

Newsletter 13
Autumn Term: Friday 2nd December 2022
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful this week walking round the school and hearing strains of singing and rehearsals from every class. Your children (and their teachers) are working so hard on their performances and cannot wait to share them.

As a reminder, here are the dates for each performance. For those of you who cannot attend in person, we will also be offering a Zoom option. Please remember that performances will be in the school hall and up to two adults for each child can attend.

- Friday 9th December / **Reception** / 14:30 - 15:00 / **Children can go home with parents after the show**
- 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.

This week, I have had the pleasure of watching many of the teachers teach their lessons – your children are so lucky to have such a passionate and dedicated group of teachers planning and supporting their learning. This has also shone through in the reports that you will receive next week.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of you at the fair tomorrow,

Erin

Dates for your diary

7.12.22	School Reports to parents
15.12.22	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day
16.12.22	End of term. School finishes at midday.

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



619



452



591



585

The winning house this term will be able to come in non-school uniform for one day in the final week of term. Information will be communicated the week before.

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
- Art club 1&2 – Tuesday
- Punch Needle – Thursday (all other clubs on Thursday will not operate and have not been charged for)


Celebrating success!

No photos this week due to Christmas Fair preparations. An enormous thank you to Thomas and Mei for their research on our stars of the week.

Year Group	Stars
EYFS	In Turner, we are so impressed by Isabel for her amazing writing in English. We are so proud of Kiara for her wonderful teamwork whilst making Christmas trees for the fair. In Hepworth, Daya has been a star writer and we are proud of Abby for her fantastic partnership making Christmas trees.
Year One	Miss Lauren is so proud of Sienna for her amazing adjectives in English this week. She is also impressed with Jack for his perseverance in all tasks. Miss Ashleigh's star of the week is Penny for her wonderful effort in maths. Her 'Proud Cloud' award goes to Margot for her excellent effort in memorizing all the Christmas songs.
Year Two	In Hawking, Miss Leah is proud of Nicholas for his wonderful group work. Jojo is Miss Leah's star of the week for her independent work. In Darwin, Miss Annabel is so proud of Riya for her excellent concentration and focus in the classroom on every task. Her star of the week is Mustafa who has shown a great effort in his carpet behaviour and has been a wonderful friend this week.
Year Three	Miss Grace has been so impressed with Thea's creative ideas in English with her animal story. She is also proud of Rakan for his inspiring positive attitude. Miss Kirstie's star of the week is Dorothy for her focus and attention to detail. She is also especially proud of Caspian for his effort in mathematics this week.
Year Four	In Dickens, Miss Shauna's star of the week is Frankie p. her enthusiasm and dedication in our play rehearsals has been fantastic. She is also proud of Jia for being such a diligent and attentive student. In Austen, Miss Shannon is impressed with Oliver's maths – he managed to create his own word problems this week! She is very proud of Zavier for his wonderful listening skills this week.

Year Five	<p>In Nightingale, Miss Roseana's star of the week is Sylvie: she has worked hard in class and has shown exceptional effort in learning the Spanish song. She is also proud of Rocky for his wonderful participation in all lessons.</p> <p>In Moore, Miss Stephanie is proud of Abultahla for being helpful and thoughtful without asking an adult. She is also impressed with Toby for his excellent effort with the Christmas rehearsals.</p>
Year Six	<p>In Farah, Miss Rachael's star of the week was Hope for her effort in English and her work on Romeo and Juliet. She is also proud of Victor for his excellent behaviour choices.</p> <p>Miss Richelle's stars will be shared next week!</p>

Class News


Year group	What's Happening?
EYFS	<p>From Christmas songs, to decorating Christmas trees reception have had a very festive week. In maths we have been learning about one more and one less. We continue to strengthen our fine motor skills we continue to practise our lovely name writing using the correct pencil grip. In English we were sounding out and blending cvc words, some of us even found some rhyming words!</p> 
Year 1	<p>This week, Year 1 have been very busy focusing on capital letters in English to make sure that they can write names and places accurately. They have also been trying hard to learn all the songs for their Christmas play so they are ready to share with parents. Year one have also been amazing this week as both their teachers have been poorly (at different times) so they have been learning with Miss Nadira. They have shown wonderful resilience and effort in all their learning.</p>
Year 2	<p>This week in science, we did an exciting experiment in Year 2. Over the past few weeks we have been looking at everyday materials, their properties and how they can change. Last week we started looking at soluble and insoluble substances and this week we got to do an investigation involving jelly! We</p>

attempted to dissolve a cube of jelly in three different temperatures of water (hot, medium and cold). We observed how quickly the jelly cube dissolved in the hot water. We then recorded our findings in a table and answered some questions about our experiment. We also identified and discussed some insoluble substances including sand and flour. We had a lot of fun doing this experiment in the classroom and have learnt a lot of new scientific vocabulary this week!



Year 3

This week in Year 3, the children have been continuing to work hard across all subjects. In English, we have been continuing our learning based on *The Story of Ferdinand the Bull*. After having already explored structural features of a story, we started the week focusing on language features including correct tense, description to 'show not tell', conjunctions, fronted adverbials, and ambitious vocabulary. Once we were confident on these language features, we moved onto innovating *The Story of Ferdinand* through role play. We considered a new title, main character, the dilemma they'll face, and a resolution, followed by the ending. By the end of the week, we were ready to start planning our own story inspired by *The Story of Ferdinand the Bull*. We cannot wait to see the children's ideas develop into next week, where we will continue our planning and writing. In Maths this week, we have been continuing our multiplication and division topic, focusing on multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4. Our focus this week has been around using accurate mathematical vocabulary to support our verbal reasoning skills. In Science this week, we were deepening our understanding of magnetism; this time conducting an enquiry exploring different variables, using magnets and paperclips as our equipment. The children recorded their findings both in written format and in a table of results. In Topic this week, we were learning all about European capital cities, using a world atlas to identify and locate the main capital cities. As well as all of this wonderful curriculum learning, Year 3 have also been super busy preparing for their Christmas performance, which

	<p>will include singing and performance poetry. We can't wait to share this with you soon.</p> 
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>We have had another fantastic week in Year 4! We have been extremely impressed with the children's attitude to learning and their determination to learn our Christmas songs off by heart!</p> <p>In English this week, we have explored our new text: Cinderella of the Nile by Marjan Vafaeian. At the start of the week, the children were hooked into the story through a message in a bottle from the main character, Rhodopis. Throughout the week, we delved deeper into the story and the children completed tasks such as writing wonderful newspaper reports and emotive diary entries.</p> <p>In Maths this week, the children were completing end of unit assessments. Next week, we will be resuming our normal learning.</p> <p>In RE, we learnt about Hindu worship in the home and the Mandir. We explored how Hindus show devotion to God and labelled key features of a mandir. By the end of the lesson, the children could explain why a mandir is an important place for Hindus to visit and how Hindus worship at home.</p> <p>In Topic this week, we identified, named and ordered key events of Ancient Egypt on a timeline. The children then created their own timeline adding the events they deemed most important.</p> <p>In Science, we made careful observations of invertebrates, focusing on insects, arachnids, crustaceans, myriapods, molluscs and worms. The children worked hard to sort the animals into the correct headings and write about their specific characteristics.</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>This week in English we learnt about explanation texts. We explored the features and looked at some examples as a class. We then looked at commas and how we can use them in our explanation text. On Thursday we got the laptops out and started doing research for our explanation text, we made a</p>

	<p>cross-curricular link to science as our topic is about the phases of the moon and how we get seasons. We are learning so much!</p> <p>In topic we learnt about earthquakes and how they are caused as well as what people can do to stay safe if they happen. In art we explored Modroc to make bowls, next week we will be painting the bowls to show the layers inside the earth and the earth's surface. We also did a lot of practice for our Christmas play and can't wait to show our parents what we have been working on.</p> <p>This week we have been dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. The children did an amazing job with solving lots of multi-step problems linked to this. We also used our knowledge of multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000 to answer more complex questions.</p> <p>Note for parents: <i>This week for homework we have asked the children to learn the Christmas songs/poems for our performance.</i> <i>For costumes, the children can wear anything 'Christmassy'. If your child is singing in the group solos for 'We three kings' they may dress up as a king or queen if they like. I have also encouraged narrators to wear something plain but again it is up to them.</i> <i>Any questions about the performance please pop myself or Miss Rosena an email.</i> <i>Have a great weekend!</i></p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>In English this week we looked carefully at body language and acted out a scene from Romeo and Juliet. The pupils then created a written piece of dialogue to describe the scene using direct speech between three characters. In Math this week we continued with adding and subtracting fractions, mixed fractions and problem solving. In music and dance we have been practicing hard all week our upcoming performance of the Grinch!</p>
<p>Whole School</p>	<p>Well done to our Year 4 Girls' Football Team who played wonderfully on Thursday (cheered on by Miss Hana). The team reached the quarter final and played their absolute best with the highest of enthusiasm! They never gave up and pushed themselves to the limit!</p>

