

The King's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that our first half-term of the school year has flown by and I would like to thank you for all your support for your children and the school in this time.

Thank you to the parents who responded to the School Communications Survey and for all your comments. We have begun to look at how we can make our communications to you more efficient and accessible and will share the changes with you as soon as possible.

If you're getting away for half-term, have a safe and enjoyable break. Please remember that we have an Inset Day on Monday 30th October and the school will be closed to children. We look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday 31st October.

Best wishes,

Mr Corke

In this update for you we have below:

- School life this week
- News about the school achieving the Platinum Sports Mark Award
- Curriculum Workshop Evening Feedback
- Information about the Light Party being held at The Barn Church on Sunday 29th October to which all King's families are welcome to attend

School Life

Gates at pick-up time

In an attempt to reduce the congestion at the end of day, we ask that once you have collected your child, you move away from the gates and off site as soon as possible. We remind you that once we have handed over your child to you they are your responsibility. To keep the site safe, we will be closing both Cumberland Road gates promptly after pick-up time at 3:30pm and reopening them for clubs pick-up at 4:15pm. You can of course still get in and out by buzzing to ask the office to open the gate – though once the gates have been closed, we would ask you to use the small pedestrian gate, as the delivery vehicle gate takes so long to open and close. We will trial this arrangement for a couple of weeks after half term to see whether the balance of risk against inconvenience is appropriate.

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Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the generous donations of food and money that you sent in for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday this week. Father Giles led our service and shared a lovely story with the children. Mrs Noyes planned some themed hymns that the children sang enthusiastically. The local food bank were very grateful for all our donations and we are very grateful to the PSA for taking all the food items to the food bank. Please see below a message from the PSA about our contributions:

The Food Bank were so grateful for our huge harvest donation of 110.7Kg of food! They will be distributing it around the Richmond Food Banks over the next two weeks and send a very big thank you to everyone at The Kings School that donated!

Learning Certainties Collective Worship

We have uploaded the whole-school Collective Worship which focus on our Learning Certainties to the website. Please feel free to have a look! This week we finished looking at what it means to be resilient and heard how Noah and his family showed resilience when they spent 40 days and 40 nights on the Ark with lots of animals. We also learnt about the Brownlee Brothers, who are GB triathletes, and how they have given up lots of things in order to train to become world champions.

<https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Learning+Certainties&pid=553>

Radnor House School Maths Challenge

On Tuesday this week Ms Doran took a Year 6 team from The King's to take part in the Radnor House School Maths Challenge. The team had to work together to answer some challenging maths questions and activities, and although they didn't win, they worked really well as a team and were fantastically behaved. Ms Doran was very proud of them, so well done Toshiro, Zab, Hen and Chloe.

Tag Rugby Festival

Ms Doran and the Tag Rugby Team played in the Borough Tag Rugby Festival at Richmond Rugby Club on Wednesday this week. They had practised hard in the preceding weeks and were able to put their skills to the test in some very tightly contested matches. Over the course of the six matches they played, they won two matches, drew one match and lost three. In the three matches they lost, they were very close games, with The King's losing by no more than one or two tries and Ms Doran was very proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the tournament. Well done to Blake, Xander, Jonah, William, Anthony, Millan, Emilie, Hen, Olivia and Alice MG.

Year 5 School Journey to High Ashurst

On Wednesday Year 5 departed for the High Ashurst Outdoor Activity Centre near Dorking, getting back this afternoon having had a fantastic time. Despite the wet and windy weather, they took part in all their activities with enthusiasm and a sense of challenge. All the staff who accompanied the children were really impressed with their resilience, team work and behaviour. They now have half-term to recover!

My thanks to all the staff who attended and to Mr Megrah and Ms Carter for all the planning and organisation that went in to the trip.

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Parent Consultations Week

Please make a note in your diaries that our Autumn Term Parent Consultation Week is the week beginning 20th November. We will send out further details about this after half-term.

Cabbage Patch 10 Thank You

Thank you very much to all the parents who kindly sponsored me for the Cabbage Patch 10 mile run on Sunday just gone. Thankfully it was cool and sunny, so good running conditions. I managed to get round in 1 hour 27 minutes...with stiff legs the next day!

Platinum Sports Mark Award

Please read below a message from Mr Megrah about a fantastic achievement. I would like to thank Mr Megrah and all the staff who help provide an amazing PE and sports offer to the children of the King's. As you'll see below, all this hard work and commitment has been nationally recognised.

The School Games Mark is a national recognised award for a school's commitment to PE and school sport, including opportunities for competition and participation in curricular and extra-curricular activities. The standard of a school's provision is measured in medals, progressing from Bronze, through to Silver, to Gold and, ultimately, to the Platinum Award.

Our school has maintained Gold status for a number of years, highlighting the consistently excellent level of sporting provision on offer at The King's.

With Gold as our base, in early 2023 we decided to go for Platinum. We focused on the goal of delivering and engaging in competitions that have clear intent and create positive experiences for our children. We also wanted to support the personal development of our children through sports leadership and involve them in shaping our PE provision. At The King's, we train our Year 5s to become confident leaders in sport (Sports Leaders), delivering activities to other year groups and eventually taking their skills onto the playground during break times throughout Years 5 and 6. Included in the training was Year 5's successful delivery of our Sports day for KS1 children in July. With Sports Leader training an established part of our provision at The King's, we presented our provision to be assessed by Richmond Borough.

Following our presentation to the Borough, we are proud to announce that The King's school has now been awarded... Platinum! We will strive to maintain this pinnacle status going forward.

Mr Megrah

Curriculum Workshop Feedback

If you were able to attend our Curriculum Workshop Evening back in September, we would be very grateful for any feedback about the event via the link below. By providing feedback we can look to improve and enhance our offer to parents next year.

Thank you to those parents who have already sent their feedback through.

<https://forms.gle/fbiNi7QwNwvHhk136>

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Light Party at The Barn Church-Sunday 29th October

All children are welcome to our Light Party at the Barn Church on Sunday 29th Oct, 4.30-6.30pm. Expect games and crafts, food, music and fun! Dressing up is of course encouraged if children would like. Try dressing as a saint, a (non-scary) Halloween outfit, or wear your very brightest colours.

Please let us know if you're coming so we can plan for catering and craft activities by clicking through on this link by Friday 27th October. To help cover costs we are suggesting a £5 donation per family. We hope as many King's families can join us!

The Barn Church is at 41 Atwood Ave, Richmond TW9 4HF

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSceiVuO6YeRuV0Zl8y2wEfJaYU1j09aE7d5Dzu3hWDtZDR7UA/viewform>

Reverend Melanie