

Newsletter 14
Autumn Term: Friday 9th December 2022
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is the end of another busy week at TPA and almost the end of the first full term of the year. Hopefully, you have all received your children's reports for the first term – team TPA are so proud of each child's progress this term. Do remember if you would like to discuss anything in your child's report, get in contact with your child's class teacher or the office to book in a chat.

Please see below for the remaining dates for this year's Christmas plays. An enormous well done to the Reception children (and teachers) for their play which they performed this afternoon. We are so proud of all they have achieved this term!

- Monday 12th December / **Year 5** / 09:30 - 10:00
- Monday 12th December / **Year 1** / 14:30 - 15:00 / **Children can go home with parents after the show** (this performance is a Year 1 & 2 production but this date is reserved for **Year 1 Parents only**)
- Tuesday 13th December / **Year 4** / 09:30 - 10:00
- Tuesday 13th December / **Year 2** / 14:30 - 15:00 / **Children can go home with parents after the show** (this performance is a Year 1 & 2 production but this date is reserved for **Year 2 Parents only**)
- Wednesday 14th December / **Year 3** / 09:30 - 10:00
- Wednesday 14th December / **Year 6** / 14:30 - 15:30 / **Children can go home with parents after the show (optional)** This show has been rescheduled from the original date of Friday 9th.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of you at the performances next week,

Erin

Dates for your diary

15.12.22	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day (Christmas sweaters with uniform please unless your children are in Shackleton)
16.12.22	End of term. School finishes at midday. Mufti Day

Remember that there should be no parking by parents on Colne, Albion or Knowle Roads. Please also be aware that Colne Road is one way.





Class	Attendance
Reception Turner	
Reception Hepworth	
Year 1 Potter	
Year 1 Dahl	
Year 2 Darwin	
Year 2 Hawking	
Year 3 Elgar	
Year 3 Glennie	
Year 4 Austen	
Year 4 Dickens	
Year 5 Moore	
Year 5 Nightingale	
Year 6 Farah	
Year 6 Brown	

Well done to:
Hepworth, Hawking, Potter
and Glennie for our 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 – termly total...



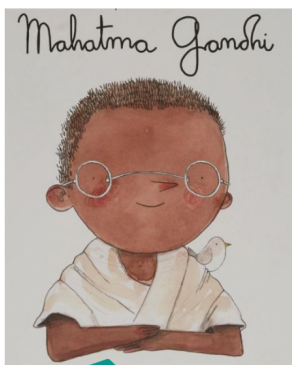
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2,858



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2,725

Our winning house this term is Shackleton! They can come to school in full non-uniform on Thursday when everyone else wears their Christmas jumpers 😊

Messages from the Office

Open events

We will be holding tours of the school every Thursday morning at 09:30 throughout the autumn term by appointment only.

A school tour is a great opportunity for prospective parents to tour the school; speak with the principal, staff and children and get a feel for the school. If you would like to book a tour, please email Miss Hana:

h.hamilton@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org

Please visit our admissions page of our website for the most up to date information:

<https://www.twickenhamprimaryacademy.org.uk/admissions/>

Walking Home Alone

Children in Year 5 and 6 may walk home alone after their parents have completed a form. Please note, the children should have practised the journey, be confident in their response to distractions and strangers and be heading directly home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either the school office or the Principal.

Admissions Policy

As the school has not consulted on its Admissions Policy since it was opened, we are required to do so by Richmond local authority. Please find below the link to have your say on admissions to TPA:

<https://www.twickenhamprimaryacademy.org.uk/admissions-policy-consultation/>

Absence

If your child is unwell or off school for another reason, please ensure that you phone the school office promptly on the first day of absence by 8:00am and report by pressing 1.

We will call if your child is not in school when the registers close.

Appointments: A copy of medical appointments must be emailed to the school office

Office number: **02030 196196**

Please make sure that your child is in the correct uniform (including black school shoes, not trainers). If you have any questions about uniform, please contact the school office or Miss Erin

More office updates

Catch up week for Clubs (specific clubs ONLY) w/c 12th December:

Monday – Due to Inset day

Tuesday – Due to Parent/teacher meeting

- Football 5&6
- Rock Painting – Monday
- ICT Club – Monday
- Dance & Drama – Monday
- Homework – Monday
- Dance & Drama – Tuesday
- Punch Needle – Thursday (all other clubs on Thursday will not operate and have not been charged for)

Christmas Cards – It is wonderful to see so many Christmas cards posted in our TPA letter box. Please ensure cards have the class name so that our TPA Postal Team can deliver them in the right place.

Lost Property – Next week will be the last week to claim back lost items. Please kindly understand, any unclaimed lunchboxes/bags will be disposed for hygiene reasons. Unclaimed uniform will be donated to the PTA second hand uniform.

Breakfast Club – Outcomes have gone out this week via Parentmail. Charges will be uploaded for Breakfast Club when we return in the new year to allow for any adjustments that may occur over the holidays but please know your booking is confirmed regardless.

Food bank donations

<https://richmond.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Dear Parents,

School council would like to help a local charity and people in need at this time of year. We are collecting the following for 'Richmond Food Bank'.

Christmas food- to make up hampers for Families in need e.g. chocolates, cheese nibbles, Christmas crackers, cranberry sauce etc...

If you are able to contribute, could you please drop into the atrium any day next week or send in with your child.

Many thanks from all the school council pupils.





Celebrating success!




No photos this week due to Reception Christmas Fair. An enormous thank you to Thomas and Mei for their research on our stars of the week – and their ongoing House Captain amazingness!

Year Group	Stars
EYFS	In Hepworth, Miss Andrea is proud of Charlotte for wonderful listening; her star of the week is Finlay for his amazing decorations. In Turner, Miss Danielle is proud of Valerio for his outstanding concert performance; her star of the week is Jenson for his wonderful English.
Year One	Miss Lauren is thrilled with Sabha for fantastic fact families in maths – well done! She is proud of Owen for his wonderful singing in the play rehearsals. Miss Ashleigh is proud of Isla M for her resilience and perseverance with all her tasks this week. She is also impressed with Oscar for his great maths work.
Year Two	In Darwin, Miss Annabel's star of the week is Mia for her fantastic work in maths; she is proud of Esme for her enormous effort in the play. In Hawking, Miss Leah's star of the week is Luce for giving her best in all of her lessons this week. She is proud of Yugan for always having good manners and being kind to everyone.
Year Three	Superstar award in Elgar goes to Lyla for her fable writing – the adjective blew Miss Grace away. In Glennie, this award goes to Max for showing amazing problem-solving skills. In Year 3, the Proud Cloud awards go to: Jan in Glennie for his dining hall helpfulness; and Arya Sh for her resilience in all areas.
Year Four	Superstar award - Arjan - for showing a great interest in mathematics. He has demonstrated a good understanding of multiplication and division for the 3, 6 and 7 times tables. Well done Arjan (Austen) Evie - for writing a wonderful detailed letter about different aspects of Ancient Egypt from the perspective of an Ancient Egyptian. (Dickens) Proud cloud - Inaaya - for your dedication and enthusiasm in our final rehearsal for our Christmas play, your singing and acting has been phenomenal (Austen) Eesa - Showing a great appreciation and understanding of Hindu views and



	experiences in RE this week when we learnt about Gods and Goddesses. (Dickens)
Year Five	<p>In Nightingale, Mr Sam and Miss Roseanna are impressed with Riza for doing really good maths work and not giving up! They are also proud of O'Cia for being a really good friend and looking out and being kind!</p> <p>In Moore, Miss Stephanie is proud of Molly organising all the art jobs for year 5s Christmas performance and managing everyone brilliantly. She is also amazed with Amelie for trying really hard and taking great care with her modroc/painting project in school. She made a beautiful representation of the inside and outside of the planet earth.</p>
Year Six	Farah's star of the week was Maya for her fantastic Romeo and Juliet creative writing. Miss Rachael's proud cloud award goes to Jacobs for his effort in all areas.

Class News

Year group	What's Happening?
EYFS	<p>It's the season to be Jolly. Reception have had another festive and exciting week. In maths, we learnt all about shapes with 4 sides; squares and rectangles. The children enjoyed a shape hunt and making the shapes using play dough as well as trying to draw them on their own. In English, we continued learning about our phonics sounds; z, qu, ch as well as plural s (for example 'stars'). The children also had lots of fun making decorations for their wonderful Christmas performance. Thank you to all the parents who were able to watch our special stars. They all did an amazing job and we are so proud of them</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
Year 1	<p>In Year 1 we have been exploring how to build houses using different resources. We used plastic bricks, wooden sticks, paper straws, paper, biscuits and wire to build different houses. Although this was hard work, it was equally incredibly fun! We are so impressed by the resilience and perseverance shown by every child.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">  <div data-bbox="965 1601 1476 1758"> <p>In maths we have been continuing to build our understanding of subtraction and have begun to explore how to write a letter in English.</p> </div> </div>

Year 2

What a busy week in Year Two! We finished up our science topic of everyday materials this week by looking at Charles Macintosh, the inventor of waterproof fabric. We spoke about the importance of this invention, and how it is useful to us in our everyday lives. We learnt that Macintosh discovered that rubber would dissolve into a liquid in coal tar, and that this dissolved liquid rubber was waterproof. We then made mind maps displayed all the information we had learnt about Macintosh and his marvellous invention.



We also had a lot of fun with glitter this week! In preparation for our Christmas production, we created some colourful, sparkly stars for the set. We loved mixing different coloured glitters with glue and adding these to our stars. All our stars looked so unique and were so beautiful. We can't wait to see them hanging up for our Christmas play.

Year 3

We've had another wonderful week in Year 3 with lots of exciting learning. The children have also been working hard preparing and rehearsing for their Christmas performance next week. Although the children are tired from a busy term, we have been so impressed with their perseverance and the resilience they've shown. One more week to go until a well-deserved rest for them all! This week, we have had the pleasure of reading the children's fable stories. They have been working so hard on them, focusing on including ambitious vocabulary and a range of fronted adverbials. They should be very proud of what they have produced. In Maths this week, the children completed end of term assessments as well as exploring the 4 times table. Our mastery journey so far has proved to be a real success; all children have thrived and have shown a more in-depth understanding of the Maths concepts we've covered. In Science this week, the children were finishing off their Magnets topic. They conducted



an investigation to explore what happened when north and south poles were put together, and by the end of the lesson, could use scientific vocabulary to explain attraction and repelling. The children finished off a busy week by working in teams to make a bridge in Art & DT. Through methodical thinking and applying problem solving skills, the children produced some amazing bridges. They should be very proud of all their achievements this week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday for the last week before the holiday.

Year 4

Well done to the children for another fantastic week in Year 4! We have been thoroughly impressed the resilience they have displayed in the final "push" towards the Christmas holidays.

In English, we started the week off by recapping the key features of a diary entry and wrote thorough plans for an entry from the point of view of Rhodopis. As the children wrote their diary entries, they considered what Rhodopis experienced throughout the story and the emotions she encountered at each specific moment. The children showed great awareness of the fact that diary entries are intended for the writer to read - they shared personal information and expressed Rhodopis' inner feelings.

In maths this week, we have continued with our focus on multiplication and division. The children used their timetable knowledge to multiply and divide numbers by 3, 6 and 7. Miss Shauna was very impressed with how hard the



	<p>children worked to apply their knowledge to reason and solve more complex problems.</p> <p>In topic this week, we explored how the Ancient Egyptians lived and considered what was important to them. The children used pictures to find out about life in Ancient Egypt before comparing life in Ancient Egypt to their own modern lives. Following this, they produced wonderful letters from the perspective of an Ancient Egyptian person.</p> <p>In RE this week, we learnt about some of the characteristics of different Gods and Goddesses in Hinduism. The children worked together in pairs to read information, gather facts and present their findings about Brahma, Saraswati or Ganesha.</p>
Year 5	<p>This week in English we continued to work on our explanation texts that we started last week. Learners really enjoyed researching their topics and did a great job challenging themselves by adding some causal conjunctions to their writing. In topic, we learnt about how volcanoes are formed and why they erupt. Learners are really enjoying their extreme earth topic as love sharing their knowledge with the class. In art we got messy and made 3D models of the earth using Modroc. Learners enjoyed this cross-curricular task as it helped them remember all the layers of the earth and other facts about the earth and how natural disasters are caused. Next week on Wednesday we will be creating tsunamis in a bottle for a topic demonstration, if you have any 2L bottles and pebbles at home please bring them to school for this.</p> <p>We have started a new topic in maths – area and perimeter. We began the week by calculating perimeter using squared paper. Next, we recapped how to calculate the perimeter of rectangles and squares. We spent the rest of the week learning how to calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and irregular shapes.</p> <p>Christmas performance</p> <p>The children have put in an amazing effort with their Christmas rehearsals. They are looking forward to showing you all the real thing on Monday morning! Please send your child into school wearing their 'Christmassy' clothes on Monday morning. No need to bring a spare change of clothes.</p>
Year 6	<p>In English this week the children completed two fantastic pieces of writing a diary entry for Romeo and Juliet and describing the famous balcony scene using a wide range of prepositional phrases and expanded noun phrases. They really showed their creative writing flair and we saw them great extended pieces. In Maths, we have levelled up our learning about fractions. We have been learning how to add, subtract and multiply fractions. Next up - dividing fractions!</p>




V.A.L.T. use prepositional phrases to describe a scene
Thursday 8th December 2022 - Friday 9th December 2022

In the story, blue sky the yellow crescent moon
shone its bright light!

Next to the window stood the beautiful Juliet!

Handsome Romeo looks out gracefully, beside the bushes.



Under the unique balcony stood a majestic, colourful bush!

Roses
Bright red roses wrapped around the clean white balcony.

Descriptive details - Act 2 / Scene 1

- In Romeo's heart, a new love grows
- And so by stealth, he climbs the stony wall
- Juliet is the sun/a beautiful shining person

The Garden Of The Capulets

In the shiny, blue sky, was a bright, white moon ^{floating from above}. Under the unique balcony, a majestic, colourful bush lying down on a vibrant, red path. In the Garden of the Capulets you could also see tall, lushious bushes in the distance sticking out in the healthy, dark sky. Sneakily, handsome Romeo creeps into the garden as quietly as a mouse, not to be caught by one of the strong and strict guards. He hides behind bushes, leaps over jagged rocks and noisy twigs nearly at his destination. Crouching behind a wall, Romeo peeks behind corners and sees the love of his life. He tiptoes closer, just in lady Juliet's sight and the two star-crowned lovers meet again. Both faces gild up with pride as Romeo climbs up the stony, stony wall trying to reach Juliet, nearly piercing his delicate skin. Juliet tries to stand closer, nearly leaning off the balcony encramped with long, vibrant roses, stands in front of two, wide-open windows.

Christmas Fair



Thank you, once again, to our amazing PTA for the Christmas Fair last weekend; and thank you to everyone who came to see Santa; have a go on the tombola or buy something at the fantastic atrium market.

We are still waiting for a few last minute additions, but the final total looks to be around **£5,000!** Which, I hope you will agree, is an amazing amount.

We cannot wait to start ordering our new iPads and getting them into our curriculum provision.

