

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy weekend!

This week has been full of books – as a result of the children's hard work and your generosity our Usborne Book Fair and sponsored read have raised almost £6000! We are so grateful to you for your commitment to ensuring that the children have the best access to reading books. Our Year 6 librarians are looking forward to helping Miss Lauren choose lots of new books (especially some non-fiction) to reinvigorate class and school library spaces.

We have also welcomed many parents to our parent drop offs this week. Thank you for taking the time to share your child's books and learning with them. It was wonderful to chat to many parents and hear their pride in their children's progress. We are looking forward to continuing these conversations at Parents' Evening in the coming weeks and in our Spring reports which will be sent out at the end of this term.


Finally, this week we have been practicing keeping safe both inside and outside the building with different safety drills. Do talk with your child about how to stay safe at home and at school.

Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day on the 7th March. This will be an opportunity for your child to either dress as their favourite book character, or to wear something comfy in order to 'Read Your Way' which is this year's tag line for the event. During the day, children will be doing lots of book-related activities.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Erin

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Spring Term: 1st March 2024
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

 Dates for NEXT WEEK	
07.03.24	World Book Day
08.03.24	Parent Forum Online 11am (subject to Q's received)

Remember that there should be no parking by parents on Colne, Albion, Edwin or Knowle Road as part of the school travel policy.



Office News

Parent / Teacher Meetings – Spring 2

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

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Summer Term Clubs letter detailing information on how to book your child's club for next term.

Bookings for both TPA and privately run clubs will **go live 4.30pm on Monday 4th March**. Deadline to book is Friday 8th March and you will be notified of TPA club outcomes by Wednesday 13th March.

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

World Book Day 7th March

World Book Day

We have World Book Day coming up on **Thursday 7th March**. This is an exciting time for our school to celebrate reading. The theme this year is '**Read Your Way!**'. Your child can therefore **dress as their favourite character or come to school in something comfy (even pyjamas!)**. Please can your child **bring their favourite book** to share with their class.

Office News

Parent Forum – Friday 8th March

Miss Erin will be hosting the Parent Forum at 11am on Friday 8th March ONLINE. The zoom link will be issued the day before.

All questions must be submitted in advance to:
h.hamilton@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org

Please kindly note, we must receive a minimum amount of questions to run the forum. In the event we don't reach the minimum requirement, we will respond in writing and publish our response to parents accordingly.

Deadline to submit questions: Wednesday 6th March

Head lice

There has been a recent outbreak of headlice / nits across various year groups.

We kindly ask you check your child's hair and take the appropriate actions

Head lice are very common in primary schools in the UK; probably one child in ten is infected every year. Though bothersome, head lice will not harm children or adults, nor cause illness. Having head lice does not mean a person is unclean or the environment is dirty. Head lice are almost always transmitted from one person to another by head-to-head contact.

Head lice are light brown insects approximately 2mm in length that live on the scalp. They produce eggs which are called nits and are greyish in colour.

Common signs of head lice are itching and scratching of the scalp; lice can be present for several weeks before irritation occurs. Head lice are resilient and they cannot be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. You can treat head lice by wet combing hair with a special comb or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at the pharmacy.

If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You will need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>



TPA TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

01

Absence & Lateness Reporting

Contact the school on **0203 0196 196** no later than **8am** and press **option 1** to leave a voicemail. All absences **MUST** be reported **DAILY**.

02

Pick up Arrangements

You must notify the office by phone or email the office at: **office@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org** by 2.30pm for alternative pick up arrangements.

03

48hr Rule - Stomach Bugs

If your child has a bout of vomiting or diarrhoea they must remain at home for 48hrs from the last bout of sickness.

04

Medication

Never send your child to school with medication and not report it to the office. Only prescribed medicine is permitted and a form must be completed in the school office. Cough sweets and other non-prescribed medicine are prohibited.

05

Registers Close at 09.00!

Our drop-off time is between 8.30 - 9.00am. Arrivals from 09.01 onwards are marked on the register as a late mark (L). Late arrivals are disruptive to the class so please ensure you arrive before 9am.

06

Lunch Booking

All children who receive a hot lunch **MUST** book on ParentMail. Booking closes the day before. We recommend booking for the entire term.

Attendance this week...

Class	Attendance %
Reception Turner	93.31
Reception Hepworth	93.62
Year 1 Potter	95.8
Year 1 Dahl	95.16
Year 2 Darwin	95.19
Year 2 Hawking	96.7
Year 3 Elgar	95.62
Year 3 Glennie	94.82
Year 4 Austen	95.4
Year 4 Dickens	96.17
Year 5 Moore	95.77
Year 5 Nightingale	94.99
Year 6 Farah	95.7
Year 6 Brown	94.91

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.

Please name all items



Well done to
our stars this
week!

Celebrating Success!

Our
Values!



Maths
Superstar!

And...
4 Dickens – Maths
Hanan 4A – Values
6 Farah – Values



Class News

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This week in Literacy, we have been continuing with The Enormous Turnip, sequencing the story using time words, putting actions to our story to 'lock it in' and using our actions to create a story map to retell the story.

In Maths, we have been exploring 3D shapes and been talking about their properties. We have been on a shape hunt around the school and been thinking about real life 3D shapes. Ask your children if they can point out 3D shapes at home over the weekend.

In our afternoon learning, we have been learning all about where our food comes from and exploring how fruit and vegetables are grown both in the UK and around the world. In circle time, we have been learning about why exercise is important and how our heart rate changes when we are physically active.

Our rainbow challenges this week is to know the tricky words - we, me, be. Please practice them over the weekend.

Have a lovely weekend

From the Reception Team



Y1

This week, we explored how Halibut Jackson feels on the inside and how he looks on the outside and wrote sentences about Halibut Jackson. We read more of the story and found out that Halibut Jackson has been invited to a party at the palace! We thought about how Halibut Jackson might feel and what he might say. We wrote a sentence using an exclamation mark for expression.

In maths we have been working really hard to make number bonds to 20 and write the number sentence.

We learned about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in science. We looked at the food different animals eat and sorted the animals in herbivore, carnivore or omnivore.

We have had lots of fun learning about toys in the past. We made a big timeline showing the different era's we have looked at. We used our wonderful learning to write a fact about toys from different era's. Miss Ashleigh brought in her gameboy from when she was a kid for us to look at.

Y2

This week in Year 2 the children looked at the features of diary entry, including time words, descriptive language and feelings words. The children then went on to plan and write their own diary entries, incorporating the range of features we discussed. We were so proud of how the children challenged themselves to include contractions in their writing!

We have finished our topic of multiplication and division in maths and moved onto length and height. This week, we looked at measuring using centimetres and metres. The children enjoyed considering what items in our classroom would be measured in centimetres, and what would be measured in metres.

In science this week we looked at the life cycle of a human from a baby to an elderly person. The children enjoyed discussing the changes that occur throughout a human life, and how they have changed since they were babies.

We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊 See you next week!

Y3

Year 3 have had a lovely week! They have worked on fractions in maths and continued to work on Stone Age texts in English. We have even recreated the instructions for making stone age tools using a bar of soap and a piece of slate! Some of them would like to try this again at home. In art they have started the topic of patterns – please look out for patterns that repeat around your home. In Science and PSHE they have looked at food packaging especially thinking about the amount of sugar in food and how healthy it is.



Y4

It's been an exciting time in Year 4 as our young learners have been delving into various subjects with enthusiasm and curiosity. Here's a glimpse into what they've been up to:

Mathematics: Exploring Fractions and Beyond

In mathematics, our Year 4 students have been diving into the world of fractions and extending their understanding of numbers beyond one. They've been exploring concepts like halves, thirds, and quarters, using hands-on activities and visual aids to grasp these abstract ideas.

Science: Illuminating Discoveries in Electrical Circuits

In science, the children have been sparking their interest in electricity by studying electrical circuits. Through experiments and demonstrations, they've been uncovering the principles behind how electricity flows and how circuits work. Their inquisitive minds have been shining brightly as they explore this electrifying topic.

Religious Education: Exploring Hinduism and the Significance of Water

In RE, our students have been immersing themselves in the rich tapestry of Hinduism. They've been learning about the beliefs and practices of Hinduism, with a particular focus on why water holds special significance in this faith. Through discussions and activities, they're gaining a deeper understanding of the cultural and spiritual importance of water to Hindus.

Geography: Navigating the Course of Rivers

In geography, the focus has been on rivers. Our young geographers have been tracing the path of rivers, studying their features, and understanding how they shape the landscape. From meandering streams to mighty waterways, the children are exploring the diverse characteristics of rivers and their impact on the environment.

English: Journeying Through "The Firework-Maker's Daughter"

In English, the adventure continues as the children delve deeper into the enchanting world of "The Firework-Maker's Daughter" by Philip Pullman. Alongside exploring the narrative, they're honing their skills in retrieval and comprehension, delving into the text to uncover its hidden treasures and deepen their understanding of the story.

Year 4 Team 😊

<p>Y5</p>	<p>This week has seen another fantastic week of learning at Twickenham Primary Academy. Firstly, we had a parent drop off where we showcased our amazing work. In English we have been researching about Tudor London and producing a nonchronological report explaining how diverse life was. In mathematics we have been continuing to broaden our understanding of decimals and fractions and how some are interchangeable. In science we were looking at reversible and irreversible reactions. In History we researched the reasons as to why Hampton Court was built and the history behind its infamous status. In RE we covered the idea of destiny and how this is relevant in the story of Jesus. In PSHE, we have covered alcohol and anti-social behavior as part of our Health module. Everyone has been working extremely hard this week. We are proud of every single one of you. Have lovely weekend.</p> <p>Best Wishes,</p> <p>The Year 5 Team</p>
<p>Y6</p>	<p>We have been busy this week! In Maths, we have finished our unit on decimals, and begun our new unit of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. In English, we have been completing our balanced argument writing task. In Geography, we are continuing our work on biomes, and looking at ways we can protect the environment. In Science, we have continued learning about the circulatory system. In RE, we discussed how holy books provide guidance on living a good life. In PSHE, we have been discussing how we can make good decisions about what we eat and drink to make sure we take care of our bodies. And we are ending with PE and Golden Time!</p> <p>Reminders for the week:</p> <p>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. SATS homework for English is a SPaG mat sheet that will go home today. If you need copies of the homework sheet, please advise and we can send it home.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Finally, we want to wish Ms Roseana the best as she gets ready for the arrival of Malachi! We will all miss her and look forward to seeing pictures and meeting the baby.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p> <p>Roseana, Richelle, Katie, Tina and Zaneta</p>