

Newsletter 29

Summer Term: Friday 28th April

Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

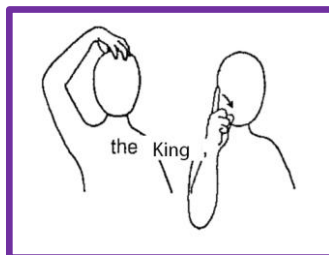
Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week here at TPA. This week we have welcomed our School Improvement Partner from Richmond to see our hard work and been visited by Omnia Trust's Director of Education. The children behaved impeccably and the visitors were impressed in particular with the legendary lines and superb science that they saw. Of course, our teachers were brilliant too!


This week we have also had our class photographs taken. It was wonderful to see the children in their smartest uniforms. Please remember that children should be in the correct uniform every day, including black shoes and hair tied back if it is below their shoulders. As we move into summer, children could also wear their summer uniform.

Next week will be a shorter week at TPA. With the Early May Bank Holiday on Monday and some year groups closed due to the strike on Tuesday. However, we are looking forward to our Coronation celebrations at the end of the week – including our Coronation song; purple book marks (from the PTA) and lots of Coronation crafts. This week, an enormous 'Thank You' goes out to Miss Grace and Miss Roseana who have worked with the children to learn the Makaton signs to our Coronation song. We have learned lots of signs today, but one to practice at home is 'The King'.



Have a lovely, long weekend,

Miss Erin
Principal

 Dates for your diary	
01.05.23	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
02.05.23	Y3 Safe Walking
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04.05.23	
02.05.23	Y6 Residential Meeting ONLINE
05.05.23	TPA King Coronation Day
08.05.23	King Coronation Bank Holiday
09.05.23	PTA – Eurovision sweepstake
09.05.23	Year 6 SAT's
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12.05.23	

Remember that there should be no parking by parents on Colne, Albion, Edwin or Knowle Road as part of the school travel policy.



Attendance this week...

Class	Attendance %
Reception Turner	98.4
Reception Hepworth	93.6
Year 1 Potter	95.9
Year 1 Dahl	98.0
Year 2 Darwin	96.3
Year 2 Hawking	99.2
Year 3 Elgar	97.9
Year 3 Glennie	94.6
Year 4 Austen	95.4
Year 4 Dickens	96.5
Year 5 Moore	94.7
Year 5 Nightingale	95.7
Year 6 Farah	97.3
Year 6 Brown	97.0

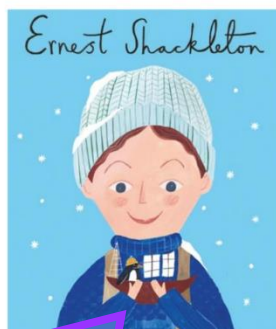
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Hawking – INCREDIBLE!

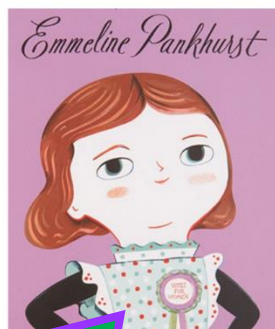
for the best attendance
this week!

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...



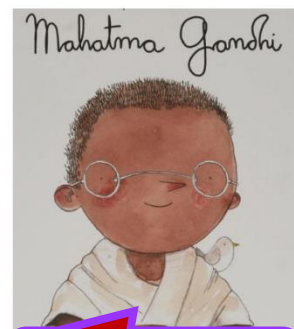
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Office News

Teacher Strike – Tuesday 2nd May

A reminder that only Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6 will be open on this day. Please refer to the letter sent by Miss Erin 27/04/23.

Please see clubs which will / will not be operating on Tuesday 2ND May – Strike Day

- AM Football 3 & 4 – **CANCELLED** – will run in catch up week w/c 17th July
- AM Basketball 5 & 6 – **RUNNING**
- AM French 1 & 2 – **CANCELLED** - will run in catch up week **w/c 10th July**
- PM Dance R,1,2 – **CANCELLED** - will run in catch up week w/c 17th July
- PM Dance 5/6 – **RUNNING**
- PM Art Club 1&2 – **CANCELLED** - will run in catch up week w/c 17th July

Junior Adventure Group

JAG are pleased to announce that they have officially increased their capacity for the after school wrap around care provision. This is effective immediately.

Key Dates

There have been some minor revisions to the key dates. Please see further down our newsletter for the latest update. Thank you

Sports News

Last Friday Y6 Boys Football team played the quarter final against Trafalgar School. We had a challenging start and found ourselves 4:0 down after the first half but I was very pleased to see a much better performance from all the boys in the second half when both teams scored a goal each.

The game was by Trafalgar 5:1. We wished them good luck in the semifinal and now we start our preparation for Cricket.

Well done boys – Mr Wojciech



Celebrating Success!

EYFS &
KS1

KS2



And...
Star - Farah Class Y6
Proud - Logan Y3
Challenge - Anya Y6



Challenge Award

Well Done
to our stars
this week!



Message Board



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the information in the newsletter in relation to strike action, please now note the following:

- Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 will be closed on Tuesday 2nd May
- Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 will be open on Tuesday 2nd May.

- Attendance on 2nd May for children in Years Three, Five and Six is not optional and any absence will be recorded as an unauthorised absence unless we are told of an approved reason.
- We will contact you separately if your child has a social worker, or is part of a Children in Need plan or has an EHCP to see if we can support our more vulnerable children.
- Breakfast Club and After School Club (Energy Kids / Junior Adventure Group) will be available to run as normal for children in the open year groups – parents should book places via the usual process.
- For children entitled to Free School meals who are in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 or Year 4 please let us know if you require support. Please note this is not the same as Universal Infant Free School Meals.
- If your child's class is closed, they should spend the day completing homework, using Times Table Rock Stars and reading. Or any other learning they wish to do!

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Twickenham Primary Academy remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact me via the school email addresses or usual telephone numbers.

Kind regards,

Miss Erin



Summer Term Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 17th April	School Closed for INSET DAY
Tuesday 18th April	Whole School Returns – Breakfast Club Begins
Wednesday 19th April	Year 6 Dental Survey (Randomly selected pupils)
Monday 24th April	School Clubs Begin
Monday 24th April	Reception Hearing Screening (Morning) Hepworth
Tuesday 25th April	Class photos ALL children to wear full school uniform
Friday 28th April	Reception Hearing Screening (Morning) Turner
Monday 1st May	Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May – Thursday 4th May	Year 3 Safe Walking
Tuesday 2nd May	Year 6 Residential Meeting ONLINE 17:30
Friday 5th May	PTA – Coronation Celebration & Library shed launch
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday – King Coronation
Tuesday 9th May	PTA – Eurovision Sweepstake
Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May	Year 6 SAT's
Wednesday 17th May	Parent Drop Off Reception – Year 2
Thursday 18th May	Parent Drop Off Year 3 – Year 6
Thursday 18th May	PTA – Theatre Trip
Friday 19th May	PTA – Rock Star Muffin Day
Monday 22nd May	Cricket Workshop KS2
Monday 22nd May – Thursday 25th May	Year 2 SAT's
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 3 Trip to Orleans House Gallery
Friday 26th May	Last day of term / House day – Outdoor Learning Day (House T-Shirts to be worn)
Friday 26th May	PTA – Bake sale & Second Hand uniform sale
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM
Monday 5th June	Return to School – Clubs run as normal
Wednesday 7th June	Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm
Friday 9th June	Year 2 Trip to Kew Gardens
Thursday 15th June	New Reception Parents Meeting ONLINE
Sunday 18th June – Wednesday 21st June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 19th June	Art Week Begins
Tuesday 20th June	Year 1 Forest School (PM) Potter (Trip 1 of 2)
Wednesday 21st June	Year 1 Forest School (PM) Dahl (Trip 1 of 2)
Wednesday 21st June	World Music Day
Friday 23rd June	Parent Forum ONLINE 2pm Questions must be submitted in advance to Miss Hana
Monday 26th June	Enterprise Week Begins
Tuesday 27th June	Year 1 Forest School (PM) Potter (Trip 2 of 2)
Wednesday 28th June	Year 1 Forest School (PM) Dahl (Trip 2 of 2)



Summer Term Key Dates

Friday 30th June Reception & Year 1 15:20 – 15:40	Enterprise Stalls after school in RECEPTION playground
Friday 30th June Year 2 – Year 3 15:20 – 15:45 Year 4, 5 & 6 15:50 – 16:15	Enterprise Week rise Stalls after school in MAIN playground
Monday 3rd July	Last week of school clubs
Tuesday 4th July	Year 5 – Thames Boat Trip
Wednesday 5th July	Year 6 Performance
Friday 7th July	Sports Day (Twickenham Green)
Monday 10th July	Catch-up week for school clubs (specific clubs only)
Monday 10th July	Reception Transition Afternoon
Tuesday 11th July	Reception Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 12th July	PTA – Year 6 Leavers Party
Thursday 13th July 2022	In-House transitions & Reports sent home
Friday 14th July	Year 6 Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 18th July	PTA - Rec- Year 2 Disco
Wednesday 19th July	Year 3 – Year 5 Disco
Thursday 20th July	Last day of term – school closes 12:00 No Energy Kidz

School Trips



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

Year 4 Trip – will be confirmed in due course

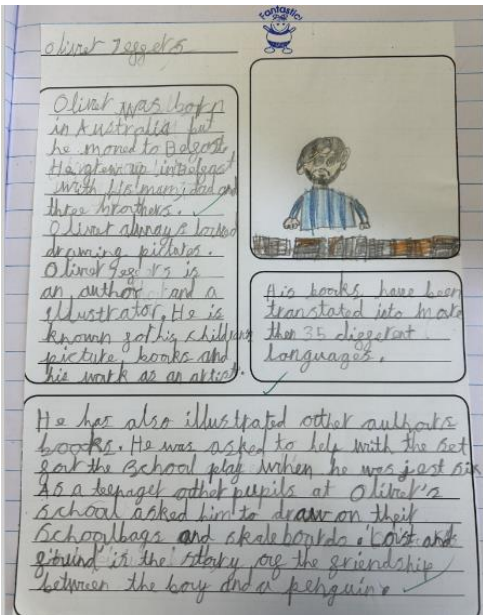
PTA Events

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

Class News

Year Group	What's Happening?
<p>EYFS</p>	<p>We have had a lovely second week of summer term 1. The children have been so creative and used cardboard boxes to design their own dream homes. We also looked at homes from the past and present and compared how even appliances have changed.</p> <p>In English we continued our theme of Traditional Tales and solved clues to work out our tale for this week; we had a surprise mystery box filled with pictures of beds, chairs and bowls, then a 'little girl' who came through the Reception garden and left muddy foot prints around the classroom and then 3 little bears arrived by climbing through the windows. The children then wrote sentences/words about what they could see in their 'investigations'. Can you guess what our traditional tale was?</p> <p>In maths we continued to practise addition using number lines, dice and dominos. We then practised writing our own number sentences. We hope you have a lovely weekend☺</p> <p>Best wishes Andrea and Danielle</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>This week in English we created a lost poster to help Eddie find his Teddy. We read more of the story wrote what Eddie might be thinking when he saw the giant grizzly bear holding his Teddy bear. In maths we recapped counting in 2s, 5s, 10s. This will help us with our learning about multiplication this half term.</p> <p>In science we looked at what plants need to grow and survive. We predicted which of our plants will grow best.</p>



	<p>For RE we made stained glass windows depicting something special to us. In DT we explored different paper toys, looking at how they are made and what we will need to make them. We practiced making a paper toy.</p>
<h2>Year 2</h2>	<p>This week in year 2 we were learning how to tell the time in maths. We looked at o'clock and half past times in one lesson. The children had their own mini clocks to look at on the carpet, so they could practise moving the hour hand and minute hand. We also looked at quarter to and quarter past times, as well as telling the time to 5 minutes.</p> <p>In English we planned and wrote a fact file about Oliver Jeffers, an author and illustrator of the book 'The Belong Belongs to Me', which we have been reading in class. We spent a lesson learning all about him, and gathering facts about his early life, education, career and family. We found this very interesting. We learnt about all the awards he has one, and the other books he has written and illustrated. Lots of the children said they particularly loved his illustrations. The children's fact files looked fantastic!</p>  <p>The image shows a handwritten fact file on lined paper. At the top, it says 'Oliver Jeffers' with a small drawing of a boy. The text is written in cursive and includes: 'Oliver was born in Australia but he moved to Belfast, He spent his childhood with his family and his three brothers. Oliver always loved drawing pictures. Oliver says it is an author and a illustrator. He is known for his children's picture books and his work as an artist. His books have been translated into more than 25 different languages. He has also illustrated other authors books. He was asked to help with the set for the school play when he was just six. As a teenager other pupils at Oliver's school asked him to draw on their schoolbags and skateboards. One of his friends is the story of the friendship between the boy and a penguin.'</p>
<h2>Year 3</h2>	<p>We have had a wonderful week in Year 3 filled with exciting learning. From fractions to diary entries, our lovely learners have been working hard as always.</p> <p>In Maths this week, we have been learning all about fractions, focusing on finding a third as well as identifying unit and non-unit fractions. We have been so impressed with the children's attitude to learning as we commence this new topic. They have been working hard to understand how to identify fractions in different forms (through shapes and quantities), as well as finding fractions of amounts.</p> <p>In English this week, we started focusing on diary entries in preparation for writing a polished piece in role as Charlie Bucket. Learning about the grammatical, language and structural features of a diary has been the centre of our learning this week. The children have worked hard to identify the features of a diary entry looking at a range of different</p>



	<p>examples. We have also had a particular focus on using fronted adverbials to make our sentence openers more varied and interesting.</p> <p>In Science this week, as part of our Plants topic, the children learnt all about the function of a leaf. We compared different leaves, thinking carefully about the similarities and differences. We discussed the features of a leaf which help with the function of making food.</p> <p>Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend. Fingers crossed we have some sunny weather to enjoy!</p> <p>The Year 3 Team</p> <p>p.s please remember to consent for the safe walking</p>
<h2>Year 4</h2>	<p>Well done to the children for another wonderful week in year 4! We had a lovely week with lots of exciting new learning.</p> <p>At the start of the week in English, we explored examples of diary entries and their specific features. The children identified the following features: past tense, first person, exclamation, adverbials of time, contraction, tell, show don't tell and present tense. Following this, we worked on developing a rich vocabulary associated with being stressed or scared. At the end of the week, the children worked together in groups to write an extract from Torak's diary applying all they had learnt throughout the week.</p> <p>In maths this week, we continued our focus on decimals. We started the week off by dividing 1 or 2 digits by 100. Then, we focused on number bonds to 10 and 100, making links between single digit bonds and tens bonds. Following that, the children made a whole from any number of tenths or hundredths. By the end of the week, the children could write decimals, understanding the value of each digit. They showed their understanding of place value by portioning numbers with decimals in different ways.</p> <p>In science this week, we started our new topic: States of Matter. First, we sorted materials into solids, liquids or gasses. Then, we explored the specific properties of the three principal states of matter in more detail. By the end of the lesson, the children could display the difference between the particles in solids, liquids and gases.</p> <p>In topic, we identified the three periods of prehistory: the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. After discussing the story of prehistoric Britain and considering how archaeologists build up a picture of the past, the children created a timeline to show the main events throughout prehistory.</p> <p>In art this week, we explored the techniques and materials needed to create a piece of work similar to those created by well-known pop artists. We looked at the following pop art techniques: printmaking and silkscreen, collage and mixed media. Then, the children had a go at creating their own collage out using magazines and newspapers.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>

	<p>Best wishes, The year 4 team</p>
<h3>Year 5</h3>	<p>Math: The children continued with fractions and moved onto decimals and percentages. The children looked at how to convert fractions to decimals and decimals to percentages.</p> <p>English: The children worked on conducting interview questions, from planning them to writing them down with the correct relative pronouns and clauses. The children then worked in their groups to edit and improve their interview responses. The children also interviewed different members of staff about their country of origin and then turned the responses into detailed writing, direct speech, and everything they had learned within the week.</p> <p>Science: The children looked at living things and looked at the plant lifecycle in detail. The children also germinated their own beans as part of their experiment and watched them grow.</p> <p>Computing: The children looked at data and looked at the Mars Rover in more detail and how it sends data back and forth from Earth to Mars.</p> <p>Art: Children looked at a Mexican artist called Frida, and they looked at her art in detail and the emotions in that art. The children will continue looking at this artist and how they show emotion in their work.</p> <p>Kind regards Sam and Roseana</p>
<h3>Year 6</h3>	<p>Year 6 have been steadily preparing for SATS which are quickly approaching. We have continued to work in Maths and English to ensure Year 6 pupils are prepared for their upcoming exams. In science we have learned about symbols in Electricity and how to draw a series circuit. Our topic lessons have seen us deepen our knowledge of the Mayans and their place in history. We have also started our new unit in DT - food! In games, Year 6 have started learning cricket, as well as continuing with tennis (and swimming for the girls).</p> <p>The children have worked hard this week, and we hope you all enjoy the long weekend!</p>