

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday!

It has been another busy week at TPA! Thank you all for your support of World Book Day yesterday. It was wonderful to see all the children in either their costumes or comfy reading clothes. We had a fun-filled day of reading and book-related learning. Year 5 even became authors and editors. An enormous thank you to Miss Lauren for organizing this event.

Thank you also to the parents who attended today's Parent Forum. We had a range of questions (the answers of which can be found attached to the newsletter) and it is great to know that our parent body are so committed to ensuring the best in all areas for our children.


Coming up, we have two of fund-raising events, both Red Nose Day, next Friday, and Down Syndrome Awareness Day, the week after. School Council have decided that these two events are important to our school and have designed a poster (attached to the newsletter) to persuade you to donate to Red Nose Day. However, we appreciate that money can be tight, so please only donate if you can. Your child can still join in with wearing red next week regardless of a donation.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at our Parent Teacher Meetings next week; on Tuesday in-person and on Thursday online where we will be making use of the inbuilt meeting function in Parent Mail. We cannot wait to share your children's successes with you.

Have a great weekend,

Erin.

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

 Dates for NEXT WEEK	
11.03.24	Science Week Begins! Science Workshop – Whole School
12.03.24	Parent / Teacher In-person
14.03.24	Parent Teacher / Online Parent Mail
15.03.24	Red Nose Day £1 Donation – Dress in Red



Office News

Parent / Teacher Meetings – Next Week

Bookings are open on ParentMail.

Tuesday 12th March – **IN PERSON** in the School Hall – from 2.30pm until 5.30pm

Thursday 14th March – **ONLINE ONLY** – from 2.30pm until 5.30pm

There is no early finish for the children and dismissal will be as normal. Requests for early pick up will not be accepted.

Clubs that will **NOT** be running are:

Tuesday 12th March – Boundless Dance – all year groups

Thursday 14th March – Lego Rec / Netball 1-3 / Debate 3-6

All other clubs will be running as normal

Summer Term Clubs

Deadline for TPA club bookings is today! Confirmations will be sent by Wednesday 13th March. Bookings for **Breakfast Club** will open up on **Friday 15th March**.

Please read the letter and timetable for all information relating to the clubs.

Uniform Logo Change

Enclosed is a letter from our Omnia Learning Trust CEO, Jodie Croft regarding information on the Trust's school uniform. Please read the letter carefully as the new logo phase out will begin from this September 2024.

Office News

Family Magazine

Our latest magazine is out and here is the [link](#) of [Families Upon Thames Magazine Mar/Apr 2024](#)

Our **Jan/Feb 2024** issue is packed full of useful information for parents including:

- What's On for families in Richmond, Kingston and North Surrey in Jan/Feb
- Local Easter activities
- Easter holiday camps
- Teach your kid forest school skills
- Great podcasts for kids

and much more.....

Parent Forum & Parent Governor

Today we hosted our Parent Forum – thank you to the parents who submitted questions and tuned in to see and hear Miss Erin's response.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the forum presentation with lots of helpful information.

A reminder our Parent Governor is Rupinder (Rupi) Thara. If you would like to contact your Parent Governor directly please do so by emailing:

governor@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org

Attendance this week...

Class	Attendance %
Reception Turner	93.34
Reception Hepworth	93.78
Year 1 Potter	95.91
Year 1 Dahl	95.16
Year 2 Darwin	95.24
Year 2 Hawking	96.73
Year 3 Elgar	95.83
Year 3 Glennie	94.98
Year 4 Austen	95.3
Year 4 Dickens	95.93
Year 5 Moore	95.87
Year 5 Nightingale	95.03
Year 6 Farah	95.73
Year 6 Brown	94.89

Well done to:
Hawking
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.

Please name all items



Well done to
our stars this
week!

Celebrating Success!

Maths
Superstar!



And...

Luca Y6 – Maths
Rowan D Y1 –
Values



Our
Values!

World Book Day 2024

A huge well done to Miss Lauren our fabulous English lead who organized our World Book Day and previous events related to all things books!

We had a fantastic World Book Day yesterday at TPA! The children made a huge effort with their costumes and pyjamas. We paraded around the school in our costumes and it was incredibly heart-warming to see the children in support of each other. In class, we had lots of exciting activities planned and we read lots and lots!

We want to say a huge thank you to the parents for your support as always.



World Book Day 2024

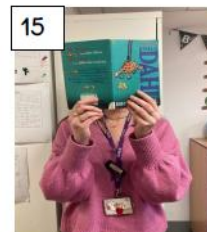
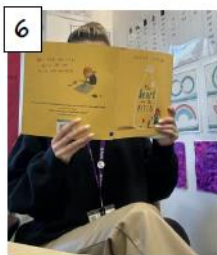
Guess who has their nose in a book!

As part of our World Book Day, the children and staff had a tremendous amount of fun trying to guess our mystery readers!

Can our parents guess at home who they all are?

Answers will be revealed next week...

Guess who!



Guess who has their nose in a good book!

Sports News

Golf Tournament

On Monday afternoon 5 boys and 5 girls from Y4 took part in a Golf Festival organised by Strawberry Hill Golf Club. They have a chance to practice their Golf skills in:

1. Bullseye
2. Dominos
3. Zone Ball
4. Tunnel Ball
5. Go for the green

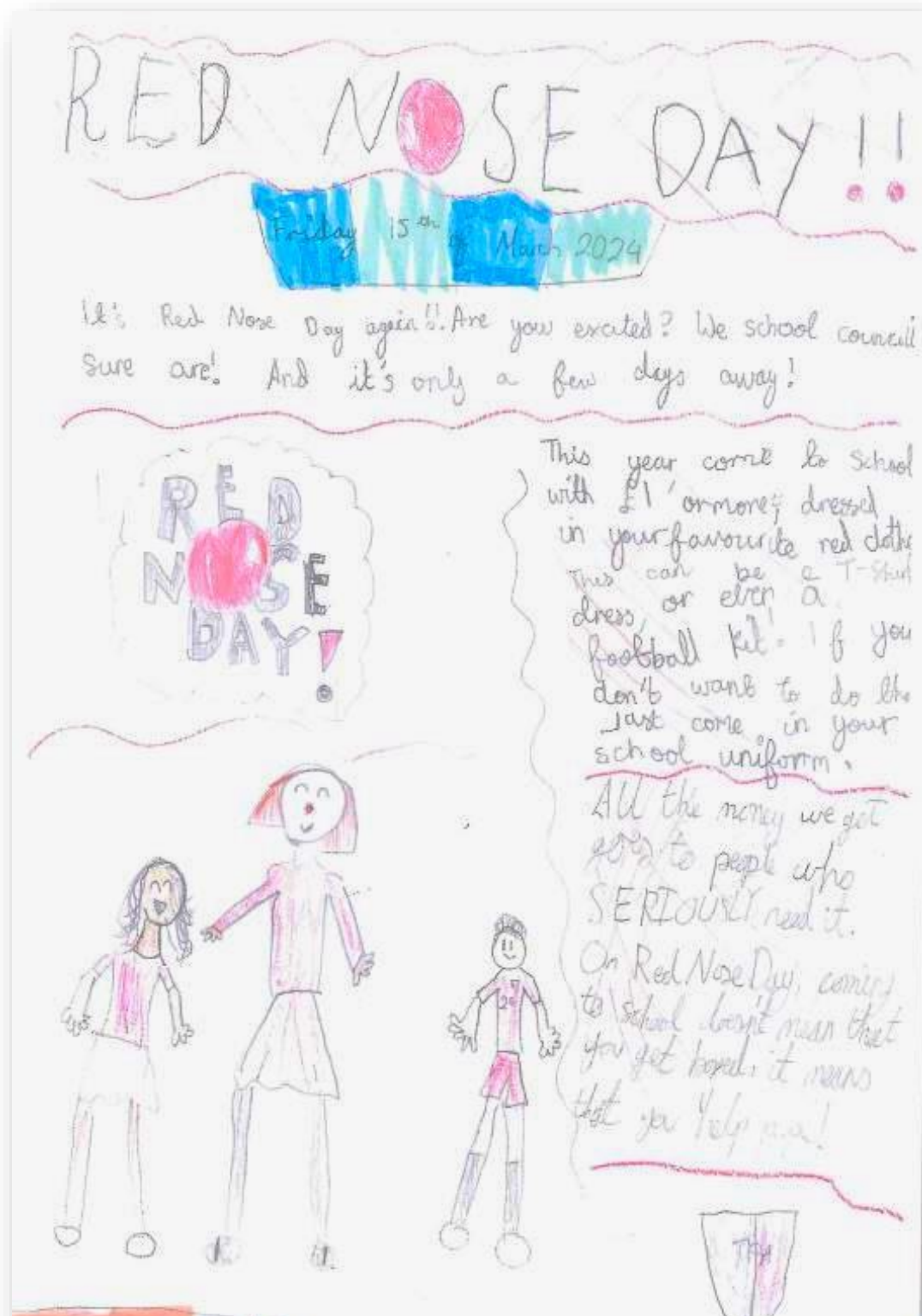
All of them had so much fun and they have made a great progress. Well done guys!
Big thank you to parent volunteer Fiona J. Chan





Notices

A message from the School Council:



Notices

Dear Parents,

Marble Hill Dance Studio have reduced the price of their DANCE TEACHER EASTER DANCE CAMP to £35 per day. The booking link is below. Please share with any family or school friends, the camp is open to boys and girls from across Richmond Borough.

There will be varying levels of classes ensuring all ages are catered for.

5 - 8 years will have Disney themed classes with arts, crafts, drama and choreographies from new and old Disney films.

8 - 11 years will have some intensive classes and workshops in different dance genres like lyrical, contemporary, acrobatics and ballet.

Please sign up early to avoid disappointment through the Marble Hill website. <https://marblehilldancestudio.co.uk/holiday-workshops/>

We have a full fun packed week and cannot wait to see you there.



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www.thedanceteacher.co.uk +447899771101

Notices

If you're looking for something to do over the coming weekends our Black History Month artist, Lubaina Himid, is exhibiting at the Royal Academy as part of the "Entangled Pasts" exhibition. The exhibition "..engages around 50 artists connected to the RA to explore themes of migration, exchange, artistic traditions, identity and belonging." On until the 28th April 2024.

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/entangled-pasts>



Class News

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In Literacy, we started off the week by predicting what a seed might grow into and drew our predictions on a whiteboard. We have learnt all about what seeds need to grow and we have been sequencing instructions to help us know the steps to be successful gardeners. Ask your children if they can tell you the four most important things a seed needs to grow. Next week, we will be 'planting' our own seeds to take home to observe and look after.

In Maths, we have been exploring the different ways to make 9 using dominos and our trusted part-part-whole models. Ask your children if they can tell you one way of making 9 - it was one of our rainbow challenges this week.

In afternoon learning, we have been continuing to learn about plants. During circle time, we have been exploring whether different foods and drinks are healthy, less healthy or sometimes healthy.

We had an amazing World Book Day on Thursday, showing off our amazing costumes and talking about our favourite books and why we love them.

Have a wonderful weekend!

From the Reception Team



Y1

We have had an incredibly fun, creative week in year 1! We loved dressing up for world book day and reading our favourite books! We had fun making bookmarks and drawing our favourite book characters. We were really creative at making our own Victorian peg dolls. To celebrate the special women in our lives we used our fantastic colour mixing and painting skills to make cards.

In English, we continued reading Halibut Jackson. He has been invited to a party by the Queen! We learned what formal language is to help Halibut Jackson to write a letter to the Queen. In Maths, we have practiced doubling numbers up to 10. Our teachers have been so impressed with our amazing doubling!

Best Wishes

The Year 1 Team

Y2

We are so proud of how hard the children in Year 2 have worked this week completing their assessments in English and maths. Both classes earned lots of emblems after tackling the tests with determination and challenging themselves to do their best. Well done Darwin and Hawking class!

In geography this week, we looked at deserts, considering where they are in the world and what they are like. We were able to draw on our learning of rainforests from last week to make comparisons between the climates and types of animals/plants that are found in each habitat.

It was World Book Day this week and the children enjoyed coming into school dressed up as characters from their favourite books. We spent the day enjoying some lovely activities including designing a book cover, making bookmarks, sharing and discussing our favourite books and doing a book scavenger hunt!

We look forward to seeing you next week at parents' evening to discuss the wonderful progress your children are making and their next steps in their academic journeys.

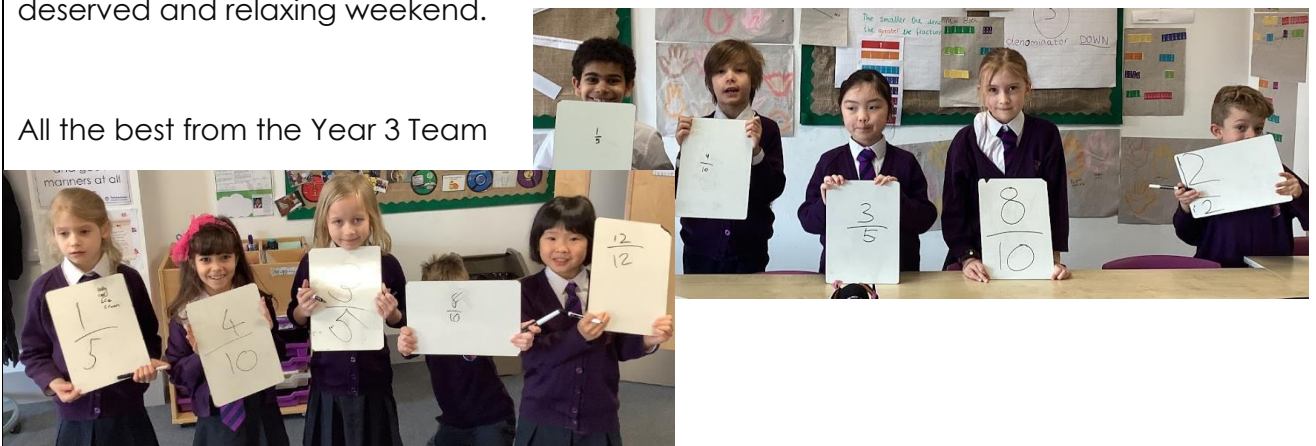
Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Annabel and Miss Sarah

Y3

Dear parents of Year 3

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you've had an enjoyable week. Here's a glimpse of what we have been up to this week. In Maths the students delved deeper into the world of fractions, exploring how to place them on a number line. In English, we have started to plan our survival guides for the Palaeolithic era. In art we continued our exploration of patterns as the children are preparing to design their prints next week. In Science, our Year 3 scientists compared their eating habits with those of Stone Age people. It's been a fascinating and insightful exploration of our ancient ancestors. Book Day was a highlight this week, filled with excitement, creativity, and laughter. The parade showcased the incredible effort put into dressing up as beloved book characters, and the Michael Rosen workshop was a resounding success. A big thank you to all the parents who contributed to making this day special for our students. As we approach this very special weekend, the Year 3 team would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the mothers for their unwavering support and organisational efforts. Your involvement is invaluable, and we want to acknowledge the tremendous impact you have, wishing you all a well-deserved and relaxing weekend.

All the best from the Year 3 Team



Y4

A very exciting week in Year 4! We absolutely loved seeing the range of fantastic costumes on World Book Day! Throughout the day the children took part in array of book related activities, including quizzes, designing bookmarks, writing book reviews, decorating the reading corner and of course lots of reading! It was wonderful to listen to so many of them read and see their creative side.

The children have continued with their fraction learning this week, they have been busy ordering fractions on a number line as well as tackling mixed numbers and comparing fractions. The children also completed a maths assessment, we are extremely proud of their resilience! Keep shining Year 4!

In English, the children have been creating vivid setting descriptions based on our class book "The Firework Makers Daughter". The children had a chance to collaborate in groups on a shared write either focusing on the Volcano, Jungle, Emerald Lake or River. They used a range of language devices to really capture the setting, it was lovely to see their ideas come together when working with one another. Can your child remember an expanded noun phrase they used in their setting?

In DT this week, the children have been working hard on designing moving monsters based on our Geography topic "Rivers". To bring their creations to life, **we kindly ask that the children bring in a small cardboard box for the body of their monster**. Additionally, they can bring any other materials they may need, such as yogurt pots, lolly sticks or egg cartons. We discussed how we could bring our creatures to life through the use of texture!

Wishing you are wonderful weekend,

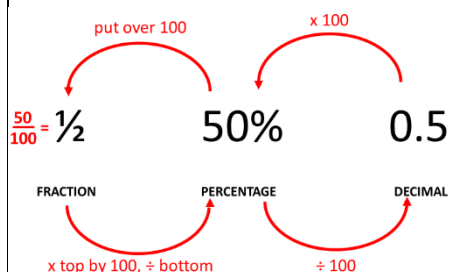
The Year 4 team 😊

Y5

It's been another fantastic week in Year 5! World Book Day was a great success! We had some super costumes and comfy reading clothes for our parade, the children shared some fantastic book recommendations and our classrooms were transformed into publishing houses, as the children worked hard to get their books all about Tudor London ready to be printed!

English - The children have been finishing, editing and typing up their non-chronological reports all about Tudor London. They have been very professional, adding title pages, pictures with captions, fun fact boxes and even a glossary! Soon the books will be ready to publish!

Maths - In maths this week we have focused on rounding decimal numbers, as well as converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. The children are really improving their skill at using mathematical vocabulary to explain their reasoning and methods.



History - In history this week, the children got into role as courtiers and servants at the Tudor royal court at Hampton Court Palace, comparing what was similar and different about these people's lives.

RE - This week we looked at the Christian story of the Last Supper, as we continue to investigate ideas about destiny and free will related to the Easter story. The children considered the story both from Jesus' and Judas' perspective.

Art - We created some special cards with watercolour flower designs.

PSHE - We learnt about how to stay calm in an emergency situation and how to put somebody in the recovery position if they are unwell.

Computing - The children learnt about how to use google docs effectively as they publish books in English, including changing size font and colour, adding pictures and textboxes, and formatting text images to fit well on the page.

Y6

It has been a busy week in Year 6! In Maths, we are smashing the unit on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. In English, we have been revising grammar terms and taking mock SATS. In Geography, we are continuing our work on biomes, and looking at ways we can protect the environment. In Science and PSHE, we have had cross curricular learning about drugs and how they affect the body. In RE, we discussed the importance of prayer in Islam. We had a smashing World Book Day, where we celebrated by reading our class book (Holes by Louis Sachar) and doing quizzes about books. And we are ending with PE and Golden Time!

Reminders for the week:

New homework sheets went out to everyone; please advise if you do not have one and we can send another copy. SATS homework for Maths will be a CGP book, which goes home every week with the students. 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, we are happy to welcome both Ms Natalie and Ms Nadira to the Year 6 team!

Have a great weekend!

Natalie, Nadira, Richelle, Katie, Tina and Zaneta