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ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT DATES

SAVE THE DATE...

Thursday 2nd November - The PTA, in conjunction with Year 6 Parents / Carers are hosting a SPOOKTACULAR DISCO!!

4.00-5.00pm - Reception to Year 2

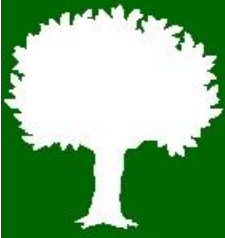
5.15 - 6.15pm - Year 3 - Year 6

In the HAUNTED HALL.....Another opportunity to wear your Hallowe'en Costume...Or not...The choice is yours...

Trick or Treat Bags / Food available...Spooky games and music....

£5 tickets will be on sale online and after school, at school, after half term. QR code will be shared soon.....





Headteacher's Update

Today's newsletter brings us to the end of a wonderful half term of learning, celebrating and making new friendships.

I can't write my update without mentioning last Sunday's joyous musical fundraiser at St Andrew's Church. Parents, carers, friends, families and children (past and present) all came together to produce the most wonderful musical celebration which has raised a staggering amount; nearly £2000!

The collective talent and collective love of music which was shared was something really special and something which embodies the great community spirit which is so present here at The Russell School. A special thanks to David, Manon and Mrs Thomas – and there are MANY more who made it happen! I am already looking forward to next year's concert and know that many of you are too!

It was great to see so many families at our parents and carers' evenings this week. I hope you enjoyed looking through the children's work as part of this process. If you didn't manage to attend, we will be in contact to try and find an alternative, mutually convenient time.

I hope everyone enjoys a bit of a rest from the routine of the school day next week. I know I am looking forward to not setting the alarm quite so early for a few days! With that in mind, do remember that the clocks will go back on the last weekend on October so make sure your alarms are set for our return on Monday 30th!

The next half term may well be cold and wet so please think about rain coats! Attendance still remains a priority however. Coughs and colds are to be expected and unless the children are very unwell, do bring them into school.

Thank you all once again for making me feel so welcome. The Russell School is a really, really special place to be and I am loving being part of it!

Laura Brooks



Some Musical Highlights!



These pictures will hopefully give you a flavour of what was on offer last Sunday. From rock to classical with a touch of Disney and some traditional favourites- we have the musicians of tomorrow in our midst! If any families have photos they would like to share with us, please send to the office.

.....Wheeling her Way to Win!

Thea has been enjoying success on her bike, taking top spot on the podium for the third week in a row in the regional under 8 girls competition of the Central Cyclecross League, most recently at the Bedfont Lakes round organised by Kingston Wheelers cycling club.

Thea rides for the Kingston Junior Cycle Club, who meet Saturday mornings at the Hawker Centre - new members are always welcome!



Tomorrow's Politicians....

Emily and Mateo in Year 6 represented the school at Richmond's Pupil Parliament get-together last week. They spoke eloquently to the Richmond Mayor about the pros and cons of the right to vote at age 16 and Emily will be returning for round two!



Look What We Have Been Learning This Week...

Nursery and Reception

We have now managed 6 weeks in our Nursery and are definitely ready for a rest! The children have already made so much progress in their confidence and independence. They are following the routines and enjoying using our visual timetable to work out which activities are coming up each day and which have been completed.

This week we have been listening to the story 'Walking through the Jungle' and thinking about all sorts of animals we might see. We have played with them in our small world area and also talked about which countries they may come from using our world map puzzle. This week we have also talked about animals that come out at night and have learned the word 'nocturnal'.

As our jungle is full of monkeys that like bananas, we have chosen to make banana muffins in our cooking. Finally we have listened to the story 'Hands are not for Hitting' and talked about all the useful and kind things we can do with our hands.

We hope you have a very happy half term and look forward to seeing you at the end of October.



Down in Nakate Class we can't quite believe it's already half term; what a time we've had! We are all feeling settled into our new routine and have been enjoying starting phonics and number time and sharing in learning that inspires us as we move around the classroom. This week, Miss Lee shared *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* it's a classic and we have loved it. We have read the story lots and we are beginning to learn words from it by reading it together, we have written shopping lists and made food using our new phonic and number skills and have been developing our fine motor by feeding tigers - watch out for those teeth! We looked at animal patterns and voted on whether we would want tigers to come and visit us. But now it is time for a rest!

We hope you have a very happy half term and look forward to seeing you at the end of October.

Year 1 and 2

As part of our *School Days* project, we have been creating a non-fiction report about our school day. As part of this, we were excited to show Miss Dittrich our favourite games to play during the school day, which included playing tennis, building and drawing.



Bolt class have thrown themselves into all things pirate! We were very excited to find a pirate's treasure chest full of interesting things to explore and write about, including a skull and a huge diamond!

We have really enjoyed talking about the jobs pirates might have had on-board ships and playing the roles of captains and crew. There's been some amazing map-making and writing instructions to follow a trail on the treasure map to get to X marks the spot. The class are now beginning to plan their pirate adventures using all their skills in constructing sentences, using punctuation and interesting topic words.

The children are keeping very active with a great running PE lesson every week, challenging themselves with improving their running form; the children are all aspiring Usain Bolts!

It's been a great few weeks!



Year 3 and 4

What a fantastic first half term we have had in Year 3! On Wednesday, as part of our *Predators* project, we had a school trip to London Zoo where we got to see some of the world's biggest land predators - including lions and tigers - up close. In English this half term we have been busy writing setting descriptions and stories and creating informative leaflets about our favourite predators. In maths, we are partway through our numbers to 1000 unit, putting us in a great position to continue after half term.



Hello from Jenner Class! This week we finished writing our play scripts which included writing character and setting descriptions, as well as stage directions and dialogue. As our first half term comes to an end our topic of Invasion ends too and we have completed our weaving pieces. The children used a mixture of colours and weaving techniques to create their loom. We have been working on place value this half term and will continue to deepen our learning further next term as we explore more problem solving place value questions.

Have a lovely and well rested half term and I am excited to start our new topic in Jenner class which is *Burps, Bottoms and Bile....*

Year 5 and 6

How did it get to be the end of the half term already?! Malala class have taken year 6 in their stride and have really impressed Mrs McCann and Miss James with their focus and drive for success in all areas so far. This week we have been putting a lot of effort into trying to convey all of the learning we have done this half term about our ID project into a class assembly - no easy task! We do hope all of the family members who came this morning really enjoyed learning about our learning. In English over the past couple of weeks, we have been writing poetry based on this year's Black History Month theme: 'Salute to our Sisters' and we finished our non-chronological reporting about how amazing finger prints are. In maths we have really been refining our place value knowledge so that we are in the best place possible to move on next half term. We are looking forward to getting stuck into our next projects after the break.



Suddenly, the end of the first half term is over! Year 5 are looking forward to returning for our new topic *Earth and Space*! During our *Pestilence* topic, the children have worked very hard and have produced some lovely writing, including retelling the story of the Peasants' Revolt, writing their own adventure story and making their own application to Knight school! In maths, we have been calculating with decimals to 2dp – during half term, see if you can get your child to add up your shopping bill accurately! In science, we have watched our microbes grow in the petri dishes and were surprised by the amount they have multiplied! It was lovely to meet you all at parents and carers' evening to talk about your children's start to Year 5. I hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to the very busy Christmas build up!



NOTICEBOARD

.....Do You Love Ham Pond?

Come to the Big Autumn Pond Prune and litter pick at 10:00am Saturday, 4th November.

Meet at Ham Pond Litter pickers and pruners (but bring your own if you can). Families are welcome. Please come along to help!



St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Petersham is looking for a **part time (8 hours a week) parish administrator**. The successful candidate will have administrative and organisational skills, good written and verbal communication and an ability to relate to a range of people and situations. He/she will also be sympathetic to the aims of the church and its mission to the community.

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Office st.peters.petersham@googlemail.com for full details. Closing date for applications: 20 November 2023.

ARTS RICHMOND 2023

Young Writers' Festival

Illustration by Ayrita Vula



Please visit our website for more information and to submit your work: ArtsRichmond.org.uk

Submissions close Friday, 1st December

Anthony Horowitz writes:

I am very happy to be working with Arts Richmond and their Young Writers' Festival. I have recently moved to Richmond and love the area...in fact my next book is set here.

More to the point, I'm always keen to encourage young people to develop their creative skills and if they're living in this area, there's plenty to inspire them. Just walking along the river, in the park or on the green, we're surrounded by history and enchantment and there are stories everywhere. Good luck. And get writing!



Arts Richmond, Room 21, ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham TW1 2AR. Registered Charity in England and Wales No 251359

October Half Term Camp

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9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

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Rugby Club Location: The Athletic Ground, Twickenham Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 2SF

Children Years 1 - 6

HOLIDAY CODE CLUB

St Richards C of E Primary School
Ashburnham Rd, Ham, TW10 7NL

23rd October - 26th October
Mon - Thurs, 09:00 - 13:00 PM

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2.11.23	PTA Spooky Disco!
6.11.23 – 8.11.23	Year 3 Safer Walking Training
7.11.23	Community Tea Yr 5 Sayers Croft Information meeting 5.30pm
13.11.23	Flu Immunisations
15.11.23 – 17.11.23	Year 5 Sayers Croft Trip
23.11.23	Year 3 Singing at Fenwicks
6.12.23	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch day
11.12.23	KS2 production 5pm
12.12.23	KS2 production 1.45pm
13.12.23	Yr 1 – 6 Panto trip
14.12.23	Yr 1 – 3 production 2.00pm
18.12.23	Carol Concert Rehearsal St Peter's
19.12.23	Carol Concert St Peter's
20.12.23	Christmas Class Parties
9.1.24	Children return to school

Breakfast Club
<p>Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am – 8.30am. Please book online with ScoPay.</p> <p>Active Club is also available from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Please contact Active Club directly.</p> <p>Both are such a valuable resource for the school – please use them!</p>