



Attendance

Congratulations to **Birch** and **Bay** in Infants and **Storey** and **Hassan** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. A particular well done to the children of Bay, Storey and Hassan for achieving 100% attendance this week.

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The Upper Room Harvest Appeal

Last week the children celebrated Harvest Festival and our Year 4 children launched The Upper Room Harvest Appeal during both schools' assemblies. Giles in Ainslie explains, *"There's a charity called The Upper Room and they are in the upper room of a church. They help people who are homeless by giving them food and driving lessons. That's because you need to be able to drive for lots of jobs. We are collecting food and other things for them so they don't run out."* Thank you for all your donations which have been



Some Year 4 children with posters they created about The Upper Room

building up and will be collected next **Tuesday 17th October**.

Father John joined the Juniors for their Harvest Festival Assembly and said afterwards, *"Thank you for the welcome and for inviting me. I count it as a privilege to be at your school. The pupils are so knowledgeable and intelligent, it was a joy to be with them to share the harvest message."* Father John will return to school next week to spend time with the Infants.

[The Upper Room Harvest Festival Wish List](#)



Year 4 learning about The Upper Room

World Animal Day

There was much excitement in Nursery and Infant School last Friday when the children came to school dressed as their favourite animals. They celebrated World Animal Day and also raised money for the upkeep of our wonderful guinea pigs.



David, who was a crocodile for the day, said *"Mum made everything, even the bow tie!"* while Emily declared, *"I love cats and that's why I wanted to be a snuggly one!"*

Altogether £200 was raised for our guinea pigs.

Year 1 Toy Workshop

Last Thursday, Year 1 had a visit from Chertsey Museum for a *Toys in the Past* workshop. This ties in with their history topic of *Toys through Time*. After a presentation by museum staff, the children were able to get hands on with the toys. Daisy said *"We played with really old toys. You could press and make them spin, or pull strings and some had things that popped out!"*



Girls' Football

Our girls had a great start to the season recently playing in two matches against Trafalgar School. The first game ended 7-0 to Heathfield and the second match also resulted in a win of 2-0. Mr Nuthall said,

"It was great to see so many girls playing football at the same time. The matches took place alongside our popular and growing Year 3 & 4 girls' football sessions with Mrs Hill. Overall, including Trafalgar's students, there were about 55-60 girls taking part in football on our field at one time."

Natasha in Year 4 said, *"I was quite nervous at the start because lots of their players were older but it was fun to play against another school and I was happy at the end because we won! I really like learning all the skills we do to use our feet to control the ball, it's great exercise."*



Positions of Responsibility: Pupil Parliament

Over the past few weeks, children have been appointed to all sorts of roles within the school from House Captains and Sports Leaders to Reading Ambassadors, Eco Team Warriors, Pupil Voice Representatives, Chess Masters and Pupil Parliamentarians. Congratulations to all these children. Our two Pupil Parliamentarians, Gurtej and Emilia, undertook their first duty on Wednesday when they spent the day at York House. *"We were split into groups and met Pupil Parliamentarians from other schools. After an icebreaker session where we asked each other questions, speeches were delivered and voted on. We were voting on the question of whether 16 year olds should be allowed to vote. The Mayor joined us later and listened to the top ten speeches. Most Pupil Parliamentarians voted for it, about three fifths, while two fifths were against. The Mayor said initially she was against but the speeches might change her mind. It was a great day."*



Dates for your diary

Thursday **19th October, 9.30am** - Reception Open Morning - [book via Infant school office](#)

Thursday **19th October, 2.45pm** - Year 6 Taylor-Brown Class Assembly

Thursday **19th October, 3.40pm** - Isle of Wight Information Meeting in the Junior Hall

Monday **23rd** - Friday **27th October** - Half Term

Tuesday **31st October** - Closing date for secondary school applications

Tuesday **31st October** - Seasonal Dress Up Day (suggested donation £1) and Bake Off Competition

Wednesday **1st November** - Year 6 trip to Bushy Park Stockyard

Thursday **2nd November, 6-7.30pm** - **Fireworks Night** - tickets available now [click here](#)

Wednesday **8th November, 9.30am** - Reception Open Morning - [book via Infant school office](#)

Wednesday **8th** and Thursday **9th November** - Year 5 trips to Hampton Court Palace

[Save the Date](#): **Saturday 22nd June 2024** - Summer Fair