



Weekly News

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents,

You are all warmly invited to attend our Harvest Festival on Friday 7th October at 10.15am at St Martins Church, Epsom. The children have been working incredibly hard learning their lines, singing songs, and getting ready for our colourful celebration. This year, we are collecting donations for the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank; a list was sent out earlier in the week. We would also ask that children are in their smart winter uniform for this event.

Year 2 had a glorious day at Hampton Court on Wednesday. The children were buzzing with excitement when they returned and shared their adventures which they described as being “really fun”. From getting to the middle of the maze, to playing in the magic garden and learning that Kind Henry VIII liked to eat lots of pies – it was a day filled with joy and delight.

We have received a letter from Chris Grayling, MP, inviting us to enter his Christmas Card Competition. The winning design will be used on his official Christmas card for 2022 and will be sent out to community groups, public service organisations, local charities, and local businesses. If any child would like to enter the competition, please send your entries in by Monday 31st October. All entries should be submitted on A4 paper in felt tip pen. For reproduction purposes please avoid using glitter or sticking anything on the pictures. The following details should be clearly stated on the back of the picture: Name of Pupil / Year Group / Age / Name of School. Good Luck!

Well done to Sophia for being named our lunchtime superstar this week for trying lots of different foods! We have also been receiving some wonderful news via our spotty box about the children’s achievements outside school. Do keep them coming in as it is a joy to see how well children are doing in their endeavours.

Top of the leader board this week is [Donaldson](#) House With a superb total of [441](#) House points. Congratulations to [Donaldson](#) house.

Merit Awards

Vihaan P, Lucy S, Thomas B, Alisa S, Jamie S, Holly S, Sukie R, Hugo T, James C, Daisy GD, Sooha P and Annabelle L

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

Year Two trip to Hampton Court



Nursery and Pre - Reception News



Nursery have had a wonderful week; we have been busy talking about our fabulous families and how they are all very different. We have been sharing some of the special times we spend with our families, birthdays being the most popular alongside visiting grandparents. The children were confident and excited when standing in front of their friends and teachers to talk about their Mummy's, Daddy's and siblings. The children then decided that they wanted to draw their houses and who lived with them, we have some wonderful creations and representations of different family members. We have been continuing to think about ourselves, this week the children have been painting self-portraits and talking to the teachers about how they feel when they come to school. Many children talked about being happy as they are able to spend time with their friends and play with their favourite toys, we also discussed how sometimes we might feel sad as we miss our grownups at home but its ok because we know they are coming back at the end of the day and we can share with them all the fun we have been having at school. In the kitchen the children have been picking the apples from our tree and baking their own apple muffins, they smelt and tasted delicious. Outside the children have been thinking about how they can move in a range of ways, we have had some wonderful ideas including jumping, hopping and skipping. What a busy week!



Reception News



Reception have been busy this week learning all about fossils, using the iPad to make dinosaur fact movies, measuring length and looking after our environment. What a lot of fun learning! Our resident fossil expert 'Mrs Degg' showed us lots of very special fossils and explained what they were and how they were made. It was very interesting touching the fossils and learning all about the extinct animals and plants they represented. We were so inspired by our fossil learning that we decided to make our own using salt dough. They look fabulous! Many of you will have heard and seen our amazing 'Dinosaur Fact Movies' that we shared with you on Seesaw. We have very knowledgeable children who were using the correct vocabulary including herbivore, plates and carnivore. We particularly like one child's comment about wanting to be a "Pink T-REX", so that they wouldn't be scary to other dinosaurs. What amazing imaginations! We looked at ordering by length and discussed ways in which we could measure. We used non-standard units in the form of cubes to measure our printed dinosaur footprints but we didn't stop there, we measured everything even ourselves and our teachers! One of our dinosaur stories this week was 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish'. We looked at various things we could do to keep our Earth and environment healthy. Planting trees, turning off taps and lights were top of the list including making sure we recycled and reused things. To help others we made posters to encourage recycling whenever they can. As you can see we have had a 'Roarsome' week of learning excitement! We cannot wait until next week to see what awaits us .





5th October

Please bring your Harvest Festival donations to the School Hall

6th October 9am-11.30am

Harvest Festival Practice

7th October 10.15am

Harvest Festival at St Martins Church

Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to join us



Mathletics: Congratulations to Margot P, Ariana A, Harrison L and Evie W for your Bronze certificate.

Congratulations to Imogen C and Conor L for your silver certificate.



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

Elena W - 2 skills badges at Rainbows. Stage 1 Camp Badge and Stage 1 Change Badge.

Tate T - Medal for taking part in the Lidl Mudder mud-fest obstacle course.

Edward F - Level 1 swimming certificate.

Chloe B - Passing her third martial arts grading in Kuk Sool Won and earned a yellow stripe on her belt and for breaking a piece of wood with her hands!

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Dear Parents,

Your child may have mentioned that our focus artist this term is Beatrix Potter, the Victorian author and illustrator of the original Peter Rabbit stories and many more besides.

I would like to draw your attention to a wonderful exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London entitled, "Beatrix Potter: Drawn to Nature." It runs until January 8th next year and is a delightful expansion of our focus on her life and work and her observation and love of nature.

If you are a member, you can attend free of charge and without a booking, but non-members will have to book and an adult ticket is £14, with under 12's entry free.

I highly recommend a day at the V & A which is an incredible palace of treasures and which, outside 'feature' exhibitions like this one, is free to all.

Nearest tube is South Kensington and you can access the museum from the tunnel at the station. Half Term or Christmas Holiday Adventure, anyone? Museum Link below.

With my best wishes to you all.

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/beatrix-potter-drawn-to-nature>

Julia Degg Art Director

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