

Dear Parents,

The children had a great week learning about physical and mental health. Activities ranged from making sandwiches and smoothies to creating and performing TV adverts promoting exercise as well as designing and making board games. Thanks to Miss Rachael R, Mr Wojtek and Miss Rachael C for an inspiring assembly and supporting teachers with a bank of lesson and activity ideas.

Next week our educational visits are starting with Year 5 visiting Kensington Palace to learn all about Queen Victoria. I am sure they will gain more insight into her life and use the acquired knowledge to in the linked topic lessons.

Parent survey:

On Monday, I emailed you a link via parentmail to a parent questionnaire to share your views about the school. The questions are taken from the Ofsted parent view form so it is in line with all schools across the country and can be used as part of our school development plan. Thank you to all those who have responded so far – we really appreciate it. The link will expire on Monday 31st January so if you have not as yet responded, please do so by then. It is important to us to get as many responses as possible and any comments/feedback on strengths and areas for further development are welcome.

Policy on jewellery and personal items:

There has been an increasing number of pupils bringing in personal items and wearing jewellery and smart watches. Please adhere to the below rules as stated in the uniform policy and parent handbook. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery to school (except for small studs, a small necklace that is tucked inside clothing and a simple watch). For PE no jewellery can be worn.

Care of property

Personal items should not be brought into school especially toys, trading cards, mobile phones (except Y5&6), fit bits, smart watches etc. unless it has been requested for learning.

If pupils are requested to bring in money for a bake sale or a fundraising event then they will be told in advance.

Unfortunately, the school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of any sums of money or valuable items.

Covid 19 Update:

We have had between 5 and 10 children off across the school since the start of term, and continue to monitor the numbers at school, locally and nationally when deciding on any extra measures to be put in place.

On Wednesday the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures will be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January.

For our school that means:

- Face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff (we will continue to ask visitors and parents to wear face masks inside unless exempt)
- Assemblies will continue to be online until February half term to continue to minimise whole school gatherings to avoid an increase in Covid cases

- We will continue with ongoing control measures such as good hygiene and maintaining cleaning regimes, keeping classrooms well ventilated and following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed Covid-19 cases

The risk assessment has been updated accordingly and can be found on the website <https://www.twickenhamprimaryacademy.org.uk/risk-assessment/>.

Running for Charity

Mr Wojtek has decided to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK by running the distance of a marathon (26.2 miles) throughout January.

Prostate cancer now affects 1 in 8 men in the UK. That's thousands of dads, partners, brothers, grandads, uncles, and friends.

He is raising money to help fund lifesaving research and support for men and their families affected by prostate cancer.

If anybody would like to support him and make a donation please the link below.

<https://runthemothme.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/wojtek-run-the-month>

Thank you.

Office News:

Climbing Frame

As the days get lighter, can we kindly ask that children do not play on the climbing frame at dismissal time, and wait with their parents until siblings are dismissed. Thank you.

Family Upon Thames Magazine

Please click on the link below for the latest edition of the magazine. This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including winter boredom busters, Chinese New Year craft projects, DIY board games, parenting advice and loads more. [Families upon Thames Magazine](#)

Chinese New Year Themed Lunch

To honour the Chinese New Year, we will be having a Chinese themed lunch on Tuesday 1st February. Parents are welcome to book in Parent Mail a meal for those who would normally have packed lunch.



Key Dates: The next two weeks at Twickenham....

Please note: All the key dates for this academic term can be found on the school's online calendar



Wednesday 26 th January	Year 5 Nightingale trip to Kensington Palace
Thursday 27 th January	Year 5 Moore trip to Kensington Palace
Tuesday 1 st February	Chinese New Year lunch and celebrations
Wednesday 2 nd February	Year 6 trip to Barnes Wetland Centre
Friday 4 th February 9:30am	Year 2 "We are Britain" performance (parents/carers are invited to watch)

Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
24 th January	Zones of Regulation
1 st February	Chinese New Year

House Points:

House	Points
Parks	665
Gandhi	657
Pankhurst	651
Shackleton	678

Attendance:

In line with DFE guidance, the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you.

All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence (G) on the school's register and you are at risk of being fined.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	95.9
Year 1	95.4
Year 2	95.7
Year 3	95.9
Year 4	96.0
Year 5	95.2
Year 6	96.5
Whole School	95.8

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal

Ambitious For All.



Year: Class: