

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another Friday newsletter full of all the different happenings at TPA this week. It has been another week full of learning and fun so do read on to find out what each class has been up to.


This week we have had our individual and sibling photos – where it was wonderful to see the children looking especially smart. Please do remember to send your child in wearing the correct uniform every day, even if it is not a photo day. This includes a tie for those children in Year 3 upwards. We have a surfeit of unnamed lost property in school at the moment. Do remember to name your child's clothing clearly so that it can be reunited with its owner easily.

Next week is our last week of term before the half term break. We are looking forward to welcoming parents in for the Parents' Evening on Tuesday after school and seeing them online for the Thursday meetings. Remember to ensure that your child is picked up from school at the normal time on each day – dismissal will be at the Reception playground gate for all year groups on Tuesday next week.

Finally, next Friday is a House Day. For new parents, this is a morning where children will learn in their Houses rather than their usual class groups. Children should come in wearing their House t-shirts and should prepare for a morning of learning all about Black History Month (on top of the learning about this that has already taken place as part of our usual lessons). The children will be – learning about African Drumming and its purpose; creating cardboard art inspired by Lubaina Himid (please ensure you send your child in with a box or two); and tasting sugar and talking about its complex history. We are looking forward to an exciting day.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Erin.

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Autumn Term: 13th October 23
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

 Dates for NEXT WEEK	
17.10.23	Parent / Teacher Meetings – IN PERSON
19.10.23	Parent Teacher Meetings – ONLINE
20.10.23	House Day
20.10.23	PTA Halloween Bake Sale
30.10.23	INSET DAY
31.10.23	Return to School / PTA Halloween Dress Up

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

Appointments are live on ParentMail. Please go to the 'Parent's Evening' section of the app/website.

Reminders:

Tuesday P/T Meetings – **IN PERSON** (2.20pm - 5.30pm)

Thursday P/T Meetings – **ONLINE ONLY** (2.20pm – 5.30pm)

School hours are as normal. NO EARLY PICK UPS. Please kindly collect your child at the time of dismissal only.

Dismissal:

All children will be dismissed from the Reception Garden on Tuesday.

Clubs:

We are pleased to say the majority of clubs will be running as normal. ALL morning clubs will continue to operate.

Cancelled Clubs:

Art Club Y1/2 – Tuesday

Lego Rec – Thursday

Netball Skills Y1/2 – Thursday

Social Media

Each class has a social Whatsapp group to enable parents to communicate with each other outside of school. Please note that this is **not** run by, organised or supported by the school and should you have queries with the school in any way, you direct them to your class teacher or to the office directly rather than air them online.

Lost Property

We will be disposing / donating all items left on school site next Friday.

Attendance this week...

Class	Attendance %
Reception Turner	98.3
Reception Hepworth	91.3
Year 1 Potter	97.7
Year 1 Dahl	96.7
Year 2 Darwin	99.3
Year 2 Hawking	97
Year 3 Elgar	94.6
Year 3 Glennie	100
Year 4 Austen	99.66
Year 4 Dickens	98.6
Year 5 Moore	96.9
Year 5 Nightingale	89.9
Year 6 Farah	97.9
Year 6 Brown	94.5

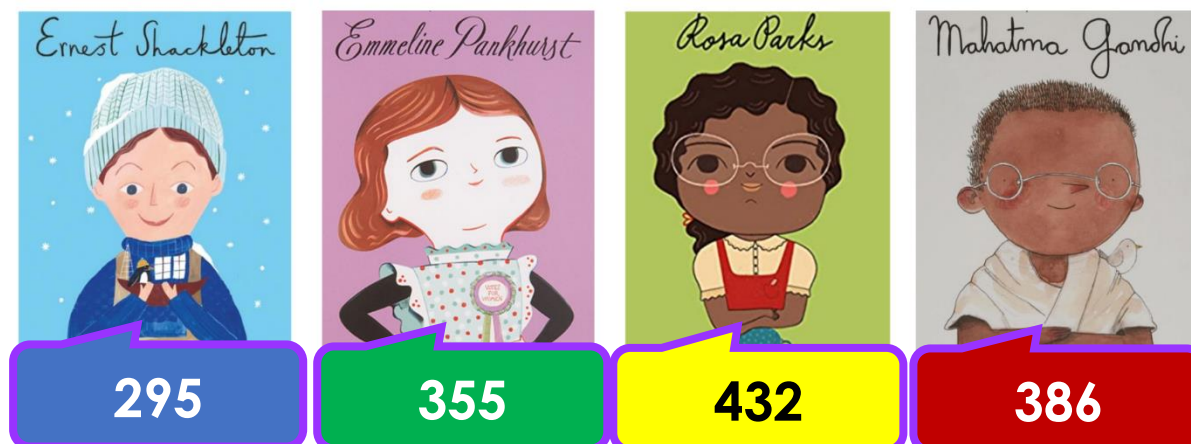
Well done to:

GLENNIE!

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...





Celebrating Success!

Star of
the
Week!



Well Done
to our stars
this week!



Proud
Cloud

Sports News

Y6 Footballers after their win against Trafalgar this week



Our Year 5 and 6 teams won both their matches on Thursday afternoon. We are very proud of the boys for their determination, positivity and teamwork.

We can't wait to see what will happen with our matches against Archdeacon School on Tuesday next week!

Huge thanks to our Parent Helper Richard Oddy.

We also had Knights Basketball visit the children in assembly this week to demonstrate some very talented skills and teach some of our KS2 classes. Thank you Knights!

Best Wishes

Miss Erin



KNIGHTS BASKETBALL SESSIONS

TPA TWICKENHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY KNIGHTS BASKETBALL

? 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

£42 - 6 WEEKS (WEEK BEG 30TH OCT - WEEK BEG 4TH DEC)

BOOK UP FOR THIS SESSION VIA OUR WEBSITE - WWW.KNIGHTSBASKETBALL.CO.UK

Year Group	Class News
<p>EYFS</p>	<p>What's your favourite healthy food? How many times do you brush your teeth a day? Why does your heart beat faster during exercise? These are just some of the questions we've been exploring, as we celebrate our amazing bodies, as part of our topic 'Marvellous Me'. This week we've been talking about looking after our bodies; from making healthy food choices to staying hydrated. We've discussed the importance of tooth brushing and why a good night's sleep is essential in helping us to have a fantastic, learning day at school. On that note, our healthy morning snacks are looking and smelling delicious! Please be reminded, that if you are sending in grapes, they needed to be cut in half, length wise.</p> <p>In Maths this week, we've been comparing numbers 1-5 and matching numerals to different quantities. We've also begun to explore the different ways to make 5, using our fingers, Numicon, number frames and concrete counting objects.</p> <p>We've also enjoyed learning which House we belong to and who our four Houses are named after. Can you remember which House you're in?</p> 
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>This week, we have been retelling the story of Beegu. We verbally re told the story with actions and have started to write what happened in the story. In maths, we have been looking at parts and wholes and have started to write fantastic number sentences. We did a cross-curricular activity using the wonderful autumnal nature objects we brought into school. We discussed the weather in autumn and what we can find outside in autumn. We used our brilliant printing skills and our autumnal nature objects to create autumnal art.</p> 

<h2>Year 2</h2>	<p>This week has been another great one in Year 2.</p> <p>In English, we began by crafting our very own diary entries from the perspective of Wilfred from 'This Moose Belongs to Me.' We were absolute whizzes at remembering all of the features, which helped us to build our very own success criteria. We wrote our diary entries independently, with the help of our trusty plans. We are becoming excellent note takers!</p> <p>In maths, we worked on our bonds to 100, completing fun practical activities with our partners. We added three 1-digit numbers together by rolling dice! This was a great way to score points against our partner while also practising our addition skills.</p> <p>In Science, we did an experiment with different balls to see what sort of material is best for the highest bounce!</p> <p>We completed a beautiful mind-map of Twickenham in our Topic lessons, writing facts about Twickenham Stadium, Twickenham Green and Kneller Gardens.</p>
<h2>Year 3</h2>	<p>Year 3 have had a great week filled with engaging and enriching activities. In English, our Year 3 students delved into creative writing by crafting sequels to the classic Goldilocks tale. Their storytelling skills and imaginative narratives have been truly impressive.</p> <p>In Mathematics, the focus has been on honing their skills in addition and subtraction, using different methods. We're delighted to report that they also performed well in their recent arithmetic practice tests, reflecting on their growing mathematical proficiency.</p> <p>In the realm of Science, the students have been fascinated by magnets and magnetic fields. Through hands-on experiments, they've uncovered the wonders of magnetism. Art class has been a burst of colour as the children delved into colour theory and sketched out beautiful Twickenham landscapes. In Music, the class has embarked on a collective journey of composing their own song.</p> <p>Homework update Could you remind your child to return their homework folder next week so we can prepare them for Autumn 2. We will be starting weekly spelling test on a Friday afternoon after half term and will provide the children with the list of spellings along with their new homework grid at the start . Their logons to TTRockstars are in their reading diaries, so they can logon at home for some extra times tables practise. Thank you again for all your support at home with reading and the homework tasks we have had some lovely pieces from the children and have been really impressed.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend, from the year 3 Team</p>

Year 4

Dear Parents, we wanted to provide you with a brief update on what our children have been up to this week.

In Math, the children have begun exploring subtraction. They've been introduced to various methods for carrying and exchanging numbers to find the correct answers. We are excited to see them grasp these essential mathematical concepts as they continue to develop their skills.

In Science, our focus remains on teeth. This week, the children delved deeper into understanding the importance of dental care and how to look after their teeth. They've also begun planning a science experiment related to this topic, which promises to be an exciting hands-on learning experience.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our school trip to the Wetland Centre in Barnes. This outing provided a unique opportunity for our students to connect with nature. They had the chance to observe various wildlife species they might not have known existed in our local area. The activities, such as feeding the otters, building dens, and exploring the natural surroundings, left our children with unforgettable memories.

This trip also served as a perfect conclusion to our English topic, where the children have been captivated by the enchanting book "The Girl Who Spoke to Trees." They have thoroughly enjoyed studying this book in their writing and guided reading, and the experiences at the Wetland Centre have deepened their understanding of the natural world.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to the parents who supported us in making this trip possible. Your assistance and dedication are invaluable, and we couldn't have offered this enriching experience without you. We also want to extend our appreciation to our dedicated teachers for their hard work and effort in organizing and supervising the trip.

We are committed to providing our students with meaningful learning experiences, and your support is an essential part of our success.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Best regards

Year 4 Team 😊

Year 5

It's been another exciting and productive week in Year 5, and we're thrilled to share our learning highlights with you.

In our maths lessons this week, we have been diving into the world of addition and subtraction, with a particular focus on mastering inverse operations. We're getting a strong grasp on the fundamental concepts, and

	<p>we have been making good progress with being able to solve multi-step problems with enthusiasm. Our young mathematicians are gaining confidence with each problem they tackle.</p> <p>In English, we've been honing our persuasive writing skills as we work on our persuasive video scripts. The children have been learning about persuasive language techniques and the structural features of effective arguments. This includes understanding how to grab the audience's attention, build a compelling case, and close with a call to action. The children have been eager to put their newfound knowledge to use, and it's inspiring to see their creativity and persuasive powers come to life on paper.</p> <p>Our science lessons this week have taken us on an aquatic adventure. We delved into the intriguing topic of water resistance. Using our knowledge of water resistance and streamlined objects, we embarked on an exciting project: designing submarines. The challenge was to create submarines that produced the least water resistance and moved through the water with the utmost efficiency.</p> <p>We are very proud of our learners this week for their enthusiasm and engagement with learning. We are looking forward to seeing what next week brings for us.</p> <p>Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,</p> <p>The Year 5 Team</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>It is full steam ahead as we near the end of this half term! In Maths, we have been working on division (and long division!) and BIDMAS. In English, we are planning our next writing piece on a story called The Gas Mask about World War 2. In Topic, year 6 have learned about how and why settlements change over time. In PSHE, we discussed how we can make goals and help identify and eliminate obstacles that would prevent us from reaching them. We practiced sketching shadows this week in Art. We are rounding off this week with PE on the Green - weather permitting.</p> <p>Reminders for next week: Monday: girls are swimming so remember to be here in time to leave with all of your kit: swim costumes, towels, swim caps, goggles and dry uniform to change into.</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>