



Attendance

Well done to the children in **Chestnut** and **Rowan** in Infants for having the best attendance over the last two weeks and to the children in **Emin**, **Kilimanjaro** and **Grand Canyon** in Juniors. A special mention to the children of Grand Canyon who achieved 100% attendance this week.



London Youth Games

Our girls' cricket team had the honour of representing Richmond Borough at the London Youth Games held at Gunnersbury Park last Thursday. Tia had this to say,



"Everyone played as a team and communicated well. We batted well hitting 4s and 6s as well as getting runs and stopping balls too. We won all our games until we reached the final."

Mr Watson added, *"To come second in London is a huge achievement. It's been an incredible journey for these girls who, three years ago, had never played cricket before."*



Bushcraft

Just before half term, many of our Year 4 children spent the night under canvas on their Bushcraft adventure. Sara and Asma report, *"It was great, we did lots of fun things like climbing, making a village out of wood, building fires and painting our faces with charcoal which was part of our camouflage activity."* Asma continued, *"My favourite activity was making smores,"* while Sara enjoyed the



climbing wall the most, *"We raced each other, even the teachers!"*



New Guinea Pigs

Ant has been joined by two new friends after Dec passed away in his sleep. They are only three months old and settling in very well. Each class in Infants selected two possible names for the guinea pigs and the children voted on them last week in assembly. The winning pair were Salt and Pepper. Alexis in Birch said, *"Salt and Pepper are very cute. My favourite is Salt because he is fluffy and has bright eyes."*



Online Safety Workshop

Year 6 attended an online safety workshop on Tuesday run by Freshwater Theatre. Simaa and Kimberly said, *"It was a great experience and the presenter made it very interesting. We were taught what goes on the internet, stays on the internet."*

We really liked how funny she made it and how she played games. The key messages we learnt were "1) Don't tell anyone personal information and 2) Don't send people photos of other people without their permission."



Teddy Bear Sing Along

On Monday, our Reception children celebrated their bear themed English lessons by inviting their families to join them for a Teddy Bear's Picnic and Sing Along. The children made sandwiches for the picnic using cress they had grown in school and performed songs they had learnt in singing assembly with Mr Speck. Angel was a fan of the sandwiches, *"I have never tried cress before but now I know I like it!"* while Daniel enjoyed the whole event, *"I want to bring my teddy and have a picnic at school every day."*



Borough Sports

We had further sports success last Wednesday at the Borough Sports Competition at St Mary's University. Kairon explains, "We took part in lots of different events such as the standing long jump, vortex throwing, sprint and relay. We were nervous to begin with but settled into the tournament as the day went on. We got bronze, coming third overall." Mr Watson was delighted saying it is the highest place we have ever achieved in the athletics competition.



Bikeability Year 5

Over the past few weeks, our Year 5 children have had the opportunity to hone their cycling skills with the Richmond Borough Bikeability Scheme. Children were first assessed on the school



grounds before being taken out on the surrounding roads. Those who need a little more practice before taking to the roads are invited to book a free, 90 minute, one-to-one cycle session with a Richmond Borough cycling instructor. This service is open to all. For further information, visit richmond.gov.uk/book_cycling_training



The Surprise

Mr Speck is always keen to introduce the children to a wide selection of music during school assemblies. In recent weeks, both Infants and Juniors have particularly enjoyed listening to a piece called *The Surprise* by Joseph Haydn from 1790. Mr Speck explains, "The composer got fed up with dinner guests falling asleep after their huge meal, so he composed a piece containing little musical surprises to wake them up! Lots of his music contains little jokes and surprises too so try and listen to some at home."



Rose Theatre Meet the Authors

On Tuesday, children from Year 2 and Year 5 went to the Rose



Theatre in Kingston to meet with the authors of books they are reading. Year 2 met Nadia Shareen, author of *Grimwood* while Year 5 met Sam Copeland and Jenny Pearson, whose book *The Underpants of Chaos* is being read as part of their summer book club. The children were incredibly excited to have their books signed by the authors, and as always, behaved beautifully during the visit.

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Dates for your diary

Saturday **17th June, 3pm** - Choir attending Children's Music Festival, St Augustine's Church

Monday **19th June** - Year 2 trip to Twickenham Stadium for *Meet the Authors* event

Friday **23rd June** - Mufti Day for the Summer Fair (teddies are requested for Infants and bottles for Juniors)

Monday **26th June** - Urban Farm visiting Nursery and Year 1

Wednesday **28th June** - Year 4 Teide and Vesuvius to the Gurdwara

Friday **30th June** - Junior Sports Day

SATURDAY 1ST JULY - SUMMER FAIR, 12-3pm

Monday **3rd** and Tuesday **4th July** - Parents' Evenings for Years 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday **4th** and Thursday **6th July** - Parents' Evenings for Infants

Thursday **6th July** - Infant Sports Day

Tuesday **11th July, 2-7pm** - Parents' Evening for Year 6

Thursday **13th July, 5.30pm** - Year 6 Leavers' Disco

Friday **14th July, 10am** - Infant Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday **18th** & Wednesday **19th July, 7pm** - Year 6 Production of *Lion King Jr* (ticket information to follow)

Thursday **20th July, 10am** - Junior Rocksteady Concert

Friday **21st July** - End of term