

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term! And Eid Mubarak to those who are celebrating this weekend. We have had a busy and enjoyable first week back and are looking forward to an amazing summer term.

Strike Action

After recent discussions, the NEU and other unions have rejected the government's pay offer. This means that there will be further strikes on the 27th April and 2nd May which may see further class closures at TPA. When I saw the headline figure, it seemed at least that there was an offer on the table; but the 'devil is in the detail', and within the 4.5% average proposed pay rise, only 0.5% of this would be funded by the DfE, leaving 4% to come from existing school budgets. Clearly, the DfE have not properly understood the real financial situation that schools are in, nor have they recognised the strength of feeling amongst school leaders and teachers in relation to the call for fair funding for schools (the very reason why so many teachers have been striking)! I will send strike details on Monday, as needed.

Ruth Perry

I often talk on the gate to other parents about the joys – and challenges – of parenting. It's probably fair to say that the same applies to being a school leader. I'm sure many of you will have heard/read the recent sad news regarding Ruth Perry who was the Headteacher at Caversham Primary School in Reading. Our thoughts are very much with the staff, children, parents and local community at her school, as well of course with Ruth's family. You may also have seen the media coverage around Ofsted inspections and a summary one-word judgement on schools. It's impossible to sum up a school in a single word. There's an interesting article here from 24th March which discusses the really important information that parents want to know - are our children cared for by talented and dedicated teachers who are committed to helping children become responsible, happy members of society with bright futures? As a mother to a toddler, and as a teacher of nearly 20 years, I'm very clear where my educational principles and priorities lie and agree with that sentiment; education is about nurturing children to be decent, kind and caring human beings.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2023/mar/24/caversham-primary-school-parents-ruth-perry-death-realities-ofsted-inspections>

King Charles' Coronation

As you will know, the King's Coronation (and additional Bank Holiday) is rapidly approaching. We will be marking this at TPA on Friday 5th May in a number of ways:

- Children to dress in red, white and blue or as royalty!
- With a commemorative purple book mark (thanks to the PTA for this).
- With a royal afternoon tea in year groups in the hall.
- Making bunting to decorate the hall.
- Learning a special Coronation song in assembly and understanding this event through our assembly learning.

We are looking forward to a right royal celebration!

Have a restful weekend,
Erin

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Spring Term: Friday 21st April
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

 Dates for your diary	
24.04.23	Clubs commence
24.04.23	RH Hearing Screening
25.04.23	Class Photos – NO P.E Kits
28.04.23	RT Hearing Screening
01.05.23	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
02.05.23 -	Y3 Safe Walking
04.05.23	
02.05.23	Y6 Residential Meeting ONLINE
05.05.23	TPA King Coronation Day
08.05.23	King Coronation Bank Holiday

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

School Clubs

Clubs begin from next week. Please refer to the clubs information letter sent earlier this week for helpful information.

Class Photos - Tuesday 25th April

A reminder that all children must come in FULL school uniform including jumpers and blazers for the class photograph. **NO P.E kits on this day.**

Meal Bookings

Please ensure you book your child's meal in advance. We cannot always guarantee to accommodate un-booked meals and may have to ask in this event that a packed lunch be brought to school. To avoid this, please book far ahead as possible.

Message from Miss Vikki

Dear parents,

Thank you very much for your warm welcome this week, I am pleased to be joining the TPA community and have enjoyed meeting all the children this week. I look forward to meeting you too.

I am in the process of reviewing and processing payments from our Spring term clubs, please do bear with me.

Please do check your ParentMail account payments:

New payments were uploaded for Summer Term clubs this week

Please review any outstanding payments:

If you have any payments still marked as outstanding, which you have paid using childcare vouchers or through HMRC, please email the confirmation or reference number through to a new email address: finance@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org.

We process these payments manually after we have received your reference number and confirmation from HMRC, and therefore can take a month to clear.

Please use the Finance email address for all payment queries and sharing confirmation of payment submissions going forward.

Please do come and speak to me or call the school should you have any queries regarding payments.

Many Thanks

Miss Vikki, Office & Finance Manager

Sports News



On Thursday Year 5 Boys Football Team participated in the Battle of the Boroughs (10 teams from Richmond and 10 teams from Kingston). The boys played very well beating Lovelace and Christ schools, drawing against Nelson, and losing to Grand Avenue conceding a goal in the final second of the game. In the quarterfinal, we faced St Lukes school. The game finished 0:0, so we went to a penalty shoot-out, and unfortunately, St Lukes school got better than us.

The year 5 team only conceded one goal throughout the whole tournament. Well done boys!

I would like to say a big thank you to Richard Oddy for his help and support



Great effort!
Well done
Guys!



Celebrating Success!

Well Done
to our stars
this week!

KS2



AND...

Superstar – Musa 1D
Star – Melody 6F
Proud – Lily 6B
Proud – Valerio RT

EYFS &
KS1

SCIENCE
STARS!



AND...

Raed Y3
Darwin Class
Hawking Class



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SUNDAY 23rd APRIL
12.00 - 17.00pm

No ticket required



DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDENS
Twickenham Riverside, TW1 3DX




**Join us on a day of fun-filled activities, games,
a Turkish folk dance show,
a preloved books and toys sale and
delicious Turkish food.**



This event will support the **TURKEY MOZAIK FOUNDATION's** Turkey Earthquake Relief.

Class News!

Year Group	What's Happening?
<p>EYFS</p>	<p>We were all very excited to return to a sunny summer term in Reception. In literacy we introduced our topic for this half term 'Traditional tales'. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to a variety of tales and comparing all the different characters found in these tales. In maths we practised counting and addition by adding on from any given number. In phonics we have been making great progress and continue to practise those 'tricky' words. Have a lovely weekend!</p> 
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>This week, we have started reading a new book called Where's my teddy? We are creating a lost poster to help Eddie find his teddy. We have thought of amazing adjectives to describe his teddy and thought how Eddie is feeling about losing his teddy.</p> <p>In maths, we have explored capacity and volume. We have looked at different words we can use to describe capacity and volume and how we can measure capacity.</p> <p>Our topic for science this term is plants. This week, we looked at the different parts of a plant and created our own plants using playdough.</p> <p>For DT this term, we are going to make our own paper toys. We started by practicing our cutting skills by cutting different lines and shapes.</p> 



<h2>Year 2</h2>	<p>This week in year 2 we have been measuring length in maths. We have looked at measuring in cm and m. We also learnt that there are 100cm in a m! On Thursday, we looked at ordering and comparing lengths. We recapped the $>$, $<$, and $=$ symbols when comparing different lengths. We finished up the week by looking at using the four operations with length and some problem solving. The children have done a fantastic job with this topic. They were very enthusiastic when given the opportunity to measure things around the classroom with a ruler!</p> <p>In science we have started our new topic 'Plants'. We had a discussion about their previous learning of the topic in year 1, and what they could remember. We looked at a range of images of wild plants, garden plants and trees. Lots of the children recognised some of these, noting that they had seen them in a park, their gardens or their walk to school. We discussed the different parts of a flower, including the roots, stem, leaves and flower. We thought about the purpose of each part of the plant. Some of the children remembered that roots absorb water from the soil from year 1. We went out into the playground to see what flowers and trees we could see. We looked at the different types of trunks, leaves and petals. The children then drew these and labelled their sketches.</p>
<h2>Year 3</h2>	<p>Year 3 have had a fantastic first week back in school following the Easter break. We are feeling ready to learn and challenge ourselves as we look ahead to this final term of Year 3.</p> <p>In English this week, we started our new topic of Chocolate. Of course, our new reading text had to be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which is always a favourite! This week, the children have focused on writing a character description of Charlie Bucket. We spent time building our ambitious vocabulary, ensuring we considered a range of fronted adverbials, similes, and other descriptive features.</p> <p>In Maths this week, the children have been reviewing their previous learning of fractions- recognising and finding halves and quarters. We have been impressed with the children's understanding of these concepts- they have been able to represent these fractions in different ways through diagrams. Next week, we will be moving onto exploring unit and non-unit fractions and well as recognising and finding a third.</p> <p>In Topic this week, the children learnt about the origins of chocolate, exploring the Mayan and Aztec cultures and comparing these to present day. We also started reading an information text all about the origins of chocolate to support our learning. The children's favourite fact was that in 1971, the first chocolate bar was taken to the moon!</p> <p>In true chocolate and Year 3 style, we are excited to announce that we will be putting together a production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, starring our wonderful Year 3 pupils. Over the coming weeks, we</p>

	<p>will be reading the script and starting to rehearse. More information to follow!</p> <p>We hope you have a lovely weekend.</p> <p>The Year 3 Team</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Our first week back in year 4 has flown by! It has been amazing to see the children's enthusiasm towards our new topics.</p> <p>In maths this week, we have been focusing on decimals. We started by dividing 1 digit by 10 using a place value chart to see how numbers move, and then used the same method to divide 2 digit-numbers by 10. Following that, the children were able to see that one tenth is ten hundredths as we explored hundredths. By the end of the week, the children could write hundredths as decimals and as fractions, as well as represent them on a place value grid.</p> <p>In English this week, we have been exploring our new text 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver. At the start of the week, we made predictions based on the front cover and blurb. Following this, we completed 'Roll on the Wall' activities so that the children could understand what the characters show to the world vs their inner thoughts/emotions. At the end of the week, the children took part in different drama activities to gain a deeper understanding of Chapter 1 and the characters we have met so far.</p> <p>In science this week, the children were introduced to our new topic: States of Matter. Similarly, in topic, the children were introduced to the Prehistoric world. In both lessons, the children learnt what our study of the topics will entail and considered what they would like to find out.</p> <p>In PSHE this week, we started our new topic: money. We considered why people might go to work and the different skills needed for certain jobs. The children understood that people get money from going to work and some other sources.</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>This week in year 5 we got straight back to work. In Geography we learnt about North America and labelled parts of the world. In Music we looked at Scottish music as we are doing amazing places and spaces in Geography.</p> <p>In English we looked at interviews and direct speech, today we worked hard on our comprehension skills to improve. In maths we started looking at decimals and how we can change fractions into decimals. In art we looked at the life of Frida Kahlo and created collages to represent her as an artist.</p>

Year 6

Year 6 had a lovely week settling back in. We have focused carefully on Arithmetic and Spelling in preparation for SATs. We revisited sounding out and chunking a word to spell it correctly and it really made a difference to their spelling this week! In Science they really enjoyed the new unit of Electricity with a fun packed quiz on experimenting with circuit equipment.

PE the girls started swimming and we also started our new unit on Tennis. The children have been working so hard this week we are very proud of them.

Thanks the Year 6 team

