



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Spring Term: Friday 7th February 2020



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week, and that you have both an enjoyable and relaxing weekend planned as we begin to look forward to the final week of this half term. An exciting (historical) moment happened at Twickenham Primary Academy this week as we have now reached capacity in one of our year groups – Year 3. This is the first time that this has happened since the school has been open which is a moment to celebrate in the school's journey.

Next week, we have a lovely final part to term planned in the school as some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils take part in our first Swimming Gala – we will be sure to update you on how they did. Also, it is our second House Day for this term on Friday 14th February. Please make sure that your children wear their House t – shirts to school on this day, and if you are unsure which house your child is in then please contact the school office. As well as all of this, our Year One Pupils will be going to Windsor Castle to support their understanding of their topic 'Medieval Tales'

School Uniform:

Please can we request that the children do not wear fit bits to school or any jewelry aside from studded earrings. These can be expensive items, and the school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage to them. However, the children may wear an analogue /digital watch up to the value of £15.00 as we do understand that learning to tell the time is an important life skill, and wearing a watch is actually supportive of the mathematics curriculum and the application of the subject.

Playground / Safeguarding

A reminder for Health and Safety purposes to please ensure that your children stay off the playground equipment and the car park wall after dismissal. Thank you in advance with your support regarding this. Can I please also remind all parents that mobiles phones should not be used once you are inside the school premises for Safeguarding purposes.

Half Term Holidays:

The school closes for Half Term on Friday 14th February at the usual time; please note that all wrap around care and afterschool provision will operate as normal. The school will reopen on Monday 24th February, and all wrap around care will operate as usual including Breakfast Club.

The children will have their P.E kits sent home next week to be washed for the second part of the term

Consultation: Proposed footway buildout at Colne Road / Albion Road junction.

As part of school improvement measures in the area around GEMS Twickenham Primary, it is proposed to build out the pavement at the junction of Colne Road and Albion Road by adjusting the kerb line and tightening the bend (see plan overleaf). This will improve road user safety by reducing vehicle speeds around the bend, as well as improve visibility of the junction for vehicles approaching from Knowle Road. Additionally, new pedestrian dropped kerbs will also be installed, along with protective bollards, to provide safe crossing points, and footway resurfacing improvements will be carried out in the areas affected by the works. There will be no loss of available parking as a result of these works.

If you wish to comment or make a representation, please email the Highway Infrastructure Manager at trafficandengineering@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk, quoting reference 201903_L_30012020_AJ in the title.

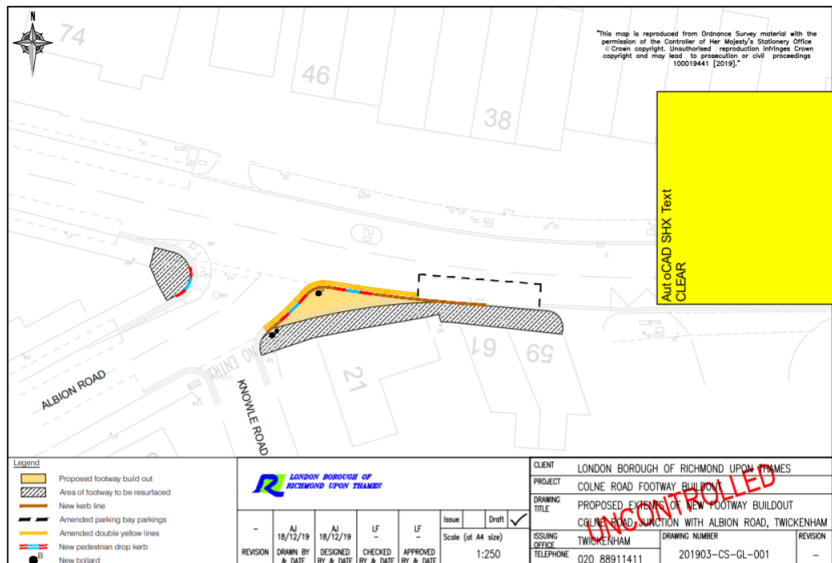
All representations are required by Friday 21 February 2020. These will be fully considered prior to a decision being made on the way forward.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Anthony Jones

Engineer



Year 4 Boys Football Festival

On Tuesday a Year 4 Boys Football Team travelled to Rocks Lane multi sports centre in Barnes to compete in a 5-a-side football festival. The weather was extremely kind to us and with excellent facilities the scene was set for an entertaining morning of football. Football festivals and competition are always very popular but this time we have a new record of 23 schools joining in. All the schools compete in 5 groups and each team played 5 games each 8 minutes long.

GEMS TPA group rivals were:

Orleans, St Mary's, St Elizabeth's, Hampton Hill, St Osmund's

We played 3 matches in a row starting a bit slow losing to Trafalgar then we beat Hampton Juniors, followed by defeat against Lowther. But we finished strong winning our last 2 games against St Osmund's and St Mary's. The boys showed incredible determination, teamwork, fairplay and should be extremely proud of themselves. I look forward to working with the boys in Year 5 and our main goal for forthcoming months is organising extra training sessions and friendly fixtures with a local schools.

Y4 Football Team

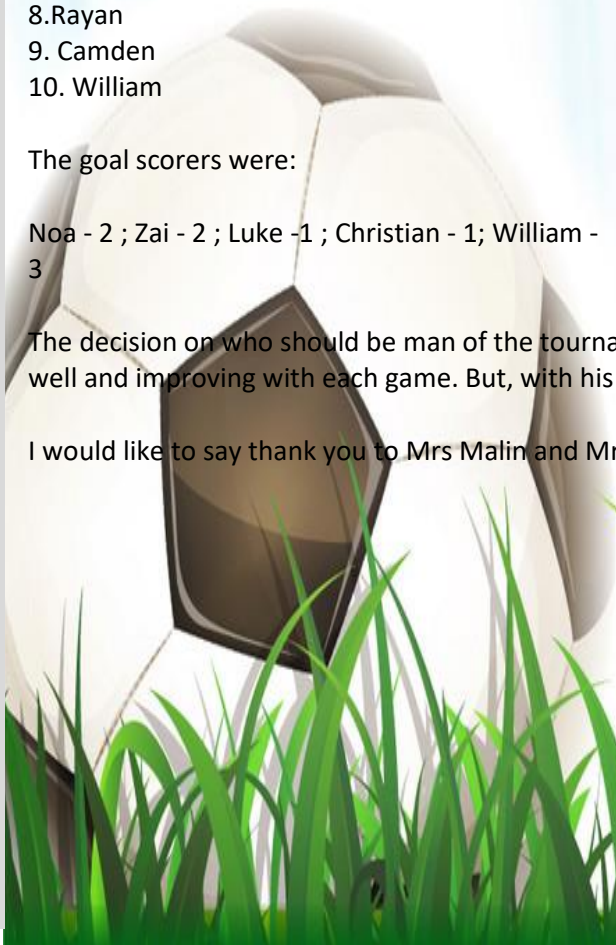
- 1.Noa
- 2.Zai
- 3.Luke
- 4.Christian
- 5.Kayan
- 6.Christopher
- 7.Saif
- 8.Rayan
9. Camden
10. William

The goal scorers were:

Noa - 2 ; Zai - 2 ; Luke - 1 ; Christian - 1 ; William - 3

The decision on who should be man of the tournament was a difficult one to make with all the boys playing well and improving with each game. But, with his 3 goals, great energy and enthusiasm we gave it to William.

I would like to say thank you to Mrs Malin and Mr Graham Beard for their help and support.



School Office Information:

Parents Evening – Tuesday 11th February / Thursday 13th February (Hepworth Tues/Weds only)

Please contact Miss Joy in the school office if you have not booked in for Parents evening next week.

Mindfulness CANCELLED Thursday 13th Feb

We regret that due to parents evening next week, Miss Rebecca will be unable to run Mindfulness club for this week only. Please make arrangements to collect your child at the normal time or contact the school office should you need to make alternative pickup arrangements. Thank you.

Rainbows

A request to see if anyone would be willing to run a Rainbow unit or knows a leader or adult who would be willing to stand in for a Rainbow unit in Twickenham. If you are interested in running a unit please contact kathyofbushypark@hotmail.com as there is only one Rainbows unit running in Twickenham at the moment



Mr John Smith

Principal

House Points: The House Treat is a Balloon Artist visitng the school...

House	Last Week	This Week
Parks	899	1022
Gandhi	898	1020
Pankhurst	965	1026
Shackleton	964	1023

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	97.1%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	96.9 %
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	96%
Whole School	97%

Key Dates:

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

Thursday 6th February	PTA Movie Night for Y1 and Y1 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm
Tuesday 11th February and Thursday 13th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 12th February	Year 2 Performance from 09:15 am
Friday 14th February	House Day (Valentines Theme)
Friday 14th February	PTA Bake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Friday 14th February	End of Term – usual collection times and wrap around care in place
Monday 24th February	School Begins for all Pupils

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