



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

It has been so wonderful this week to see children returning to their learning with enthusiasm. I hope that they have told you all about their learning at home. You should have received your child's class timetable so that you can talk about their learning each day (and know when PE is!), please do let the office know if you have not received this.

In school, we have been really focusing on ensuring that our behaviour for learning is exemplary. We have been so brilliant at this, that even the PTA noticed this morning when the children were leaving assembly! Ask your child to show you our 'wonderful walking'.

This week, we have also introduced our Emblem Awards in class. School adults will be looking for classes showing the values (walking beautifully; showing care for each other; taking a tricky challenge) and will be awarding an 'emblem' (one of our values pictures). As each class completes their emblem chart, they will have a small reward which they have agreed on together. Do ask your child about which emblems their class has been awarded. With this system, we hope to make the children really proud of their fantastic behaviour and foster a sense of belonging.

Finally, next week we will be starting our parent workshops - reception parents, please join us in the hall on 18th January at 5:30pm in the school hall to find out how you can best support your child as they begin their reading journey at home.

Just a quick reminder – **parents of nursery-aged siblings, please remember that the deadline for applying for your child's reception place for September 2024, is Monday 15th January.**

Have a wonderful weekend,

Erin.

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Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

 Dates for NEXT WEEK	
15.01.24	Healthy Eating KS2 School Nurse
16.01.24	Year 5 Trip British Museum
18.01.24	EYFS Reading Parent Workshop – School Hall – 5.30pm
19.01.24	Year 2 Trip Science Museum

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

Meal Booking

Please ensure to book your child's meal on ParentMail up to the half term.

MAYOR OF LONDON

As the new term begins, I wanted to share some fantastic news about my Universal Free School Meals programme – it's extending until the middle of 2025!

As the Mayor of London, I'm so proud we've funded more than 17 million free school meals for around 287,000 primary school children in London since September.

However, I know times are still tough for many Londoners and I am committed to doing all that I can to support families through these difficult times.

I am now extending funding for Universal Free School Meals for another academic school year between September 2024 and July 2025. This means that primary school aged children who attend a state funded school in London will continue to receive a healthy, nutritious meal so that no child goes hungry in the classroom, and all pupils can better concentrate on their studies.

*Please see enclosed letter from the Mayor of London

Family Upon Thames Magazine

Our latest magazine is out and here is the [link: Families Upon Thames Magazine Jan/Feb 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
- How to make pancakes(downloadable)
- The importance of art in the curriculum
- Best new books for kids from around the world
- Helping your child with spelling
- and much more.....



Well done to
our stars this
week!

Celebrating Success!



Our
Values!



Maths
Superstar!

Class News

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After a long time of waiting, Reception are enjoying their new playground, especially the new climbing frame tower!

This week we have started our new topic - 'My Place in Space'. In Literacy, we have been exploring the picture book 'The Queen's Hat', which has taken us on an adventure across London to find the Queen's hat which was 'swished' off by the wind. We have been exploring different London landmarks and even wrote a speech bubble for the Queen who was incredibly upset that her favourite hat had been blown off her head!

In Maths, we have been using a part-part-whole model to explore different ways of making numbers up to 3; understanding how our Numberblock friends are split into smaller parts to make the whole number.

In our afternoon learning, we have been talking about the challenges we have faced, and how we can overcome them as we start to think about what we would like to improve upon in the coming year. We had lots of suggestions including becoming a better chef, swimming without floaties and becoming more confident riding a bike.

Next week, we are going to begin Rainbow Challenges - activities within the Reception learning environment that we would like the children to 'have a go' at independently. As a little heads up, one of our first challenges will involve being able to independently zip up our own coats.

Have a lovely weekend
Reception Team



Y1

We have settled back in really well and have put in our best effort into our learning. This week we have been learning to read and write numbers between 10 and 20 in numerals and words. We have been learning the tens and ones in numbers 10 - 20.

In English we have been practicing using our sentence rules and phonics knowledge to write wonderful sentences to describe a picture of a boy in the woods. Next week we will find out which book the picture is from!

In science, we have named common animals and discussed what we knew about the animals. In History, we described toys we play with today and looked at what materials they are made from. Throughout the term we are going to explore toys from the past.

Y2

It has been a wonderful first week back to school! We are looking forward to supporting the children with embracing new challenges this term, and creating memorable learning experiences as they continue to thrive and grow.

This week in guided reading we have been looking at a book called 'The Heart and the Bottle' by Oliver Jeffers. We started out at the beginning of the week thinking about the title and front cover, and we made some predictions about what we thought was going to happen in the story. The children shared their ideas and wrote down their predictions in their guided reading books. As we began to read the book, we looked closely at the beautiful illustrations included. We had some insightful discussions about the different images, considering how different moods/emotions were portrayed through them.

In maths we started a brand new topic- money! We began by counting pence and becoming familiar with the different coins. We thought about how we could tell the difference between each coin, and were able to use our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to support us with counting pence coins. We then explored pounds, looking at both pound coins and notes. We used resources (pretend coins and notes) to support us with our understanding, particularly when we combined counting pounds and pence. We learnt how to use the pound sign and pence sign correctly.

Have a wonderful weekend! The Year 2 team.

Y3

Happy new year! It's been wonderful to see all the children return with such enthusiasm and energy. This week in science we have started our new topic Animals including humans looking at skeletons. In Geography we are looking at Modern Europe the children will delve into the diverse cultures, landscapes, and histories that shape this vibrant continent. In mathematics, we are now applying multiplication knowledge to tackle a variety of mathematical problems, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In English we've begun reading "The Story of Ferdinand." This heartwarming tale will serve as inspiration for our upcoming creative writing unit on fables. In DT we have embarked on an exciting bridge-making project. Next week we will start our first violin lessons on Thursday. Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with exploration and learning.

Have a lovely weekend from the year 3 Team

<p>Y4</p>	<p>What a busy week it has already been! The children have settled back well after a lovely and restful Christmas break. In English, the children are studying their new text, 'Escape from Pompeii,' which links nicely to their historical topic of the Romans. The children have also examined news articles and explored the differences between fact and opinion, understanding why newspapers are important. In math, the children have been focusing on multiplication and division, and in more detail, factors, and factor pairs. In computing, the children have been exploring teamwork and working together remotely and collaboratively. In science, the children have been introduced to the states of matter, examining in more detail solids, liquids, and gases, along with their different properties.</p> <p>Best Wishes, Year 4 Team</p>
<p>Y5</p>	<p>Another fantastic week of learning in Year 5 this week. In English we have been putting our debating skills to the test. As part of our new book for this half term, children were debating whether a character from the book should lose her magical powers based upon an unfortunate series of events that transpired. Both classes brought excellent arguments to the "court room". In Mathematics we have started our multiplication and division module for the term.</p> <p>This week has seen the children multiplying 4-digit numbers with 1-digit numbers, as well as, learning 2-digit numbers multiplied by 2-digit numbers. The whole year group has tried really hard, and we are immensely proud of them. In Science we have started our materials properties module. In history we are developing our knowledge of Greeks further and have started looking at the Gods and Goddesses. In Art this week, we have started observational drawing looking at vases, in hope of inspiration for making our own greek vase later on in the half term. Overall a very good first week to start the New Year. Lets keep up the great energy and amazing work!</p> <p>Best Wishes, Year 5 Team</p>
<p>Y6</p>	<p>We have had a cracking start to the term. In Maths, we began our new topic of Ratios and it seems to be a hit. In English, we have started reading our new text (Kensuke's Kingdom - no plot spoilers from those that have read it!) and discussed our new writing project (newspaper reports). In Geography, we have started our new topic of biomes. In science, we are covering Evolution this half term, and began by discussing Inheritance. In PSHE, we have been discussing goals and making realistic goals and stretch goals. And we are ending the week with PE and Golden Time!</p> <p>Reminders for the week: New homework is going home today. We have explained to the children how this will be slightly different this half term. Please advise if you need a new copy of the homework. 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). And please share any concerns or notes with us in the diary. Have a great weekend! Roseana, Richelle, Katie, Tina and Zaneta</p>

Notices



SPRING TERM BOOKING IS OPEN!

Booking is open for Spring Term ballet classes for pupils of 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

!!!CHANGE TO BALLET DAYS!!!

Fri 12th Jan - Wed 27th March | Half term: 12th - 16th Feb

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

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

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

10 weeks | £140 per term

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

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FACE PAINTING/MAKE-UP COURSE

11 January / 21 March (14
March holiday) 10 lessons
£130



In this fun lesson, they will both gain color knowledge and experience painting by painting on this plastic face.

They will use real face painting materials, and we will do New Year's, Easter, Halloween and birthday face painting in class.



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BOUNDLESS ADULT DANCE FITNESS CLASSES

NEW YEAR OFFER

Please quote NYO24

Sign up to the whole term with a friend and you'll each receive a 25% discount! That makes each class just £5.25!

WHEN: Every Wednesday!

WHERE: Archdeacon Cambridge's C of E Pri Sch, Twickenham Green. TW2-5TS.

TIME: 8pm-9pm

PRICE: From as little as £5.25 per class!

GENRE: A different genre every week!



Boundless Arts have been running their Adult Dance Fitness Classes for over 5 years, and we pride ourselves on delivering very friendly and personable classes to all abilities.

Our fun and dynamic multi-genre Adult Dance Fitness Classes are delivered in a relaxed setting where moving and shaking makes fitness fun!

TO SIGN UP: Please visit www.boundlessarts.co.uk and click on the 'Adult Dance Fitness' page where you will find more details on the classes, and what genres are delivered.

'BE CREATIVE, BE BOLD, BE YOU'

WHETHER YOU HAVE DANCED BEFORE OR NOT, IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER. PLEASE POP YOUR TRAINERS ON AND COME AND JOIN THE FUN! A DIFFERENT GENRE IS DELIVERED EACH WEEK; PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.

TO SEE A FULL LISTING OF CLASSES & THE WORKSHOPS WE DELIVER PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

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