

Newsletter 5
Autumn Term: Friday 7th October 2022
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday!

It was so lovely to see everyone in school for photographs wearing their smartest uniform. Please remember to keep up the perfect uniform for the rest of the year!

October is a month full of awareness and paying attention to ensuring that we are including everyone. Not only is it Black History Month, but also Down Syndrome Awareness Month and ADHD Awareness Month. Furthermore, this week was Dyslexia Awareness week and on Wednesday, it was the Jewish Holy Day Yom Kippur and the Hindu festival of Dusshera.

At TPA we have been reflecting on Black History Month by learning about significant Black Britons. This learning is taking place in class each day, so do remember to talk to your children about this. If you would like a place to start talking about Black History Month, the CBeebies show 'JoJo and Gran Gran' has a special episode all about [Gran Gran's journey to Britain](#) which has useful talking points and an interactive game.

Next week will culminate in our House Day where we will focus on the significant individuals who our Houses are named after. Look out for the children's work following this event.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Family Fun Day last weekend – with your support, the PTA raised over £2,000 (final amount TBC)! This is fantastic and will contribute to the purchase of new learning resources. Please do remember that on Friday evening next week, it will be the Quiz Night. Remember to talk to the PTA representatives if you would like to come and join in. You might even see some teachers!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Erin

Dates for your diary

October	Black History Month
October	Down Syndrome Awareness month
October	ADHD Awareness month
12.10.22	Y3 to the Natural History Museum
14.10.22	House Day – children in House Shirts please
14.10.22	PTA Quiz Night
18.10.22	Parents' Meetings
20.10.22	Parents' Meetings
21.10.22	Hallowe'en Dress up & end of term

Remember that there should be no parking by parents on Colne, Albion or Knowle Roads. Please check that you have not parked across anyone's drive when you collect your children.





Class	Attendance
Reception Turner	91.8%
Reception Hepworth	97.8%
Year 1 Dahl	95.9%
Year 1 Potter	94.0%
Year 2 Darwin	96.9%
Year 2 Hawking	95.4%
Year 3 Elgar	96.4%
Year 3 Glennie	97.7%
Year 4 Austen	95.8%
Year 4 Dickens	96.1%
Year 5 Moore	96.6%
Year 5 Nightingale	92.1%
Year 6 Farah	94.1%
Year 6 Brown	95.7%

Well done to:
Glennie Class
For amazing 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



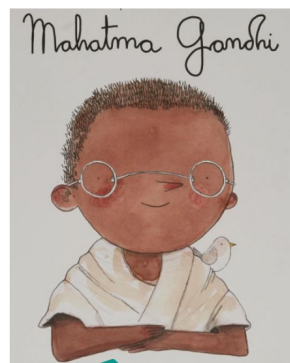
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Thanks to new House Captains – Mai and Thomas for counting the House Points this week.



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.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is named.

All children should be in the correct uniform – this was sent out at the start of the term. Please remember that the purple sweatshirt is for PE only and should not be worn on other days.

We have noticed that uniform standards are beginning to slip. Please ensure that ties are worn and shirts should be tucked in. Children should be wearing black shoes and not trainers. Winter uniform from after half term please.

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 scroll down for Parents' Evening information updates

Celebrating success!



A special mention to Year 4 Dickens for their brilliant Black History Month assembly.

A huge well done to these superstars who have had a brilliant week – doing fantastic learning and showing all of our values!



Here are School Council doing their very first assembly. Sharing with us their advice for treating resources and people with respect and kindness.

Additional News

Parents' Evening Arrangements

Tuesday 18th October & Thursday 20th October
2022 - 2.30pm - 5.30pm

Please make sure you have booked **one appointment per child**. Please contact the office if under exceptional circumstances you require separate parent appointments.

Please leave at least 10 min gap between siblings

Clubs before school will run as normal. Clubs after school will not be operating.

Dismissal on both days will be at the following times (there will be no sibling club):

Reception -2.00pm (both classes will be dismissed from the Reception playground)
Year 1 & Year 2 - 2.05pm (Year 1 – Main door/ramp and Year 2 – Reception playground)
Year 3 & Year 4 - 2.10pm (Year 3 – Main door/ramp and Year 4 – Reception playground)
Year 5 & Year 6 -2.15pm (Year 5 – Main door/ramp and Year 6 – Reception playground)

Walking consent for Y5 & Y6 children will remain in place, should you wish to make alternative arrangements please let us know in advance and no later than 11am on the day. Energykidz has agreed to start wrap around care from 2.00pm for a small surcharge on these days.

For those of you who have not been able to book EnergyKidz, the school will offer care on both days between 2pm – 4pm supervised by our LSAs and Miss Karen. This will be for reading, homework completion and a small craft activity. To ensure that there is no unfairness for those of you who have booked EnergyKidz, this will be charged at £4 for 30 minutes the same as EnergyKidz and is bookable through Parent Mail.

Year 6 Secondary Admissions

Year 6 parents, please make sure that you are continuing your search for the right school for your child as they enter year seven. If you need any support from the school, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Remember that the deadline for applications is **31st October 2022**.

If your child is sitting an entrance exam, then they should be in for the other half of the day unless the exam takes the whole day. The office needs to see the invitation letter or proof of the open day to ensure that we know where the children are.

Year 1 Author Visit

Next week Year 1 will be joined by the wonderful author, Lady Zella. She has kindly offered to come in to read to the children her new book 'Sock Monster and the Trees'. We are very excited about this! Please see below for a description of her book. She has furthered kindly offered to sign any copies that the children have at home or have bought. If you would like to purchase a book for her to sign, here is a [link to this](#). It may also be ordered from Waterstones or a local bookshop (it just takes a little longer than Amazon).

Sock Monster and the Trees!

Join the Sock Monster on his adventures through the rainforest and our world. Together you will discover why trees are special, how our air is changing and what we can all do to help save our planet.

Written from a child's point of view, this engaging and relatable story is a must-have for parents, teachers and educators. It will help children better understand our world and the importance of their role, and to think about what we buy, how we can help and how we can be kind to the earth.

If we want the next generation to be brave and carbon literate then we need to help children understand how the world works. This book is an essential first step in understanding how our climate is changing, the importance of trees and oceans and how we can all help.





Friends of TPA update! Reg charity: 1186147

Firstly, a huge thanks to all the awesome people who made our Family Fun Day so special on Saturday. What an amazing turnout and the weather was perfect too: we do hope you had a smashing time.

A big shout-out to everyone who helped, created stalls and activities, and made it a super fun day. Plus, we added over £2,000 to our fundraising efforts. Fantastic!

Friday 14th October 7pm



Book the babysitter and put your trivia hat on - Quiz Night is BACK! Form a team in advance (up to 6) or just turn up and join a team on the night.

The more the merrier; a fantastic opportunity to get to know other parents at TPA, raise money for our school and enjoy a totally fun evening.

Hosted by Robert Blackwood - legendary quiz master and founder of Interrupt the Routine (and TPA dad).

Tickets: £12 inc. welcome drink & pizza.

Book now:

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/vi-ew/927980697>

TPA Camp 2023



An epic weekend camping under the stars during summer half term.

Deposits due early November

For more information & booking visit:

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/vi-ew/901501128>.

Personalised Christmas Cards & Festive Gifts



Artwork deadline: Fri 14th Oct

Please check your child's school bag for the instructions and order form.

The best design will win a set of colouring pencils and become our official PTA Christmas card this year!

Can't find the order form or have a question? Please contact Moria Barak (PTA rep) on 07554 253 682 asap 😊

Diwali Craft Kits



Celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, by purchasing a special craft pack.

Have fun making a lantern or trying a delicious recipe!

For full information / buy:

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/vi-ew/912141646>