils attending every day. Attendance and punctuality are key factors in children's success in learning. If a child's attendance falls below 95% that is the equivalent of two weeks learning lost per year.



Lost Property

Please kindly note the lost property located by the main entrance will be inspected weekly due to perishable items that must be disposed due to hygiene. Please ensure you check regularly for lost items.

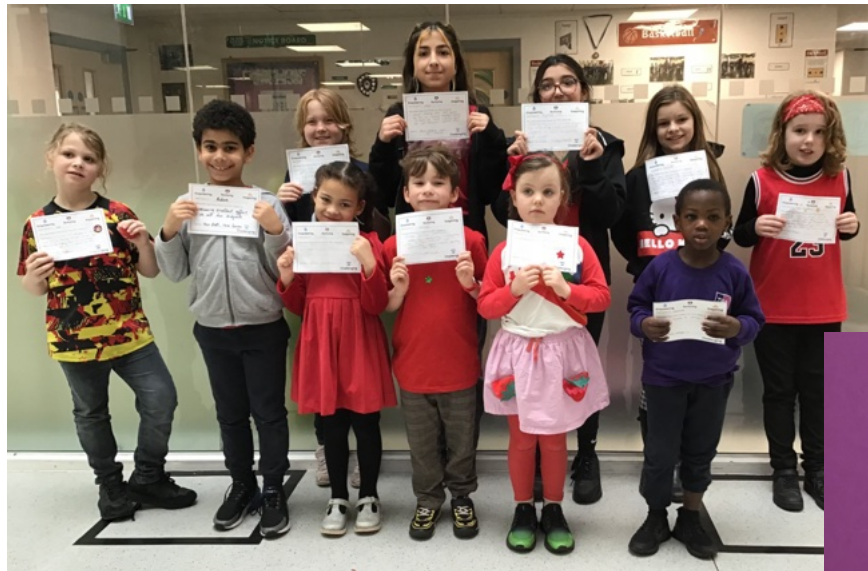
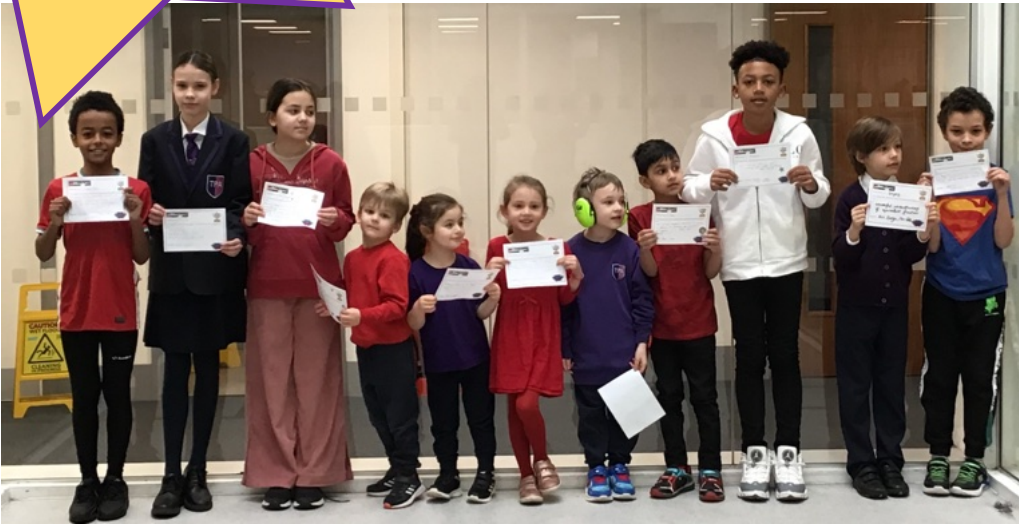
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Well done to
our stars this
week!

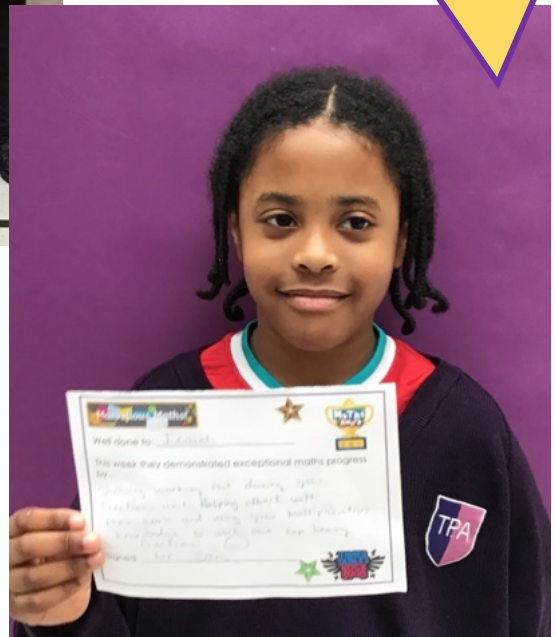
Celebrating Success!

Maths
Superstar!



Moreni in Y2
Darwin and Aria in
Reception Turner.

Our
Values!



Sports News

On Wednesday afternoon, after winning their group stage, our Y5/6 Boys' Team played their match against Hampton Hill. It was a great game from both sides! We started very sharp, and we created many chances. It took us a while, but we finally scored our first goal. Unfortunately, seconds before the half-time whistle Hampton Hill scored a goal from deflected free kick.

In the second half, the boys showed their character and we went 4-1 up. When it looked like the game was already over, Hampton school managed to score twice in very short time and we had to dig in to find our fifth goal which settled our match.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the boys their performance. Everyone played really well and contributed to 3-5 away win. Well done boys and good luck in your quarter finals!
A big thank you to our parent helper Jonathan Lee.



Notices

Booking Link:

<https://knights-basketball.classforkids.io/term/299>

KNIGHTS BASKETBALL SESSIONS



**TWICKENHAM
PRIMARY ACADEMY**



**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS
OF ALL ABILITIES - YR 3-6**



**TUESDAY'S: YR5/6
THURSDAY'S: YR3/4**



**TUESDAY'S: 08:00AM-08:45AM
THURSDAY'S: 4PM-5PM**



**TWICKENHAM PRIMARY
ACADEMY, COLNE RD, TW2 6QF**



**£77 - 11 WEEKS
(WEEK BEG 22ND APR - WEEK BEG 8TH JULY)**

**BOOK UP FOR THIS SESSION VIA THE
QR CODE
(BOOKINGS GO LIVE: 4TH MARCH - 4PM)**



Notices



Diploma In Dance Teaching



SUMMER TERM BOOKING IS OPEN!

Booking is now open for ballet classes for pupils in reception to Y6 as part of the extra curricular programme at Twickenham Primary Academy.

We are RAD registered, offering a world class introduction to dance & ballet. Dancers develop their understanding of classical ballet, music and movement through fundamental exercises, story telling and creative dance. There will be opportunity to participate in class awards, examinations, competitions and school performances throughout the academic year.

TERM DATES

22nd April - 19th July | Half term: 27th May - 31st June

Monday | Y2 & Y3 | 4:00 - 5:00pm

Wednesday | Reception & Y1 | 8:00 - 8:45am

Friday | Y4, Y5, Y6 | 3:50 - 5:00pm

12 weeks | £140 per term

Please email: sharon@marblehilldancestudio.co.uk or visit www.marblehilldancestudio.co.uk/enrolment where you can register.

Abigail Cova - Principal
Marble Hill Dance Studio - 07899771101



Class News

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In Literacy, we have continued exploring how seeds grow through the book 'Jasper's Beanstalk' - We have been sequencing the story and learning the 'Days of the Week' song. Also, we have been creating a speech bubble about what Jasper said when his seed grew into a beanstalk.

We were very excited to 'plant' our own seeds to take home to look after this week - we have to remind ourselves that all seeds need lots of time to grow.

In Maths, we have been continuing to explore the composition of 10 using part-part-whole models and lots of games to help us remember the different ways we can make 10. Ask your child if they can tell you the different ways to make 10.

In afternoon learning, we have a very exciting Science workshop to start off our Science week which we all much enjoyed. We have been continuing to observe our class seed to see if it has 'germinated' yet and learning all about weird and wonderful plants from around the world, in preparation for our trip to Kew Gardens next week. In our circle time this week, we have been discussing our bedtime routines and how important it is to get 8 hours of sleep every night.

We will be focusing on the tricky words - his, her, she and he - they will be one of our rainbow challenges next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

From the Reception team 😊



Y1

We have had a very busy, fun week and have loved science week! We thoroughly enjoyed the science workshop and had lots of fun! Some of us even got to hold fire! Our teachers also did a fun science activity with us where we saw how soap moves the germs away from our hands.

For our science learning this week, we explored our sense of touch by feeling different materials and describing how they feel.

In history, we explored the how teddy bears have changed over time and learned about how teddy bears became popular. Year 1 are superstars at ordering events on a timeline and identifying past and present events.

In our maths learning this week, we have been amazing at using number lines for subtraction within 20.

We finished reading Halibut Jackson this week and used our wonderful inference skills to think about how Halibut Jackson might be feeling. We also worked hard to sequence the story together.

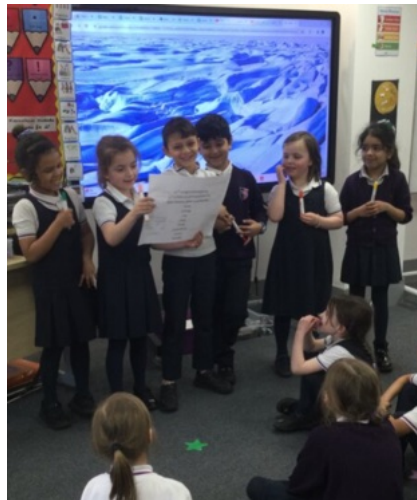
Year 1 team 😊

Y2

This week in Year 2 to celebrate science week we watched a video tour of a farm! The children loved learning about organic and sustainable farming. They also enjoyed a fun science workshop. In our science lessons, we have been learning about animals including humans. This week we explored healthy living for humans, including the importance of exercise, a balanced diet and hygiene. The children made some fantastic, informative posters in their books about what they had learnt.

In English the children planned and wrote a fact file about blue whales. They made sure to include the features we had learnt about including a heading, subheadings, facts, images and statistics. Their completed fact files looked wonderful!

In geography this week, the children used fact files, key vocabulary and weather forecasts to put together and present a weather report for a particular desert. The children worked really well in groups to put their weather forecast presentation together. They then shared their performances with the class.





Y3

This week, Year 3 have participated in an exciting science workshop; written up their survival guide for the Stone Age and focused on equivalent fractions in maths. We have also worked hard at our presentation skills in maths and forming our letters properly in handwriting. Ask your children if they remember the poem they have copied. In art the children are making repeated patterns from nature and as spring starts to arrive, why not go to the park this weekend to see if they can identify the signs of spring that we have talked about in class? Finally, we are super excited about the violin concert next week. More details on a separate email to come.



Y4

It's been a busy and productive time in Year 4 as our students have been diving into a wide range of subjects with enthusiasm and determination. Here's a peek into what they've been up to:

Mathematics: Exploring Fractions and More

In mathematics, our Year 4 students have been tackling the challenge of fractions head-on. They've been learning how to convert fractions from proper to improper forms and mastering the skill of placing fractions on number lines with precision. Additionally, they've been delving into the concept of equivalent fractions, unlocking the mysteries of how different fractions can represent the same quantity. Through hands-on activities and interactive lessons, they're building a solid foundation in this fundamental mathematical concept.

English: Crafting Vivid Setting Descriptions

In English, the focus has been on setting descriptions. Our budding writers have been immersing themselves in the art of painting vivid pictures with words, as they learn to create and edit their own settings. From lush green forests to bustling city streets, they're honing their descriptive skills and learning how to transport readers to different places through the power of language.

Assessments: Putting Knowledge to the Test

This week has been a busy one for our Year 4 students as they've been diligently preparing for and completing exams. From math to comprehension to SPAG (spelling, punctuation, and grammar), they've been showcasing their understanding and skills across various



subjects. We're incredibly proud of their hard work and perseverance during this testing time.

Religious Education: Understanding the Significance of the Ganges

In RE, the children have been exploring the importance of the Ganges River in Hinduism. They're learning about its sacred status and the spiritual significance it holds for millions of people. Through discussions and activities, they're gaining a deeper appreciation for the cultural and religious significance of this mighty river.

Guided Reading: Scaling the Heights of Mountain Ranges

In guided reading sessions, the focus has been on mountain ranges. From the towering peaks of the Himalayas to the rugged terrain of the Andes, our young explorers are journeying to the highest points on Earth, learning about the geography and characteristics of different mountain ranges around the world.

Science: Shedding Light on Electrical Circuits

In science, the children have been diving into the world of electrical circuits. They're exploring how electricity flows and how circuits work, conducting experiments and investigations to deepen their understanding of this electrifying topic.

As always, we encourage you to support your child's learning at home and engage them in conversations about what they're discovering in school.

Year 4 Team 😊

Y5

Another fantastic week of learning in Year 5! In English We have been looking and dissecting the features of story writing. This has included focusing on setting and character description as well as building tension. In Maths, we have been broadening our mathematical ability and calculating the perimeter, area and missing lengths of shapes. In History we were looking at the architecture of buildings during the Tudor period and compared rich and poor housing. Computing saw Year 5 continue using Scratch, using features to produce a computed piece of music based on individual themes. In PSHE we looked at administering first aid and even practiced putting pupils into the recovery position! RE saw children focusing on Peter's reaction to Jesus's arrest in the bible. We were asking ourselves and thinking of the internal conflict he would have been experiencing.

Year 5 also took a trip to Twickenham Secondary School where we participated in some fascinating experiments. We burned copper sulphate and produced a "creepy" hand using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. This was incredibly exciting – we are sure that your children have told you all about the Bunsen burners.

Y6

It has been very busy this week in Year 6! We started the week making bread and butter for DT, and attended a science workshop on Monday – we were having so much fun we overran the end of the day! In Maths, we finished off our unit on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and sat Maths assessment papers (hint: give the kids a treat for taking the exams in their stride!). In English, we have begun planning our new writing project based on the book *The Promise*. In Geography, we are continuing our work on biomes by looking at different species that are local to the UK that are endangered, and how we can help them. In PSHE, we discussed how people can be exploited (by gangs), and how you should talk to a trusted grown up to help if you are ever in a tricky situation. In computing, we have continued our work on coding and using loops to repeat commands. We are ending our busy week with with PE and Golden Time!

Reminders for the week:

SATS homework for Maths will be a CGP book, which goes home every week with the students. We will also be setting grammar work too. We will mark the work every Friday, so please bring the book back in on Thursday to ensure we have all of the work ready to mark and discuss for Friday. If you need copies of the homework sheet, please advise and we can send it home.

Please keep encouraging your child to take ownership of their diary and to bring it in daily. Please remember to make a note when they have read (independently or with you). Also, Ms Tina holds an English SATS prep session every **Thursday morning from 8-8:45am**. This is a drop-in session and free of charge, however you must be here for a prompt start at 8am. And please share any concerns or notes with us in the diary.

Finally, Ms Natalie, Ms Erin and I enjoyed getting a chance to speak with parents of Year 6 students. If you missed your chance to speak with us, let us know and we will organise an opportunity to meet and chat.

Have a great weekend!

Natalie, Nadira, Richelle, Katie, Tina and Zaneta