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Attendance

Congratulations to Raza (Year 2) and Disney (Year 1) in Infants and Shonibare and Basquiat (both Year 5) in Juniors for having the best attendance over the past two weeks.

St George's Day

Last Saturday saw Whitton High Street transformed for the St George's Day Parade and Family Fun Day. Thank you to all our children and parents for marching with such great enthusiasm in the parade. A huge thank you also to our PTA who helped organise both our part in the parade and the stall which you may have visited. They said,

"We had a brilliant time. A successful and windy day, parading and playing games with the public who won lollies, sweets and teddies galore! It was wonderful to be part of it."

The stall made a profit of £183 from all the games played. The PTA will be discussing this event and planning future ones, including our Summer Fair on 18th June, at their AGM on **Monday 9th May** (7pm) in The Winning Post. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Father John

Before the Easter holiday, children in infants and juniors enjoyed assemblies with Father John of St Augustine's Church. He spoke to them about the Easter story and was very impressed with their involvement, *"Your children were brilliant. So engaged and they asked really thought provoking questions."*



Cards for Dalemead



Also, before the holiday, junior children continued their practice of

making cards for the residents of Dalemead Care Home. *"Thank you so much for the fantastic Easter cards, the residents were SO happy to receive them!"*

Easter Egg Wall

Thank you for all your Easter egg donations. We raised £170 for the RNL through raffle ticket sales.



Richmond Borough Panathlon

Last Thursday, children from Blake Class took part in the Richmond Borough Panathlon. Ben reports, *"We went to Twickenham School. I saw a team with eleven children and we only had five so I thought we were going to lose. We did lots of different activities, like Messi football, new age kurling, basketball and skittles. The harder the activity, the more points you could win. When they announced the results, I didn't want to get my hopes up, but at the end it was between us and Stanley School. When they said Stanley came 2nd, I realised we had won! We got a trophy, certificates and gold medals for taking part."*



Richmond Borough Gymnastics Competition



Last Friday, two teams from the juniors took part in the Borough gymnastics competition held at Waldegrave School. This is the first time our school have participated and the standard was incredibly high. Tommy explained, *"We had to do the vault, a floor routine and body management. The vault was my favourite*



activity - we vaulted onto a beam and then tuck jumped off it. The Year 3&4 team got second place and Year 5&6 were 4th. I felt very happy because we all did our best."

Design and Technology Competition

The entries for this year's DT competition were amazing. The judges, Mrs Neville and Ms Smyth, said, "We were very impressed with all the entries. Many had thought practically about how to keep the eggs safe and there were some unique and carefully constructed designs." Congratulations to all our winners listed below. Infant children received some growing sets while the junior winners were given informative maze books.



Nursery: Benjamin (Daisy)
Reception: Nicholas (Iris)
Year 1: Yunus (Disney)
Year 2: Antonina (McNish)

Year 3: Charlotte (Banksy)
Year 4: Casey (McQueen)
Year 5: Lily (Shonibare)



Online Author Meeting with Tom Percival



Through our association with *Spark! Book Awards*, children in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a live online visit with Tom Percival, author of *Tilda Tries Again* and *The Invisible*. Liliana and Farhan, from Year 2, got the chance to ask Tom some questions about *Tilda Tries Again*. They asked:

"Why did you use topsy-turvy to describe Tilda's feelings?" (As a way of explaining how you feel when things don't feel quite right, like at the beginning of the pandemic), "How long did it take you to write *Tilda Tries Again*?" (I'm not sure, I work on lots of different books at once!) and "Did you make any mistakes?" (Of course! That's how I learn what I want to include, I keep trying until I get it right). Tom also talked about how he draws his illustrations and they had a go at drawing their own characters alongside him!



The winners and runners up of the recent *Spark! Book Awards Poetry Competition* have now been announced. We are delighted to share that Adyan (Waterlily) and Stephanie (Miro) are both Runners Up in their respective categories (Early Years and Upper KS2).

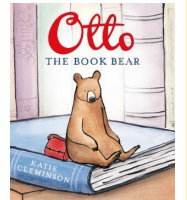
Football

Congratulations to our Year 4 5-a-side football team who last week played in a local schools competition and won beating Trafalgar School 4-2 and Richard Reynolds 2-0.



Reception Walking Adventure

Following in the footsteps of *Otto The Book Bear*, this week children in Reception packed their own backpack with the things they thought he would need when looking for his family (such as a torch, food and blanket) and went on a walk through the school grounds. Like Otto, they made use of all their senses during the walk. Mason said, "We saw a robin and heard diggers on the road, they were too noisy!"



Dates for your diary

Monday **2nd May** - Bank Holiday
Monday **9th** - Thursday **12th May** - Year 6 SATs
Monday **9th May, 7pm** - PTA Annual General Meeting, The Winning Post - everyone is welcome
Monday **16th** - Thursday **26th May** - Year 2 SATs
Friday **20th May** - Class Photographs
Tuesday **24th May** - Year 1 Trip to Chessington
Thursday **26th** - Friday **27th May** - Bushcraft Residential Trip for Year 4
Friday **27th May** - Jubilee Celebrations - **children can dress up as royalty from any era! More details to follow**
Monday **30th May** - Friday **3rd June** - Half Term
Monday **6th June** - Inset Day - children do not attend school
Saturday **18th June** - Summer Fair