

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

What a busy week it has been! We have loved welcoming you all to school and Holy Trinity Church to celebrate Christmas with all the children at TPA.

The week started with the Key Stage One nativity. The children treated us to a 'Twinkly Nativity' where they showcased not only incredible singing and acting skills, but some brilliant Makaton. As you know, at TPA this year we have been working hard on our Makaton – a communication language that helps us not only include all our friends when speaking but enables all of us remember things more clearly.

On Thursday, we celebrated Christmas with our youngest children. Reception impressed their parents with some wonderful songs, Makaton and jokes. These learners showed fantastic concentration and excellent comic timing.

At the end of the week, we celebrated the festive season at Holy Trinity with our Key Stage Two children. They presented a range of songs, carols and poems. It was wonderful to watch everyone come together and celebrate. Key Stage Two also worked on their Makaton to ensure that their communication of the important message of Christmas was clear.

I would like to say an enormous thank you to our amazing staff team for helping the children to learn their lines and signs and for giving them the confidence to shine.

Finally, a few staff 'Well Dones'. Miss Kirstie has recently passed her master's degree with a merit and has also achieved the science quality mark for the school. Miss Roseana has passed the level 4 Makaton qualification making her a fount of knowledge for our school journey. We are so proud of our staff and the effort that they put in to be lifelong learners alongside giving our children a brilliant academic journey.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week for our final week before the holiday. Take care,

Erin.

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Autumn Term: 15th December 23
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

Dates for NEXT WEEK	
20.12.23	PTA PANTO
20.12.23	Pupil & Staff Xmas Lunch
21.12.23	LAST DAY 12PM NO JAG
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09.01.24	RETURN / CLUBS BEGIN



The Return of the Principal's Question!

For a House Point on Monday, can you write in a language of your choice Merry Christmas? Please hand to Miss Beth.

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

Breakfast Club – Booking Confirmation

All confirmation of bookings for Breakfast Club have gone out today.

End of Term Dismissal 21st Dec

There is no afterschool wrap around care provision. Please notify the school office by **10.30am** of any changes to pick-up arrangements.

Reception	11.50pm	Reception playground and Main Entrance as usual
Year 1	12.00pm	Both classes at Main Entrance
Year 2	12.00pm	Both classes at Reception Playground
Year 3	12.10pm	Both classes at Main Entrance
Year 4	12.10pm	Both classes at Reception Playground
Year 5	12.15pm	Both classes at Main Entrance
Year 6	12.15pm	Both classes at Reception Playground

No Early Pick ups

No Clubs Next Week

Lost Property

Please claim your items ASAP. All unclaimed will be binned and/or donated on the last day

School Panto Dismissal – Weds 20th Dec

For families attending the TPA Pantomime with the PTA on the 20th December will be dismissed from school at the glass main entrance at 3:15pm.

The PTA have issued the list of pupils attending to the office and only those on the list will be lining for dismissal at 3.15pm.

Normal pick up will apply for the majority of the school with no exceptions.

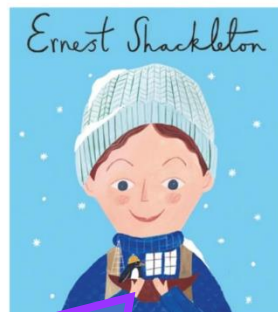


House Points this week...

And the winner is..

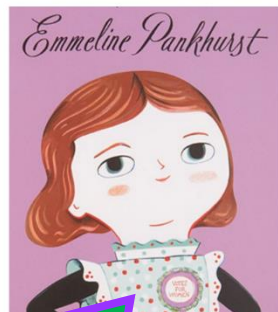
PARKS!

You will enjoy a Christmas movie with treats on Weds 20th with Miss Erin!



Ernest Shackleton

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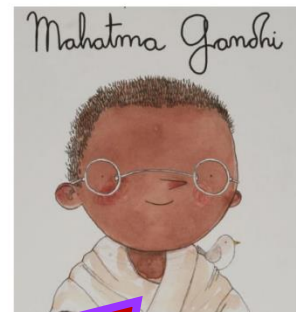
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Rosa Parks

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Mahatma Gandhi

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Merry Christmas from TPA

Well done to
our stars this
week!

Events this week

We have had a wonderful festive week at TPA! Please see the class news below for Nativity class pics. Here are some lovely photos of our KS2 in their prime!



News from Miss Beth:

Thank you to the year 3 and 4 children who helped make our "Happy Christmas" display in so many languages! We speak a variety of languages at TPA. If you speak another language at home, that you can't see on the board, please write up Happy Christmas in the language and send it in for Miss Beth. ¡Feliz Navidad!





Notices

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**



**£70 - 10 WEEKS
(WEEK BEG 8TH JAN - WEEK BEG 18TH MAR)**

**BOOK UP FOR THIS SESSION
VIA THE QR CODE**



MARBLE HILL
DANCE STUDIO



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.

Abigail Coxa - Principal
Marble Hill Dance Studio - 0789977101



HO-HO-HEATHAM HOUSE WINTER PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2023
TO FRIDAY 5 JANUARY 2024**

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
9 TO 19 YEARS OLD**

Book free activities at
<https://linktr.ee/heathamhouse>



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FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2023 TO FRIDAY 5 JANUARY 2024

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY	THURSDAY 4 JANUARY	FRIDAY 5 JANUARY
MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, SKATEPARK)	MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, SKATEPARK)	MULTISPORTS (FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, SKATEPARK)	HAMPTON COURT ICE SKATING TRIP
10.30am to 12pm 12.30pm to 2pm 3pm to 4.30pm 5pm to 6pm	10.30am to 12pm 12.30pm to 2pm 3pm to 4.30pm 5pm to 6pm	10.30am to 12pm 1pm to 2.30pm	FUEL eligible young people will be given priority
REC TUITION: MUSIC PRODUCTION	REC TUITION: DRUMMING AND MUSIC PRODUCTION	REC TUITION: MUSIC PRODUCTION	
10.30am to 12pm	10.30am to 12.00pm	10.30am to 12pm	
CHRISTMAS HAT MAKING	CANDLE MAKING	JEWELLERY MAKING	
10.30am to 12pm	10.30am to 12pm	10.30am to 12pm	
REC TUITION: GUITAR, VOCAL COACHING AND MUSIC PRODUCTION	REC TUITION: GUITAR, VOCAL COACHING AND MUSIC PRODUCTION	HH WINTER CHALLENGES WINTER OLYMPICS	
12.30pm to 2pm	12.30pm to 2pm	1pm to 2.30pm	
TEEN BAKE OFF: REINDEER SUGAR COOKIES*	TEEN BAKE OFF: OREO POPS/PENGUINS*	TEEN BAKE OFF: MUFFINS*	
12.30pm to 2pm	12.30pm to 2pm	1pm to 2.30pm	
HH WINTER CHALLENGES CHRISTMAS CHAOS	HH WINTER CHALLENGES RETRO RUMBLE		
3pm to 4.30pm	3pm to 4.30pm		
HH WINTER CHALLENGES BAUBLE MAKING	KICKSTART: T-SHIRT MAKING**		
3pm to 4.30pm	3pm to 4.30pm		
REC TUITION: BAND REHEARSAL ROOM BOOKINGS	REC TUITION: BAND REHEARSAL ROOM BOOKINGS		
3pm to 6pm	3pm to 6pm		
HOT CHOCOLATE REINDEER MAKING	BROWNIE MIX MAKING**		
5pm to 6pm	5pm to 6pm		
SOUNDCHECK: BASEMENT MATINEE			
6.30pm to 8.30pm			

* Please bring a container to
take food home in

** Please bring a glass jar
(recycle an old jar, wash it before
and we will upcycle it)

*** Please bring a clean T-shirt

Year Group	Class News
<p>EYFS</p>	<p>Have you made a snowman? What did it look like? Did it have a carrot for a nose?</p> <p>In Literacy this week, we have been exploring the Christmas classic 'The Snowman'. We have been using lots of different adjectives to describe the Snowman and his friends. We have also been sequencing pictures from the story to help us retell it to our friends.</p> <p>The word of the week is 'sequencing', as in Maths, we have also been sequencing events and using time-related vocabulary; such as 'first', 'next', 'after' and 'then'.</p> <p>In the afternoons, we have been learning about the Christmas Story and why it is important to Christians.</p> <p>We hope you enjoyed our Christmas Performance; it was lovely to see so many parents come and watch. We are so proud of our young performers, they truly brought the magic of Christmas to life.</p> <p>From the Reception Team</p> 
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>We have had a wonderful time performing The Twinkly Nativity for parents and KS2! We loved wearing our sparkly costumes and singing and signing the songs!</p> <p>We retold "The true story of the three little pigs" with actions. We looked at the features of a letter and wrote a letter together from the wolf explaining what happened because it was all just a big misunderstanding!</p> <p>In Science we did an amazing job at grouping material into soft and hard materials.</p> <p>We cannot wait for all the Christmas activities next week!</p>



Year 2

Hello everyone! What a week it's been in Year 2. We performed our Christmas nativity and the children did such a fantastic job! We are so proud of how wonderful their performance was. It was lovely to see the smiles, laughter and a whole lot of festive cheer. But that's not all the children accomplished this week- they've been unleashing their creativity in English, creating amazing tour book guides for London explorers. The children learnt all about contents pages and what they are used for. They were able to create their own table of contents for their tour book guides. From an eye-catching front cover to exciting pages on landmarks and transport, these guides are real page-turners! In science we cranked up the fun with a 'crack the code' game. The children had to solve clues based on our 'materials' topic to crack the code. The children loved this activity, and enjoyed working collaboratively together in groups.



Year 3

Dear Parents

We have had a very festive week. The children worked very hard practicing their songs for their Christmas performance today. They all tried so hard and we are all so proud of them. Thank you to the parents who came to watch our special show. In English, we began writing our drafts for our non-chronological report on Mary Anning. In Maths, the children revised addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and place value. In Science and History we reflected what we learnt this term by making a mind map. The children had lots of fun in Art. Elgar Class painted theirs while Glennie Class entered their final step of varnishing. They are all looking amazing and the children are so excited to bring them home. In RE we learnt about Hanukkah and made Hannukah candles out of paper plates. We are really looking forward to our final week of school where we will be doing lots of Christmas related activities.

We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊

	<p>Best wishes</p> <p>The Year 3 Team.</p>
Year 4	<p>We hope you are all looking forward to the Christmas break, here is an insight into our week!</p> <p>In Maths, the children have been carefully consolidating their skills in column subtraction and addition. The children started to create their own maths sums to test out on their friends!</p> <p>In English, the children showcased their exceptional writing skills by crafting persuasive letters to the Spanish government, passionately advocating for the ban of bullfighting. It was fantastic to see the children include all the persuasive features they have been studying over the half term.</p> <p>In Science and geography, the students successfully completed detailed mind maps, beautifully illustrating their comprehensive understanding of the subjects. These visual representations showed all they have learnt over the term!</p> <p>Our budding musicians worked tirelessly on song rehearsals, and we were thrilled to present their musical talents in the brilliant performance at the church. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did!</p> <p>Finally, the children had the opportunity to create Spanish Tortillas. Not only did they perfect their cutting skills, but they also had the pleasure of savouring the delicious results of their hard work.</p> <p>One week to go! Please continue to bring back the homework folders and reading books with the planners.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend.</p> <p>Year 4 Team 😊</p>
Year 5	<p>It's been a busy week in Year 5 - from Christmas rehearsals, to writing biographies, to designing our own Mars Rovers!</p> <p>English - the children have been busy completing their biographies about Christine Darden, Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, four fascinating women who worked for NASA and helped ensure the success of the 1969 Moon Landing. Your children should be able to tell you lots about them!</p> <p>Maths - the children have been maths superstars, finishing up our unit on fractions. This week we focused on subtracting fractions, including subtracting from mixed numbers.</p> <p>RE - the children learnt about Christmas carols, the meaning behind them, and why Christians sing them at this time of year.</p>

	<p>DT - the children have designed their own electronic, moving Mars Rovers! They successfully made the electric circuits needed to get the motor moving and are looking forward to building the rest of the Rovers next week!</p> <p>PSHE - we finished our unit on 'Celebrating Differences' by delving into the lives and culture of some children living in Ghana.</p> <p>Christmas Performance - the children have worked so hard practising their poems and songs for the KS2 Christmas Concert, with a fantastic result! We clearly have lots of budding singers and actors among them!</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend,</p> <p>The Year 5 Team</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>We have had an incredibly busy week, juggling rehearsals and lessons. In Maths, we ended our last topic of the term - converting units. In English, we finished planning and wrote setting descriptions based on a scene from World War 2. In History, we discussed the Battle of Britain and sketched a scene (and either a Spitfire or a Hawker). We discussed the history and traditions surrounding Hanukka this week, and made menorahs to decorate Year 6. We have spent a lot of time practicing our song and poem for the Carol Service, and it has come together nicely. We hope you enjoy it!</p> <p>Reminders for the week: Swimming has concluded, so boys should come in as normal on Monday (18/12).</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). And please share any concerns or notes with us in the diary.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p> <p>Roseana, Richelle, Katie, Tina and Zaneta</p>