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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Life

Collective Worship

Reverend Melanie and Reverend Hannah came to school on Tuesday this week to lead Collective Worship and to speak to the children about Lent, which starts next week. During Worship they spoke about Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and the time that Jesus spent in the desert for forty days and forty nights in preparation for sharing his message of love and peace.

On Wednesday in Worship I shared with the children how they can be reflective in their lives and why it is important for all of us to find some quiet time to look back on our day, the decisions we made and the conversations we had with others. We discussed how we can reflect on things that went well for us and things where we might make different decisions on another occasion, especially if we have had an upset or disagreement with someone.

Eco Team

On Tuesday this week Mrs Bushell took six of our Eco Team to an Eco Conference being held at Tiffin Girls' School in Kingston and which was facilitated by some of the Tiffin Girls' 6th Form Students. Mrs Bushell said our Eco Team were really well behaved and mature, contributing well to discussions and workshops that were being run. They have come back with lots of great ideas that we will explore and see what we can implement.



Sports Update

We've had a busy couple of weeks with lots of sporting fixtures happening. Last Friday the Girls' and Boys' Football Teams had their league matches against Sheen Mount. Both teams played well and showed great teamwork but the boys lost 3-1 and the girls lost 2-0. We look forward to the final League game against East Sheen and to see where we are placed at the end of the season.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week the Netball Team had league matches against Holy Trinity and Sheen Mount respectively. They did really well, winning 7-3 against Holy Trinity and 8-3 against Sheen Mount.

Yesterday the Swimming Squad took part in the Borough Swimming Gala at Richmond Pool. Everyone swam well and were a credit to the school. Well done to Rosy and Hen who came first in their respective finals and to the Girls' Freestyle Relay Team who came third in their final.

Book Looks

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come in to school on Wednesday to have a look at your children's books. We hope you found it informative and your child was able to share work they are proud of with you. Our Spring Term Parent Interviews will be held during the w/b 11th March where the children's books will be available again for you to see.

Have a lovely half-term and safe travels if you are going away. We wish all our families who are celebrating Chinese New Year a lovely time with their family and friends.

Mr Corke

Looking Ahead

Borough Netball Tournament	Wednesday 21 st February
Year 5 Richmond Synagogue	Friday 23 rd February
Year 2 Gunnersbury Museum	Tuesday 27 th February
PSA Skipathon	Thursday 29 th February
Year 2 National Archives	Tuesday 5 th March
World Book Day	Friday 8 th March
Year 6 Museum of Richmond & National Archives	6GD Wednesday 6 th & 6MS Thursday 7 th March
Parent Consultation Week	March 11 th – 14 th
Scholastic Book Fair	March 18 th – 22 nd

For further dates please see the school website:

<https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=3,1,2&pid=94&viewid=2>

Friday King's Shield Celebration Worship

Please see below the Learning Certainties that were acknowledged and recognised in our King's Shield Celebration Worship today.

Class	Learning Certainty	Class	Learning Certainty
Willow	Flexible	Holly	Flexible
Cherry	Determined	Fir	Determined
Maple	Imaginative	Oak	Imaginative
3JB	Determination Resilience	3NB	Resilience Confidence
4AC	Focussed	4ER	Motivated Focussed
5SC	Confident Resilient	5AM	Determined Confident
6MS	Imaginative Focussed Confident	6GD	Motivated Determined

Attendance

Here are this week's class attendance ratings. Well Done 3JB!

Attendance Ratings	w/e 9th February
Holly	95.78%
Willow	96.11%
Cherry	95.36%
Fir	96.17%
Maple	94.77%
Oak	97.47%
3JB	97.65%
3NB	94.95%
4ER	96.10%
4AC	93.93%
5SC	96.27%
5AM	95.87%
6GD	95.68%
6MS	94.72%

School Meals, Table Manners and Packed Lunches

We have noticed that quite a few children who have school meals are not eating as much of their food as we would like them to, and as such are throwing away perfectly edible food. We often talk to the children about being thankful and grateful for the food they have and to think of those people, both in our own country and around the world, who are less fortunate than themselves.

We are therefore introducing a new system where children with school meals will take just their main meal with them from the kitchen and go and sit down. When they are ready to have their pudding they will put their hand up and a member of staff will come and check how much food they have eaten. If the member of staff feels that more food can be eaten, they will tell the child to have some additional mouthfuls, including eating at least some of the vegetables that come with their meal. When the member of staff is satisfied that they have eaten a sufficient amount of food they will be allowed to go and get their pudding.

We would value your support by talking to your child about the food options available each day to ensure the menu choices available are choices that your child will like. If the food options available on any given day are not agreeable with your child, please send them in with a packed lunch of food that you know they will eat.

Using a Knife and Fork and Table Manners

We have also noticed that some children do not have the correct grip or technique to use a knife and fork when eating their school meals. If your child finds it difficult to hold their knife and fork correctly we would be grateful if you can help and support them with this task. We would also encourage conversations around polite table manners and expecting children to eat at school in the same way you would want them to eat at home.

Packed Lunches

In line with our [Healthy Eating Policy](#), please ensure you do not send your child in with the following items in their packed lunch:

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars and sweets.
- Fizzy drinks, squash or fruit juices (fresh drinking water is available for all children to have with their lunch in the lunch hall).
- Crisps.

Reminders

Arbor

As mentioned a few weeks ago, after half-term we are switching over from our current school-wide information management system (Integris) to a new platform called Arbor. We will be going live with Arbor on Monday 19th February, and whilst we hope that the switch-over won't have a direct impact on you, please be patient if there are any glitches or issues that crop up. We will be sharing information with you as soon as possible as to how you can log-in to the Arbor Parent Portal that will allow you to see lots of school-based information about your child including attendance and assessment information.

School Newsletter

Following our consultation with parents last term about the way the school communicates with parents, after half-term we will be using Microsoft's Sway platform to share our newsletter with you. Hopefully you find it more accessible and user-friendly. Please remember photos are now shared regularly in your children's Google Classrooms although you may not be able to access these over the break due to the transfer of our Domain name. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Half Termly Webs

The new half-termly webs are now on our website for Spring 2. Please follow the link below and you will find them on your year group tab.

<https://www.kings.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Pages&pid=345>

Children's Mental Health Week – Our Voice Matters

To follow on from our mental health focus in school this week, please see attached the flyer from the Mental Health Support Team with their upcoming helping children webinars.

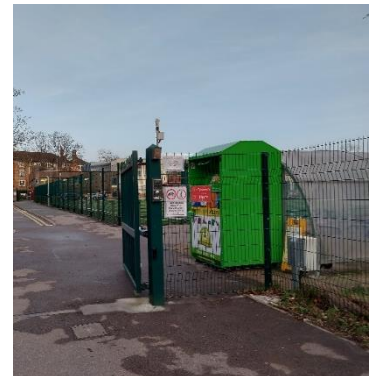
Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to help manage the lunch hall on Mondays and Fridays. This is a paid role, working for an hour per day, ensuring that lunchtimes run smoothly and happily. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact the office or email jobs@kings.richmond.sch.uk We will follow our normal Safer Recruitment procedures for this vacancy, including a full career history, two references, and Enhanced DBS check.



Local Textile Recycling & Fundraising Opportunity

You may have noticed the arrival of a large green recycling bank for clothes and textiles. This has been supplied by Astra Recycling who work to promote textile recycling, reduce waste to landfill and also give people the opportunity to get something back for their unwanted textiles. We can recycle Clothes including uniform, Shoes, Bed Linen, Accessories such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags and Soft Toys. If you are not sure, please check the information on the container or check at <https://astrarecycling.co.uk/>.



As a school we receive a proportion of the funds collected so please do consider us when you have items to recycle.

If the containers are full, please let us know via the school office. You will need to take your things home again and try another day.

Fabric Request for our Prayer Tables

As we continue to enrich the spiritual environment within our school, we are reaching out to our wonderful community for support. Currently, our prayer tables lack the vibrant colours associated with the liturgical calendar. In an effort to enhance these sacred spaces, we are seeking donations of green, dark purple, and white cloth, each measuring at least 1 metre in length. We wanted to approach our parent community first. If you have any spare green, dark purple, or white cloth at home, or if you know of any companies that might be willing to contribute to our cause, we would be immensely grateful for your support. If you can contribute please contact Miss Ratcliffe via our info@kings.richmond.sch.uk email as she will be arranging this for all of the classes. Thank you for all your support.





Richmond Schools Police officers will be running a free youth sessions for **Years 5, 6 and 7** during the February half Term, 12th- 16th.

The sessions will be in a local park and run from 10am – 1pm. This is a great opportunity for your young child(ren) to have some fun and be out in the open air playing games. We will also be doing talks and presentations on how to keep themselves safe and covering subjects around Online safety, County lines and Bullying.

We will have a limited number of spaces per day and they are required to have signed up prior to attending

If you are interested in your child joining these sessions, please do contact PC Amanda Stonehouse who will be able to provide further details. Email: amanda.stonehouse@met.police.uk

Young Artists' Summer Show 2024 at the Royal Academy

We are delighted to share that we are now registered and your child could be part of the **Young Artists' Summer Show 2024** to showcase their incredible creations.

Taking inspiration from the *Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition*, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists. Each student can submit one piece of artwork and there is no theme.

Closing date for entries is 27th March 2024.

Online exhibition opens no 16th July 2024

For more information, including how to register, please visit: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

[Good luck to you all!](#)

Learn to swim this half term holiday

Children can learn to swim this half term holiday with our wide range of crash courses and workshops available at Teddington Pools and Fitness Centre and Pools on the Park.

Bookings can be made by calling us on 020 3772 2999 or in person at the centre reception.

Please see the [website](#) for more information.

Half term holiday toddler fun time sessions

Come along to our February half term holiday toddler club sessions at Teddington Sports Centre and Whitton Sports & Fitness Centre. Under 5's can enjoy the fantastic range of soft play equipment.

Drop-in session, pre-booking not required.

Please see the [website](#) for more information.

Come and try Pickleball at Shene sports and fitness centre

Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton and table-tennis. Played by two or four players, indoors and outdoors on a badminton sized court and using a slightly modified tennis net.

Why not come and try it at [Shene Sports and Fitness Centre](#). Call us on 020 3772 2999 to book a court (indoor only). Paddle hire also available.



Love in Richmond

A week of hands on, fun and creative activities for families at the Museum of Richmond!

FAMILY WORKSHOP: LOVE IN RICHMOND
Tuesday 13 to Friday 16 February, 10am to 12noon
Discover some of the great love stories in Richmond then get creative and make some love tokens and cards to take home, in a workshop led by our Museum Expert.
£6 per child, adults are FREE! Places are limited, book here: <https://www.museumofrichmond.com/families/workshops-at-the-museum/>

GET CRAFTY: FREE VALENTINE'S CARDS CRAFT
Available from 1pm each weekday and Saturday the Museum is open. No need to book, just drop in. Everything you need will be set out for you, including instruction sheets and materials.
Please note: these activities are self-led and children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

FREE TRAIL: LOVE IN RICHMOND
Discover some of the great love stories in Richmond, solve a puzzle and win a prize! Available everyday the Museum is open in February.

Museum of Richmond, Old Town Hall,
Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, TW9 1TP
020 8332 1141 learning@museumofrichmond.com
www.museumofrichmond.com/families



Gymnastics at King's
SPACES STILL AVAILABLE THIS TERM!

SIGN UP! www.richmondgymnastics.co.uk

Every Thursday*

Time	Year
4 - 5pm	Year 1
5 - 6pm	Year 2

*during termtime. Please see RGA website for exact dates.

Sign up for classes directly with Richmond Gymnastics via their website.
You can register and create an account for free!

Socials: @gymnasticsrga | 020 8868 8682 | www.richmondgymnastics.co.uk | rga@richmondgymnastics.co.uk