



Meadlands Primary School



Mallard Messenger

Our current school value is Kindness : Resilience



Date	Event	Applicable to
16/20.2.26	HALF TERM SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED	ALL
2/6.3.26	Book Week	All
5.3.26	Yrs 5 & 6 Netball Tournament	10 children
5.3.26	World Book Day	All
6.3.26	Poery Slam Finals	Specific

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Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers

As we now arrive at half way through the academic year, I was just looking back at all the wonderful learning that has taken place so far. Parents who attended the Year 5 and Year 4 class assemblies will have seen this for themselves. This half-term saw some wonderful D&T studies: Year 3 made some delicious tacos, and Year 2 created some colourful stuffed peppers. Year 5 designed and modelled electronic fairground rides and Year 4 designed and made hedgehog homes out of sustainable material. The creativity and problem-solving on show was so impressive. We certainly have some future engineers among us. I have also been super impressed by the Spanish lessons taking place across key stage 2. It makes me very happy to hear Spanish songs filling the corridors!



The KS2 Spelling Bees took place last week. Congratulations to everyone who took part and earned points for their houses. Special congratulations go to:

Year 3 and 4 finalists: Salma, Aidan E, Niklesh, Caroline, Ella CB, **and the winner: Mai**

Year 5 and 6 finalists: Oscar, Lisbeth, Paddy, Florence, Ollie, Lisa, Noah **and the winner: Connie**

The children showed great resilience and it proved really hard to whittle the numbers down. The words grew increasingly harder with the winners having a number of very difficult words to spell. Well done to all!

It was Internet Safer Day earlier this week. All classes had lessons on *exploring the safe and responsible use of AI* – whilst we recognise that AI can support some elements of our daily lives, we want the children to understand its limitations and to always remember that their own brains will always do a better job. This will be revisited in PSHE lessons throughout the year and also in our Disconnect to Reconnect weeks.

We are sending home the Poetry Slam booklets today – the theme this year is “Where we live”. Poems may be about London, Richmond, The River Thames, our local nature or even our own homes. As always, children can choose a poem from the booklet or pen one of their own. We will be holding the heats after half-term, with the grand final being held at the end of Book Week, Friday 6th March.

We rounded off the half-term with two very energetic discos. Thank you for supporting these – we raised a grand total of £1209.38 which will directly benefit the school.

I wish you a relaxing half-term – I hope you manage to enjoy the week, despite the rather bleak weather outlook. We'll see you all back on Monday 23rd February.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wreford



School Success and Celebrations

Achievement Certificate Winners:

Well done to the following children for being awarded an achievement certificate.

Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 13 th February 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Resilience	Handwriting
Nursery		Margot	Cyrus	
Reception	Joshua	Cooper	Rome	
Year 1	Finley	Bella O	Ivy H & Albert	Eva
Year 2	Elsie	Johnny	Riley	Kodi
Year 3	Alex	Niklesh	Aaron	
Year 4	Ruby	Amelia & Rei	Sami	Harper
Year 5	Logan		Whole Class	Bonnie
Year 6	Miles	Klara	Remy	Iris





Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 6 th February 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Resilience	Handwriting
Nursery	Aurora	Sophie	Noah	
Reception	Alba	Leon	Nefes	Finn
Year 1	Anton	Arlo	Ivy B	Mia
Year 2		Kodi	Kahlen	Varun
Year 3	Grace	Stanley	Filip	Lucas
Year 4	Ella	Amelia	Harper	Mia
Year 5	Bonnie	Oscar	Sasha	Lisbeth
Year 6	Jago	Ollie	Val	





Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 13.2.26 - Well done to Year 1 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 97.3% this week.

Week ending 6.2.26 - Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 98.7% last week.



APOLLO

970



ARTEMIS

1375



HESTIA

1085



POSEIDON

1377



Class Updates



Look at what Nursery have been learning...

Last week the children were learning about vehicles that fly and they were particularly interested in finding out about rockets. They explored moon sand and learnt the names of some planets. This week we have been reading about the Lunar New Year and learning about Chinese traditions, Chinese art work and the story of the Great Race. The children have enjoyed dressing up, writing menus and even cooking some tradition food.



Look at what Reception have been learning...

Last week Reception looked at recycling and why it is important. We investigated different recyclable materials and how to sort them into the correct bins. They also did their own recycled crafts, using their creativity to come up with a range of outcomes, from binoculars to an axolot! This week we have been reading Bee and Me and discussed the big role that bees play in our environment. The Puffins also had the chance to get into the Valentine spirit, with love heart paint bubbles and valentine's day cards.



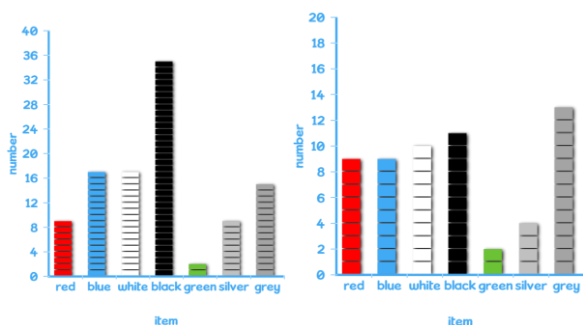


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Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

Year 1 have really impressed Ms Sanchez and Mrs Taunton-Johnson this week in their final computing lesson. Using the data they collected out of school, showing the number of different coloured cars they could spot, they created their own table of data and block chart in JiT. Each child has brought a copy home of their work to share with their families. In our final RE lesson on our Islam unit, we were visited by three Year 4 children who shared what it is like to be a Muslim child including showing us how they pray.



Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

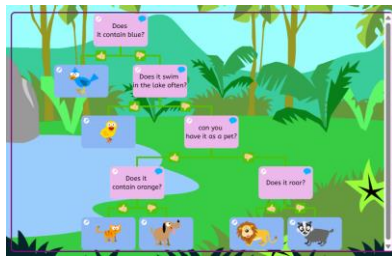
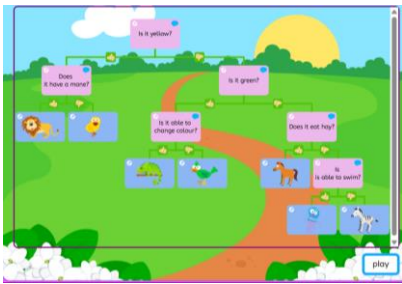
Mr Hepburn will update Year 2 parents separately this week.



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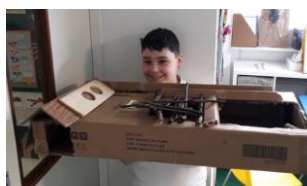
Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

In our final computing lesson this week, Year 3 created their very own animal or dinosaur branching databases using the JiT Branching Database tool. Mrs White and I were blown away by the skill they demonstrated asking very specific questions such as Does it have a man?, Is it an omnivore? to separate their objects. All children will be bringing home a copy of their completed database to share with their parents. Well done Year 3.



Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

This week Year 4 finished building their hedgehog homes out of recycled materials. As you can see in the photos below, fun was had by all. The classroom was very messy afterwards, but with excellent teamworking skills, the class got it tidy again.





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Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 had a visit from Chertsey Museum last week to prepare them for our next History topic next half term on the Tudors. During their workshop, they examined some artifacts and replicas of Tudor daily objects, had a go at writing with a quill and ink, tried some Tudor dancing and some lucky children even tried dressing like a Tudor.



Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

This week, Year 6 have started to make their bags! After sewing sessions, making a prototype and planning, they have started to measure (twice), cut (once) and sew it together. They have showed resilience, creativity, initiative and great teamwork skills to help each other out!





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The week of the 19th January was Energy Saving week, so a perfect time to share some everyday energy saving tips with you that is not only good for the environment, but also also your wallet.



Getting up for the day

- **Keep your shower time to four minutes** – set a timer or play a song (saves £45 a year).
- **Keep your bathroom ventilated** – close the bathroom door, turn on your extractor fan or open a window during, and for 15 minutes after, your shower [to prevent damp and mould](#).
- **Reduce the water temperature**, as cooler showers use less energy (saves £40 a year).
- **Turn off the tap** while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing your face, and use cold water if you don't need hot.

Heating your home for the day

- **Check the temperature on the thermostat** – between 18°C and 21°C is fine for most people.
- **Check your heating times** – if you have a boiler set the temperature two or three degrees lower, (or programme it to be off) when you're out or asleep. If you heat your home with another type of heating, such as a [heat pump](#), check with the installer before changing any settings.
- **Check the thermostatic radiator valves** – some have numbers on them. You can set each one to the lowest number that keeps the room comfortable. Set them to three or four for rooms you want warmer and one or two for rooms you want cooler.
- **Install [radiator reflectors](#)** behind radiators on external walls. These are easy to install even in rented homes, and should make rooms feel warmer.
- **Close your curtains and blinds when it gets dark**, as this helps keep the heat in at night. Keeping your curtains or blinds open when it's light lets the sun warm the room.

Washing and drying your clothes

- **Use your washing machine's 'eco' cycle for dirty laundry** – this takes longer but uses less energy – these are sometimes called 'Eco 40-60' or 'Eco cotton'.
- **Use a cold cycle (20°C or 30°C)** for laundry that needs a 'freshen up' but isn't visibly soiled.
- **Use a heated clothes airer instead of a tumble dryer** – these are cheaper to run, and they'll also allow clothes to dry more quickly than a standard clothes airer.
- **Hanging your washing outside** can be an effective way to dry clothes. You can do this on sunny days but colder and overcast days can also be drying days. Look for days when it's breezy and when the ground is dry.
- If you are on a [smart tariff](#), then **schedule appliances to run during lower price times** (only run them when you are at home and awake due to potential fire risks).



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Safeguarding concern?

Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? Please contact the SPA (Single Point of Access). Phone 020 8547 5008. [You can make an online referral here.](#)

If you think a child is in immediate danger you should call 999.

Early Starts

Please remember that if your child is coming into school early for whatever reason (clubs, boosters, sports events), they must enter via Breakfast Club and NOT the main entrance. Please also endeavour to arrive on time for clubs as late arrivals are disruptive for both staff and other students.

DISMOUNT FROM BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

Please can you remind children that they must **dismount from *bikes, skateboards and scooters* at any of the small gates at the entrances to the school grounds.** They are NOT to scoot or cycle through the carpark or beyond these entrances. This includes early children attending for clubs and boosters.

PARKING DURING DROP OFF & PICK UP

According to Highway Code Rule 243: You must not park near a school entrance, anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, at or near a bus stop or taxi rank, on the approach to a level crossing, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles, in front of an entrance to a property, on a bend where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

We are getting increasing numbers of complaints from neighbours and parents as parents are parking illegally on corners and across driveways at pick up and drop off times. This includes picking up after clubs when our car park is reserved for staff only. Please be considerate when parking near the school. We have asked for a traffic warden to patrol at the beginning and end of the school day.



Community Noticeboard



HALF TERM AT THE EXCHANGE



Flowers & Friendship Bracelets
The Ultimate Pop Concert!
SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY
6 PM



Out Of The Box
Circus Comedy Show
MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY
11 AM



Grow (2025) (PG)
WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY
2 PM



How To Survive In Space - Starring
CBBC'S Operation Ouch! O-Twins
FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY
11 AM & 2 PM



BOOK AT WWW.EXCHANGETWICKENHAM.CO.UK
OR CALL THE BOX OFFICE ON 020 8240 2399

Transferring from primary to secondary school if you have an EHCP in Richmond

An information evening for parents and carers of children with education, health and care plans (EHCPs), in Years 4 or 5 of primary school in the Richmond borough.

A chance to:

- meet the Achieving for Children SEND team
- watch presentations from the SEND team, SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) and secondary schools
- speak to secondary school representatives and special educational needs co-ordinators (SENCOs) and ask your questions and admission enquiries

Wednesday 4 March, 2026
5.30pm to 7.30pm

**The Richmond upon Thames School,
Egerton Road, Twickenham TW2 7SL**

Please book your place:

[Secondary school transition online booking form](#)





CHISWICK HOUSE
& GARDENS TRUST



Join us this
February half-term
for an afternoon of
outdoor fun at our
Gardening Together
volunteering session

Gardening Together

Wednesday 18 February

1.30 - 3.30pm

Free entry, but registration is
essential



LEARN MORE



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

THE MAYOR'S SILENT DISCO

Event Details

The Mayor's Silent Disco

Orleans Park School, Richmond Road, Twickenham TW1 3BA

Saturday 28 February 2026

Welcoming and Relaxed Afternoon Session – 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Designed for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Tickets £10 – accompanying adults attend for free.

Evening Session – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Open to everyone – come and dance the night away!

Tickets £20 – 25% discount for groups of four or more.

A chill-out zone/quiet room will be available.

Free headset when booking in advance.

Booking

Tickets can be purchased via: www.richmond.gov.uk/mayors_charities

Box Office: 020 8891 7123

All proceeds go to the Mayor's charities:
Crossroads Care – Supporting Carers
Small Steps – Helping Children with Disabilities