

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy half term!

Today we have enjoyed our House Day. The children have tasted mint tea and thought about the journey of sugar and its history as part of our thought-provoking day. We have also thought about the artwork of Lubaina Himid – seeing the children work collaboratively to sculpt and create with their cardboard was fantastic. A highlight for everyone (despite the volume!) was the drumming. Every year group from Reception to Year 6 has enjoyed playing and learning about the Djembe – ask your child about the bass and the tone sound. Please see the next page for a selection of photographs of our day. Thank you to Daniel our drumming teacher and to Miss Beth for organizing such a fantastic curriculum enrichment day.


We have also enjoyed the PTA bake sale and uniform sale – an annual tradition on the last day of the first half term. Thank you to our PTA for their continued efforts to raise money and meet as a community. We have placed the order for our new dining room furniture and look forward to its arrival (hopefully, next term!).

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week – both in person on Tuesday and online on Thursday. Thank you all for being such brilliant partners in your children's learning. We look forward to working on the next steps discussed, next term.

As we return next term, please remember that the first day back is non-uniform in aid of the PTA (£1). It will be Halloween themed, but can be normal non-uniform, if costumes aren't for you. Please remember, any costumes should be age-appropriate and accessory (including masks) – free.

Have a wonderful half term!
Erin

Newsletter 08
Autumn Term: 20th October 23
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

 Dates for RETURN	
30.10.23	INSET DAY
31.10.23	Return to School / PTA Halloween Dress Up
01.11.23	Y6 SATs Meeting 17:30 School Hall
03.11.23	Parent Forum
03.11.23	Y1 Trip to Forest School

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



Halloween – Tues 31st October



A reminder that we are returning to school on Tuesday 31st October in our Halloween costumes! Please remember **age appropriate** costumes only.

£1 donation to the PTA

New Menu – School Meals

We are very excited to be launching a new menu which will begin when we return on Tuesday 31st October. Bookings on Parent Mail are now live and pupils with an individual allergen menu can make bookings. The Menu has been enclosed as a separate attachment and available to view on our website: <https://gems-twickenham.secure-primariesite.net/lunch-menus/>

Thank you to everybody who offered their feedback to Edwards & Ward.

Overdue Fees

Please kindly note all overdue fees must be settled over the half term by Monday 30th October. Club choices and Breakfast Club bookings will be going live before Christmas however, **we will not be able to offer clubs to families who have outstanding debt for clubs.**

Parent Forum – Friday 3rd November

Miss Erin will be hosting the Parent Forum at 09.30 ONLINE via Zoom. The link will be sent shortly before the event. Please remember all questions must be submitted in advance to: principal@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org

Parent Governor

Our Parent Governor is Rupinder (Rupi) Thiara 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	97.22
Reception Hepworth	93.33
Year 1 Potter	93.61
Year 1 Dahl	99.24
Year 2 Darwin	92.59
Year 2 Hawking	99.66
Year 3 Elgar	94.33
Year 3 Glennie	98.62
Year 4 Austen	93.88
Year 4 Dickens	99.31
Year 5 Moore	99.25
Year 5 Nightingale	96.26
Year 6 Farah	98.33
Year 6 Brown	96.93

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.

House Points this week...



Sports News



Football Competition

B Team after their win over Archdeacon in the week. The boys won 8-1 and were a fantastic team.

Our A Team won too! We are so proud of our incredible TPA footballers. Enormous thanks to our Super parent helpers: Richard Oddy and Jon for all their support with our fixtures!

TPA ARE TOP OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE!!

Miss Erin



Tag Rugby Competition

We played in a league of 4: we lost one match heavily (against a team who came 5-8th overall) then lost each of the other two games by a point. We then moved to a plate competition, won one game, lost another by a point (again!) and lost to the semi-finalists. I was really impressed with the kids' commitment and perseverance. Their defence was brilliant and they never gave up. The improvement from last night was immense. Heads never dropped and they were all a credit to the school. Needless to say, the behaviour was impeccable both at the competition and on the journeys to/from school. They all seemed to love the day so hopefully we can build on this if there are more games to play over the next 1.5 terms.

David Love –Super Parent Helper – Dad to Molly & Xander

House Day October 2023



House Day
October 2023



Dancing



Sculpting



Drumming



Tea and sugar
tasting



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Key Dates

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October	HALF TERM
Monday 30th October	School Closed for INSET
Tuesday 31st October	PTA – Halloween Dress up £1
Wednesday 1st November	Year 6 SATS meeting 17.30
Friday 3rd November	Year 1 Trip to Forest School
Friday 3rd November	Parent Forum ONLINE 09:30 Submit questions in advance to Miss Hana: h.hamilton@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org
Tuesday 7th November	Year 3 Trip to Look Out Centre
Friday 10th November	Remembrance Themed Day
Monday 13th November	Anti-Bullying Week Begins
Tuesday 14th November	Year 5 VR Workshop
Monday 20th November	School Nurse: PANTS workshop
Wednesday 22nd November	EYFS & KS1 – Parent Drop Off 08:30 – 08:50
Thursday 23rd November	KS2 Parent Drop Off 08:30 – 08:50
Thursday 30th November	Reception – Workshop
Monday 4th December	Last Week of Clubs
Saturday 9th December	PTA – Christmas Fair
Monday 11th December	Catch up week for clubs (specific clubs only)
Tuesday 12th December	Year 2 Xmas performance 09:30 – 10:00
Wednesday 13th December	Year 1 Xmas performance 09:30 – 10:00
Thursday 14th December	Reception Xmas performance 09:30 – 10:00
Friday 15th December	Year 3,4,5 & 6 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church 14:30 – 15:15
Wednesday 20th December	PTA – TPA Family Panto
Wednesday 20th December	Pupil & Staff Xmas Lunch
Thursday 21st December	Last day of school - Xmas Jumpers can be worn
Thursday 21st December	End of Term – School Closes 12pm. No JAG

School Trips & Enrichment

Please kindly refer to the forms that are sent via Parent Mail nearer the time of the trip for all relevant information.

Year 2 Trip – TBC

PTA Events

The PTA will announce events nearer the time through the classlist app.

In Other News...

Omnia Learning Trust

To find out more about a range of Trust and school news as well as governance matters, why not take a look at the latest edition of the Omnia Learning Trust bulletin on the Trust website: <https://omnialearningtrust.org.uk/2023-2024-trust-bulletins/>. Highlights this time include an interview with Chair of Trustees, Silvia Holgado-Gomez, pictures and progress reports from new school Sires Hill Primary Academy, and a summary of what the Trust Board has been busy with in recent weeks.

Notices

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Let's meet at Diamond Jubilee Gardens
on October 28 to commemorate
**the 100th anniversary of the establishment
of the Republic of Türkiye!**

Join us in a day filled with activities
such as a children's choir, kids disco,
various workshops for children,
backgammon tournament for everyone,
food and beverage stands,
raki-mezes and BBQ!

SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER 2023
12.00 – 17.00pm

No tickets required

DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDENS
Twickenham Riverside, TW1 3DX

Diwali Craft Kit



- ~ Craft your own Rangoli keyring ~
- ~ Genuine Indian clay Diya lamp ~
- ~ Bindis ~ Temporary tattoo ~
- ~ Colouring ~ Stickers ~
- ~ Craft your own lamp ~
- ~ Find the 52 Kings puzzle ~

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Hounslow and Richmond
Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

presents



Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Kingston & Richmond 2023- Catch up clinics.

For children and young people that attend school in the Kingston and Richmond borough.

We are inviting children in Reception to Year 11 and include children who live in our borough and do not attend school.


Tuesday 24th October 13.15 to 16.15
Centre House, Sheen SW14 8LP
(Walk in, no appointment needed)

Wednesday 25th October
Chessington Community Centre KT9 1JE
(Appointment only please contact the team to book)

Thursday 26th October 13.00 to 16.00
Teddington Health and Social Care Centre TW11 0LR
(Walk in, no appointment needed)

Please contact the team on:
HRCH.ImmunisationTeamKingstonMailbox@nhs.net
Tel: 0203 691 1043

HRCH.ImmunisationTeamMailbox@nhs.net
Tel: 0203 691 1019

Year Group	Class News
<p>EYFS</p>	<p>Which senses do you use while eating your morning snack? This week we've been learning about the five senses and have been taking part in fun science investigations to predict what different smells and textures might be. We've also been using our sense of hearing to identify different sounds and our sense of sight to look more closely at our learning environments.</p> <p>This week in Mathematics, we helped the Number Blocks to order themselves from smallest to largest, after they all got muddled up! We also used ten frames and part-part-whole models to help us explore all the different ways to make 5 and if that wasn't enough, we looked at simple 2D shapes and began to explore their properties in relation to their sides and corners.</p> <p>During our Jigsaw lesson, we talked about responsibility and all the different things that we are responsible for - including tidying up after we've had fun exploring during Adventure Time!</p> <p>As part of Black History Month, we learnt about African drumming and then took part in a fantastic drumming workshop. One young learner commented "It was very noisy and very loud ... Did you know, I was drumming even louder!". We have also been enjoying the music of Bob Marley, Bill Withers and Martha and the Vandellas. In addition to this, we have been learning about some of the men and women who have made valuable contributions to art, music, literature, sport and science.</p> 
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>This week we have been retelling the story of Beegu with our wonderful time words. In maths, we practiced our number bonds within 10 and to 10. We have also had a very creative week! We explored different materials and used our amazing cutting skills to create a winter collage. As part of our learning in black history month, we had an African drumming workshop which we enjoyed a lot! On house day, We had fun learning a hip hop</p>

dance. We also enjoyed learning about where sugar comes from and trying different types of sugar. Finally, we tried some mint tea.

Have a lovely half term,

The Year 1 Team



Year 2

Dear Parents

This week in Year 2 we have been adding to the next 10 and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers.

We have explored rhymes and rhythms in our poetry – reading Shirley Hughs 'Sick' and 'In the Garden'

In Spanish we played a name matching game where we sought out our identical name twins! We sang songs from Africa in our music lesson as well as partaking in an exciting African drumming workshop for House Day.

In Art this week, we were preparing for Halloween with some scary bunting. We were trying draw the scariest monsters!

Have a lovely half term,

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

Dear Parents

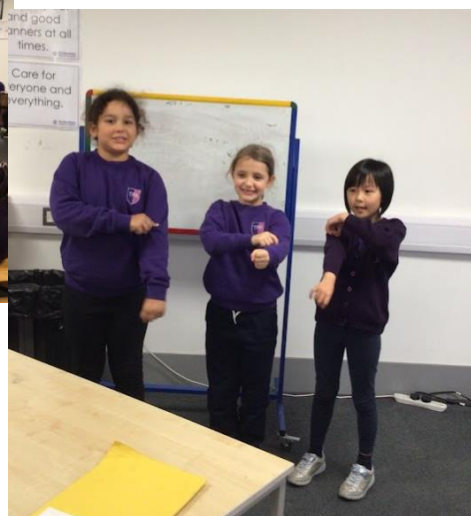
We have had a wonderful and exciting final week of Autumn term 1. In Maths we continued looking at addition and subtraction using the column method to help us. The children continue to enjoy completing their times tables as well as arithmetic practice. In English we looked at poems and focused our lessons around parts of speech. The children looked at a poem called 'Parts of Speech' and had fun rehearsing and acting out different verses from the poem. They all did a brilliant job presenting their verses and we are so proud of them. We then created a poster to illustrate different parts of speech. In RE we continued our lessons on Hinduism and looked at

Holy Books as well as Special Symbols used in Hinduism. In Science we created a poster to reflect on all we have learnt this term on Forces and Magnets and Geography we used aerial maps to describe a route. On Thursday we enjoyed our workshop on African Drumming ; looking at the culture and history about the importance of drumming in African culture and Friday we had a wonderful 'House Day' celebrating Black History Month and doing various activities such sugar tasting (looking at sugar production) and using cardboard boxes for junk modelling inspired by the artist Lubaina Himid.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break 😊

Best wishes

The Year 3 Team



Year 4

Year 4 have truly shone this half term, demonstrating remarkable resilience and passion for their learning. We're immensely proud of their dedication and enthusiasm in the classroom.

In art this week, the children have used inspiration from our key artist Alexander Calder. They have been hard at work crafting moving mobiles, in the style of a fish. They used a range of beads, thread, sequins and wire to create their moving masterpiece.

Our budding writers have been busy in English, creating persuasive leaflets all about Richmond. They worked hard to ensure they used a range of persuasive techniques such as rule of 3, alliteration and exaggeration.

In maths, we've wrapped up our exploration of subtraction and addition, all while focusing on the essential skill of estimating. The children took on the

	<p>challenge of adding and subtracting with exchanging as well as checking their strategies.</p> <p>Finally, in Science this week the children took part in a three day experiment exploring the effects of different beverages on eggshells to see which one would stain the shell the most! After observing the shells for three days they came to the conclusion that Coca-Cola stained the egg shells more than tea or coffee! The children loved the hands on learning.</p> <p>Wishing you a restful half-term break and we look forward to lots of new learning next half term.</p> <p>The Year 4 team 😊</p>
<h2>Year 5</h2>	<p>It's been another fantastic week in Year 5! As well as our wonderful House Day, the children have packed in lots of learning before the half term break.</p> <p>English - The children were very excited to film their videos about the school, following the scripts they wrote last week. They collaborated really well in their groups and created some very persuasive final films. We have been really impressed with their excellent speaking skills: speaking clearly with expression and gestures and making eye contact with the camera!</p> <p>Maths - The children have started our new unit on multiplication and division, looking at finding common multiples. They have made a great start and will do even better with strong times table knowledge. Logging into Times Table Rockstars at some point over the half term will really help them with this unit when we return.</p> <p>Art - The children have finished their wonderful mixed media art projects by incorporating collage and printing and they are now ready to go on display in our class art gallery!</p> <p>Geography - The children completed our Location Location unit by researching and writing about a rural and urban location in the UK of their choice for a class travel brochure. They should have lots of recommendations of interesting places to visit!</p> <p>RE - Our RE unit about Worship came to a close with discussion about religious freedom and why it is important. The children had a very thoughtful discussion on this topic.</p>

	<p>Science - The children completed our science unit on forces with a lesson about gears, levers and pulleys. You could ask your child to explain what these mechanisms are and how they are used!</p> <p>Have a lovely, restful half term break and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and raring to go on Tues 31st!</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>IMPORTANT NOTICE: SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER. ALL YEAR 6 PUPILS MUST HAVE AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BEFORE THIS TIME</p> <p>We have had a busy week as we cap off the end of this half term! In Maths, we completed the block on the four operations, and will be covering fractions when we return after the break. In English, we completed the adventure stories we have been planning, then we edited them before writing the final drafts into our books. In Topic, we discussed how fair trade benefits producers and shoppers. We continued our studies in light in Science by doing a practical experiment involving shadows. In PSHE, we discussed how the actions of an individual or group can have wider implications, and how we can make good decisions when we are part of a group. We are ending the week (and half term!) with House Day - art, African drumming and learning about the sugar trade!</p> <p>Reminders for next half term:</p> <p>Please remember to finish off any homework in the folder and bring work in when we return on Tuesday, 31 October 2023.</p> <p>Thank you for 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>