

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy half term!

What a busy week we have had; full of hands-on learning of all shapes and sizes. Our youngest learners have enjoyed building baby bear's rocket to travel to the moon, they also climbed all the way to the top of the Volcan Wolf (well...Year 4!) to learn more about the Galapagos as part of Spanish week. Year 1 have not only made sandwiches for a teddy bear's picnic but have also visited Gunnersbury Toy Museum. In Year 2, the children and grown-ups created a Spanish Tapas restaurant – the children enjoyed trying all the different food. Meanwhile, in Year 3 the learning has been all about building bridges and learning about the structures that keep bridges strong and stable. Continuing our art theme, Year 4 have made fantastic Roman mosaics and Year 5 have created detailed Greek Pots (as well as some humorous play scripts). Finally, Year 6 have designed, printed and worn their own India Flint inspired t-shirts. All of this, whilst being immersed in Spanish Week and learning reggaeton dance (and keeping up with English and Maths!). Our curriculum at TPA is so varied! I'm sure you will join me in thanking the wonderful staff for their efforts in planning and facilitating this learning. A special thank you to Miss Beth for our brilliant Spanish Week.

Next week is half term, and if your child will be spending more time using their online devices – phone, tablet, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch... please make sure that you have the parental controls carefully set to keep them safe online. Mr. Sam has worked with all children at TPA in the past week to discuss e-safety as part of Safe Internet Day; but do still remember to keep this conversation going at home.

Today we sadly have to say goodbye Miss Andrea who is moving back to South Africa to be with her family. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well for the future. She will be greatly missed by the children and staff of TPA.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you all in a week. Remember to continue with the sponsored read to raise money for more fantastic books. Usually, this week would be a whole school project – our project this week will be reading! If you would like a further project to keep busy this half term, your child could try one of the book challenges attached to the newsletter – share with me on the first day back for a special sticker!

Have a wonderful week,
Erin.

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Spring Term: 9th Feb
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

 Dates for RETURN	
19.02.24	RETURN TO SCHOOL
20.02.24	TPA Celebrates Chinese New Year Lunch
23.02.24	Year 3 Workshop
23.02.24	PTA Quiz Night



Spanish Week at TPA

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

Lunch Booking for Spring 2

The menu will be continuing into Spring 2. You can now book meals on ParentMail all the way through to Easter.

Parent Payments

Please make sure all overdue payments are settled as soon as possible. Clubs for this term should all be paid up prior to returning after half term. It is important for the continued running of the clubs and trips for us to receive the payments as soon as possible, so the school isn't left covering the deficit.

Going forward, we will only allocate clubs and breakfast club places to children with **fully cleared payments**. We will also be asking for club payments to be settled prior to the clubs beginning in the new term to make sure that you secure the place for your child. It is important that should your situation change and you're child is allocated a club they will no longer be attending, please let Miss Hana know as soon as possible so that we can allocate the club place to another child. We often have waiting lists and want to make sure as many children as possible get to attend a club.

Thank you to the donations received for House Day to cover the dance workshop the children took part in over Spanish week. If you would like to make donations please visit the payment section of the ParentMail app.

Best Wishes, Miss Vikki

Parking Incident

It is a great shame to have received reports from our neighbors regarding TPA parents inconsiderately parking across driveways with engines running and on the PROHIBITED streets of Colne, Albion, Knowle and Edwin Road.

We will closely be monitoring contravening vehicles on our return from the half-term break and will be consulting with the Richmond Parking Enforcement team to monitor vehicles of TPA parents and issue fines.

Thank you to the parents who continually support the school's travel plan.



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	93.07
Reception Hepworth	93.13
Year 1 Potter	96.26
Year 1 Dahl	95.13
Year 2 Darwin	94.71
Year 2 Hawking	96.46
Year 3 Elgar	95.53
Year 3 Glennie	94.39
Year 4 Austen	95.29
Year 4 Dickens	96.2
Year 5 Moore	95.84
Year 5 Nightingale	94.71
Year 6 Farah	95.86
Year 6 Brown	95.0

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.



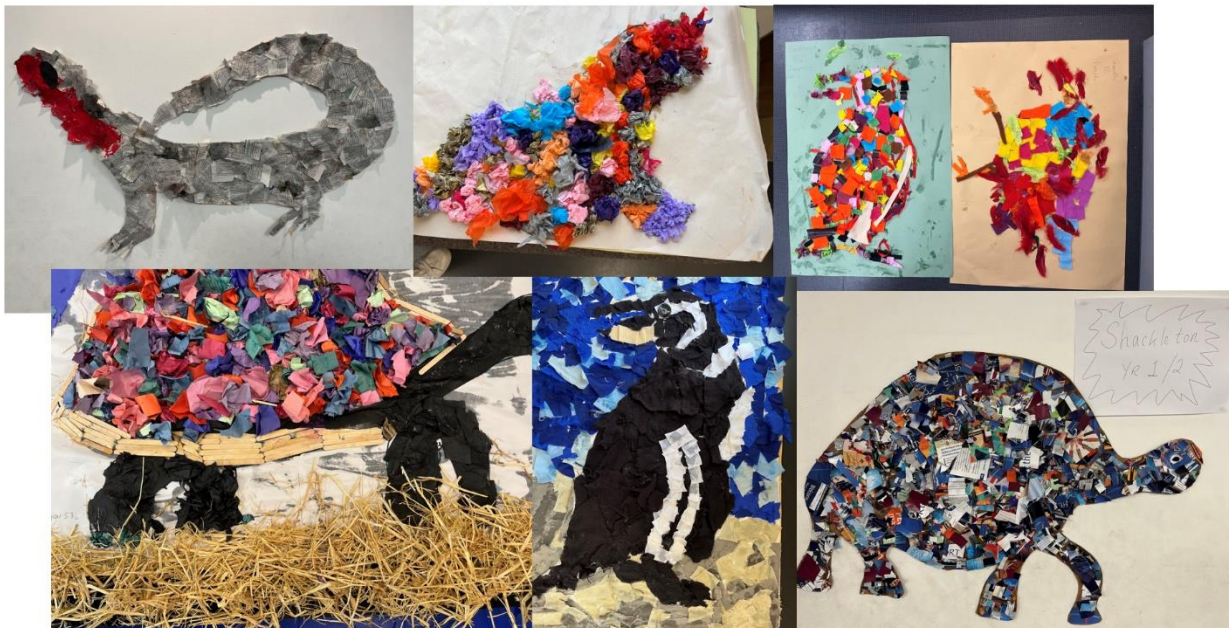
Lost Property

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

Spanish Week

The children have had a fantastic day dancing to Latin American music, tasting food from the Galapagos Islands and working in house teams to create beautiful collages of animals from the Galapagos from recycled products. Thank you to the Mediterranean Shop in Twickenham for offering us a discount on the exotic fruit!





Sports News

Rugby

Myself and all the coaching staff for the rugby games are really proud of the players! I want to showcase a brilliant win of 8 tries to 6 against St. Marys on Tuesday. The children have done so well, and it was a brilliant win and an amazing way to end the term! Myself, David, Jonathan Alice, and Richard are really proud of you! You did such a great job!

Keep it up, and more wins!

Best Wishes

Mr Sam



Football

On Wednesday afternoon it was a time to play Boys team final league fixtures. We have organised a mini tournament we played our first game against Orleans and unexpectedly we lost our first league game 2:4. It was a very good game and it could go both ways. In a second game we beat St Richard Reynolds School 4:0 and also came on top against Archdeacon.

We don't have final results yet but it looks like boys will win our group and progress to the next stage of competition. Well done boys and good luck!

Big thank you to Richard Oddy and Graham Beard the parents helpers.

Best Wishes, Mr Wojciech

Swimming Gala

On Thursday morning we put away a Football boots, we put on our goggles and swimming hats and off we went to a swimming gala on Pools on Park.

All our swimmers (Y4-Y6) did a great job! Our boys and girls 3x Medley Teams finished 4th, 4x1 Freestyle Relay Boys and Girls finished 6th. Jana Radovic finished 6th in a Y5 Freestyle, Melis Arslan 4th in a Girls Butterfly, Jamil Tang 6th in a Girls Breast Stroke(well done for winning her race!) and Melis 5th in a Y6 Girls Freestyle.

Well done guys great effort and excellent behavior! Thank you to our parent helper Jason Thomas.

Best Wishes
Mr Wojciech



Class News

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Hola! and greetings from the Galapagos Islands.

This week Reception used their imaginations to climb to the top of Sierra Negra, one of the most famous volcanos on the Galapagos Islands. We worked out that the height of the volcano is roughly three and a half Shards tall. Luckily, the climb to the top floor of TPA isn't that high! When we reached the top of the crater, we were welcomed by some of the older children in the school, who shared a wonderful song and seasonal poem in Spanish with us. We also enjoyed learning about some of the animals who call the Galapagos Islands their home. Hepworth Class created a colourful collaged Marine Iguana, while Turner Class used recycled newspaper to help them create a Lava Lizard.

In Literacy this week, we have continued our adventures into space with Baby Bear; learning how to use the words from the story, which we 'locked in' with actions, to create a story map. We also revisited our work on speech bubbles, sharing ideas of what Baby Bear could say when he sees Owl from his rocket.

In Maths we have been exploring repeating patterns using concrete materials; counting teddies and penguins, food from the Home Corner and even our friends! Some of us even drew our own repeating patterns using different colours and shapes. While you're out and about this weekend, see if you can spy any repeating patterns. Can you describe what you see? We have also continued to develop our deeper understanding of the composition of numbers, this week focusing on the number 7. All the EYFS staff have been incredibly impressed with the way the children can partition the number 7 using a part-part-whole model and then translate this knowledge into number sentences e.g. The parts are 6 and 1. The whole is 7. $6 + 1 = 7$.

When we return from half term, one of our Rainbow Challenges will be related to reading the tricky words – *is, I, as, and, the*. Please practise reading these words over the half term. Remember you need to be able to read each word quickly and confidently, without sounding out.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half term,
The EYFS Team



Y1

We have had a lot of fun in year 1 this week! We wrote our wonderful instructions for how to make a jam sandwich. We enjoyed making our jam sandwiches and having a teddy bears picnic!

On Thursday we went on a trip to Gunnersbury Museum where we learned about Victorian toys. We really enjoyed playing with the Victorian toys and dressing up in Victorian clothes. For house day we learned about the Galapagos Islands and tried different foods such as plantain and chocolate!

Year 1 have also worked very hard to earn their emblems and we had golden time with our cuddly toys.

Year 1 photos:



Y2

This week in Year 2 the children wrote up their adventure stories into booklets. We are so proud of how creative and imaginative their stories were, incorporating a range of descriptive language and punctuation. They also designed their front covers and added illustrations. In maths the children were introduced to division. We used counters to support the children with their understanding of sharing a number into equal groups. In history we looked at comparing the lives and achievements of Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We considered the similarities and differences between these two explorers. In PE we continued with our gymnastic topic, recapping the difference shapes and balances we had learnt in previous lessons. We looked at linking these balances together and creating a routine in pairs to perform to the class. The children completed their emblem charts this week! As a reward both year 2 classes wore their pajamas to school and enjoyed watching a film and having some tasty snacks. To celebrate Spanish week, the children also got to taste some traditional Spanish tapas food, which they very much enjoyed. We have had a fantastic half term and wish you all a restful, enjoyable break!

Thanks so much for all of your support 😊

The Year 2 Team

Y3

We hope this newsletter finds you well. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our Spanish Week festivities! The students embraced this year's theme of the Galapagos Islands learning about the culture, language, and wildlife with enthusiasm. In English, our budding writers showcased their talent by crafting incredible leaflets on the amazing Galapagos Islands. In Maths year 3 not only measured and compared lengths but also sharpened their addition and subtraction skills. In DT the children embraced their creative sides by constructing bridges. Working in groups was a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning, problem-solving, and teamwork, as they collaborated to bring their bridge designs to life, creating some structurally sound pieces. In Science students completed their skeleton investigation. The curiosity and enthusiasm exhibited during this activity were truly commendable. During House Day, the children participated in various activities, including food tasting and collaborative wildlife art creation. On a bittersweet note, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Miss Andrea. Her contributions to Year 3 have been immeasurable, and she will be dearly missed. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and hope our paths cross again.

Have a lovely half term from the Year 3 Team



Y4	<p>What a busy week of learning it has been for year 4. In math, the children have started their new topic on perimeter and area and understanding the properties of squares and rectangles. In English, the children have been continuing with their newspaper reports on Pompeii and understanding the importance of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. The children have planned and written out some amazing newspaper reports, and we are really proud of their learning and their knowledge of Pompeii and Vesuvius. In computing, the children have learned how to create presentations on slides and how to work effectively with each other. In history, the children have been digging up Roman artefacts and learning why they were important at the time of the Roman Empire. The children had so much fun during Spanish week, and Spanish Day was such a joy to see the children understand and learn about the Spanish culture!</p> <p>Year 4 Team 😊</p>
Y5	<p>Another fantastic week to finish off this half term. This week we have been writing play scripts based upon our comic strips. In Mathematics we have been broadening our mastery of problems with fractions and we all tried extremely hard. In Science we have been trying to separate 'alien soup' which proved to be a very messy endeavor. History saw Year matching quotes and statements made by famous Greek philosophers. In RE we have further looked at ways Muslims show commitment to God. Lastly on Friday we have had a Spanish day where we were learning about the Galapagos Islands and trying different food from the region. We have also been furthering our Spanish vocabulary learning about the different areas of the islands.</p> <p>The Year 5 Team</p>
Y6	<p>We have been busy this week as we come to half term break. In Maths, we finished up our unit on algebra (and the kids smashed it!) and began our new unit of decimals. In English, we planned and wrote persuasive speeches on deforestation. In Science, we have continued discussing evolution and adaptations, and we created our own animals and listed the adaptations that would help them survive in their own habitat. We did an amazing art lesson where we sketched items from nature in order to print them on t-shirts (thank you grown ups for all of your help with this!) The students had fun and created amazing t-shirts. And we are ending the week with a bang - Spanish Day, PE and Golden Time!</p> <p>Have a great half-term break!</p> <p>Roseana, Richelle, Katie, Tina and Zaneta</p>

Notices



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"ROUND THE
WORLD"
QUIZ NIGHT!



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7PM (7:30PM START)
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(MAX TEAM SIZE: 6 PEOPLE)
TICKET INCLUDES PIZZA



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(SORRY: NO KIDS)



Notices



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

DATES

Monday 12th – Friday 16th
February 2024

VENUE

Waldegrave School

Twickenham TW2 5LH

CAMP

Ages: 5-12 yrs

Time: 10.00-15.00

Early drop-off available from 8:45am



Scan here for further
info and bookings.



Booking Link Here:

<https://knights-basketball.classforkids.io/camp/43>