

## Dear Parents,

Another very busy week has come and gone. We have started our school tours for prospective parents and it is always such a pleasure to see the children engaged and participating in lessons. Visitor comments such as “They are so well behaved; what impressive writing; such polite children.....” are a great testament to our children and staff!

## Mental Health Week:

The week started with an information assembly about the importance of mental health and how we can support our wellbeing. Throughout the week the children enjoyed daily mental health and wellbeing activities linked to exercise, mindfulness, connections, learning and helping others.

## Year 6 Junior Citizen:

On Wednesday our Year 6 classes have been learning about being good citizens and how to respond to emergency situations. It was a morning filled with gaining important life skills as they are becoming more independent. The children have shown great maturity and teamwork – well done to all of them.

## School Street:

This week we received an email from our Travel Advisor, Lindi Low, with the good news that our School Street scheme has been presented to the Richmond Transport and Air Quality committee for a final review. The Council decided to make the traffic order permanent and they are working with the engineers about how they can improve the signs and make the School Street more visible.

Further information about the approval process can be found here

<https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=803&MID=5120#AI41127>

## Energy Kidz Wrap Around Care:

This week we had a meeting with our designated Energy kidz manager to discuss capacity and the implications of staffing due to the pandemic and recruitment challenges.

I am aware that there have been some difficulties with booking spaces for after school care in October. Unfortunately due to staff shortages related to Covid the intake had to be capped at this stage. Energy Kidz is trying to recruit extra staff and we also tried to support them to find suitable staff for the month but have not been successful so far. I understand that it is difficult for some parents to arrange alternative childcare if unable to book a place but everyone has been and will continue to work hard to find an extra staff member. We will keep you updated on the progress.

On a positive note we agreed to look at the number of pupils Energy kidz can safely accommodate based on space and if possible increase the intake accordingly. Capacity for Energy kidz is based not only on staff:child ratio but also physical space and due to our own after school club provision physical space is limited.

In order for us to determine if the demand does in fact outweigh capacity we are going to ask parents to complete a survey next week via parentmail forms. This will help us to devise an improved plan and system of wrap around care which will support our families.

### **Eco Team:**

Miss Andrea has chosen her Eco Team Earth Angels for this year. Thanks to all the children who have made the effort to create a poster or writing piece outlining their desire to be part of the team. Well done and we are looking forward to hear about their ideas and projects to help the environment.

Our Eco Team Earth Angels are:

Reception: Albert and Isla

Year 1: Fifi and Mia

Year 2: Arthur and Adal

Year 3: Arjan and Ameera

Year 4: Aiza and Ronaldo

Year 5: Mariam and Hope

Year 6: Evelyn and Zekai

### **KS2 Parent Workshops:**

Next week are the English and Maths workshops for KS2 led by our English and Maths coordinators. On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October parents from Y5 and Y6 are invited to join and on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October Y3 and Y4 parents. The workshops are online via zoom and a link will be sent out today. Parents do not need to book onto these, just use the link provided to join at the given times and learn about the teaching methods used in school which will be helpful for supporting the children's learning at home.

English: 09:30 am – 10:15 am

Mathematics 10:30 am – 11.15am

The school will facilitate the KS1 workshops on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

### **Black History Month:**

October marks Black History Month in the UK. This is a special time where we promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage. Alongside our core British Values, we will encourage the children to reflect on previous work and explore ideas that promote respect and understanding of one another. We will also consider important historical events as we learn about Black History whilst taking the opportunity to celebrate the lives of positive black role models and the positive contribution they have made and continue to make. As expected, this will be undertaken in an age appropriate and considerate way.

We know our children are keen to read and engage with books. Further ideas of books for a range of ages that link with Black History Month can be found here

<http://www.readingrockets.org/booklist/favorite-books-for-blackhistory-month>

### **Office News:**

#### **Morning football clubs**

May we ask all children to wear trainers instead of football boots for the morning football clubs as the studs are starting to damage our hall floor. Many thanks.

#### **Climbing Frame**

Please may we remind you that the climbing frame should not be used before or after school.



## Y6 Secondary School

A reminder that the closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October and please name TPA as your child's current school. If you are unable to access a computer to apply online and require support, please let us know. Please continue to notify the office of absences in advance for tour booking and exams along with timings for collection / returns.

### 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

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 and Y6 English Online Workshop 9.30am Y5 and Y6 Maths Online Workshop 10.30am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 and Y4 English Online Workshop 9.30am Y3 and Y4 Maths Online Workshop 10.30am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Ancient Greece Workshop
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photos (please make sure correct uniform is worn)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Siblings School Photos (please make sure correct uniform is worn)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Natural History Museum Trip
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Whipsnade Zoo Trip
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	House Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Race Night (adults only)

### Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Black History Month
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Resilience
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival

### House Points:

The House Treat is a pantomime in school for the winning house

House	Points
Parks	535
Gandhi	553
Pankhurst	526
Shackleton	566



### Attendance:

In line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you.  
All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence (G) on the school's register.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	98.0
Year 1	95.5
Year 2	96.5
Year 3	96.5
Year 4	98.1
Year 5	94.9
Year 6	96.2
Whole School	96.5

Have a lovely weekend,

*Petra Gollob*

Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal

Ambitious For All.





Year: Class: