



School Newsletter

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

It's been a busy Richmond PRIDE week this week, with all the children I have seen definitely ticking the enthusiasm box! Congratulations to Imogen Tock, Cameron Pollard, Erin Mullen, Joey Hall, Joe Coldwell and Heidi Bullock. They all showed me some fantastic work in their books and were able to tell me about the improvements they have made over the year. Well done to you all, I am really proud of you. There may be some more Achieve Gold children coming soon, they are busy preparing for their interview.

Over the past couple of weeks KS1 have been looking at the landmarks of Richmond to help them write their own version of The Queen's Handbag. The results have been absolutely remarkable, two children who deserve a particular mention are Brooke Biggs and Dylan Robertson. Both came to show me their writing, which was extremely impressive. The word choices and description they both included was of a very high standard and the smile that Dylan had when he was sharing his work was infectious! Year 4/5 have been writing this week linked to Harry Potter, as it is the 20th Anniversary of The Philosophers Stone, this again has inspired the children to write, in particular Maddie James who wrote a description that we think J K Rowling would be jealous of!

We welcomed Rishi Sunak, our local MP, into school this afternoon. We took him on a tour of the school and he spent a long time chatting with children and staff about what goes on in school. He really enjoyed his visit and we will share photos and his views on the blog and in next week's newsletter.

Lucy Hodges

Deputy Head Teacher



SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2017

REQUEST FROM FORCE

Help is urgently needed from 8.00 a.m. to set up the gazebos and tables on the morning of the School Summer Fair. Any helpers on the day will receive a free burger/sausage or beverage. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Many thanks

FORCE



CAN YOU HELP BUILD A BUG HOTEL?



We are currently developing our wildlife area and are in need of some resources to help make a bug hotel, which the Richmond Beavers are kindly going to help put together for us. We are in need of: pallets, logs, straw, old bricks, old tiles, bamboo, any materials that animals would like to live in! If you have any donations please contact the school office. We are also looking for a plastic pond liner if anyone can help.

SCAFFOLDING AROUND SCHOOL

You may have noticed that a lot of scaffolding has suddenly started appearing around school. This is because we are having a new heating system installed in school. Hopefully this should all be completed over the summer holidays ready for the next academic year.

SCHOOL DISCO

Would you please note that the date of the school disco has changed. **It will now take place on Thursday 6th July.** More details to follow soon.



A VISIT FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE FOR YEAR 6



Last Friday afternoon Year 6 received a visit from four fire officers from Richmond Fire and Rescue. The officers gave the children information about being part of the fire service and answered questions from the children about the rewards and challenges of their job. They even gave children the opportunity to take part in some of the techniques used to extinguish fires!

The afternoon was fantastic. The children were so engaged in the session and were all totally enthused.

Many thanks to Richmond Fire and Rescue for this worthwhile and valuable experience.



NURSERY OPEN DAY—SATURDAY 1ST JULY 12 NOON—3.00 P.M.

Come along to our open day and find out how your 3 year old can access 30 hours free provision.

Full day provision available.

Spaces are filling fast



SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

The School Summer Fair is taking place on **Saturday 1st July from 12 noon until 3.00 p.m.**

As well as all the usual stalls please look out this year for:

Neeps & Tatties who will be selling their lovely smoothies again

Castle Hill Bookshop

Kelly's Candy Cart

Marie's Upcycled Glass



MATHEMATICIANS IN YEAR 6



Earlier this term, several of our Year 6 students took part in the annual maths challenge at Richmond School. The children attended several training sessions for the event, and worked extremely hard in each of them. In fact, at the challenge Oliver and Ryan each achieved a bronze award with all of the others achieving fantastic scores as well.

Well done! You did our school proud.

LAURA ALDERSON

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER

	Weekly class attendance
Reception	87.1 %
Class 1/2 Miss Grainger	90.2 %
Class 2 Miss McMain	92.7 %
Class 3 Mrs Tyson	94.7 %
Class 4/5 Mrs Whitaker	97.7 % WINNERS!!
Class 4/5 Mr Wells	97.2 %
Class 6 McCulloch	90.3 %

	Total minutes in teaching time lost for each class for the week
Reception	110 minutes
Class 1/2 Miss Grainger	35 minutes
Class 2 Miss McMain	10 minutes
Class 3 Mrs Tyson	10 minutes
Class 4/5 Mrs Whitaker	30 minutes
Class 4/5 Mr Wells	100 minutes
Class 6 McCulloch	0 minutes WINNERS!!

Mrs. Whitaker's class have won the best attendance award and once again Mr McCulloch's class have won the best punctuality award. This week they are the only class which has had everyone arriving on time, in all the other classes people have been arriving late. It would be great to see if another class can match Mr. McCulloch class' superb timekeeping. Punctuality is an essential life skill that the Year 6 pupils demonstrate fantastically; they certainly will impress their secondary schools in September! Late arrivals mean that the pupils miss vital instructions and planning work for the day and it is also disruptive for the whole class when pupils come in during the lesson. Please can we ask that parents try to ensure that their children arrive promptly in the morning ready to learn.





IS YOUR CHILD A BIG STAR IN A PINT-SIZED PACKAGE?



THEN *LITTLE BIG SHOTS* WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Dawn French is back for a second exciting series of the extraordinary *Little Big Shots*. It's the primetime entertainment show that celebrates young talent from all over the world. Open to 3 to 13 year olds, this is not a competition, there are no prizes & no judges – it's simply a chance to showcase awe-inspiring skills, the downright cute & the fabulously funny.

From dancing demons to sassy stand-ups, musical maestros to impressive impressionists... and more... Sweet soul singers! Sporting superstars! Baby-faced brainboxes! We don't mind what the skill or talent is, we just want the best that the UK has to offer.

You don't need to have a professional act (but we love those too); we just want to spend time in the company of children who have something they love doing & want to share it with Dawn on the *Little Big Shots* stage.

Little Big Shots will be back on ITV soon, so parents, if your child has a sensational skill, can make us laugh... or maybe both... & would like to take part please visit:

<http://www.walltowall.co.uk/castings.aspx>

Please return applications as soon as possible, applications close at midnight on Friday 11th August 2017 (The Producer reserves the right to extend the closing date at its sole discretion).

ITV participation T&C's can be found here: <http://www.itv.com/terms/programmes/itvprogrammerecruitment/terms>

