



### Attendance

Well done to **Rowan** and **Birch** in Infants and **Storey** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. We will soon be launching **Attendance Week** where children can earn a badge for coming to school every day. More information will follow shortly.

### Attendance Matters



### Richmond Cross Country

Many congratulations to the Year 6 team who ran at the Richmond Cross Country Championship last Friday. Alex, Anfel, Emilia, Hazael, Herbie, Isabella, Tommy and Tykhon all braved the windy and chilly conditions to run spectacularly well over a one mile course at King's House Sports Ground. It was Heathfield's best ever performance at the borough championship with a particularly strong 5th place in the girls' race from Isabella, which inspired Tommy and Alex to both finish in the top twenty in the boys' race.



Mr Shaw

### Pupil Voice - Be Bright Be Seen



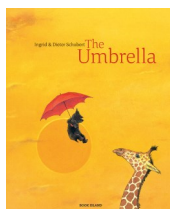
Our Pupil Voice representatives led our recent road safety assembly where, among other things, they promoted the importance of being

visible as it gets darker earlier. Reflective zip clips have been available to support this message. Congratulations to this year's Pupil Voice representatives on being appointed:

Year 1: Hidayah, Jacques and Amayah  
Year 1 Vice: Tam, Isabelle and Harry  
Year 2: Mason, Yusef and Sophia  
Year 3: Guilia, Thishakya, Mollie and Maya  
Year 4: Aron, Harrison and Mariia  
Year 5: Theo, Tyler, Zekra and Chehak  
Year 6: Cheyenne, Asenat, Ollie, Arwa, Harvey and Leland

### On Cloud Nine

Reception children have been reading the wordless text *The Umbrella* by Ingrid and Dieter Schubert. There is a beautiful illustration in the book showing the dog walking across clouds. The children took part in a fascinating science experiment to create clouds. "The clouds looked really beautiful" said Ezekiel, while Lyla observed, "The clouds looked fluffy, colourful and like a rainbow." Emily added, "I liked watching the clouds because there were so many different colours."



### Stone Age Day

Jess and Aria report: "On the 15th of November, Year 3 had a Stone Age Day and it was really fun. After we had the register we went into the hall and saw Ug! At first he didn't speak at all. He showed us some stone age tools and told us all about the Neolithic, Mesolithic and Paleolithic periods. He told us what they ate and how they hunted. Our class, Simmonds, were the first to do archery with Ug. We shot deer, boars, bears, pheasants and badgers. After that we looked at lots of animal bones and tried to draw them. Then we made weapons. After lunch we made our own cave drawings on pieces of slate with chalk and charcoal. Finally, we felt stone age fur and tried them on."



### Twickenham School Girls Football

Our girls took on a very challenging match a few weeks ago, playing against teams from Year 7 and 8 at Twickenham School! Mr Nuthall was very proud of the girls saying, *"Our A team lost 4-0 to a very strong Year 7/8 team, playing 9-aside for the first time on a bigger pitch than they are used to. They were very unlucky not to score but they faced Demi [an ex-Heathfield goalkeeper], who was on top form."* Meanwhile our B team drew 1-1 with many players representing the school for the first time. Mr Nuthall praised the team saying, *"Again resilience was shown as we conceded early on in the game and kept fighting until the last 5-10 minutes to get the equaliser"*.



The first team later played in the Richmond Borough tournament. They reached the quarter final stage without conceding a goal, before losing on penalties at that stage. A fantastic achievement.

### Virtual Author Visit: Sufiya Ahmed

Yesterday, our Year 6 children enjoyed a virtual visit from author Sufiya Ahmed who shared her amazing knowledge



and beautiful books. The presentation was very engaging. Lissandra said, *"I loved the trailers she showed for the books"* while Keira said, *"I definitely want to read one"*.

### Light Up Whitton

Our Choir enjoyed entertaining the crowd at the Light Up Whitton event on Sunday. Lily said, *"I really enjoyed it because I like to sing and it was very nice with the lights all around us."* Scarlett added, *"It was super busy and so much fun. I*

*loved singing Christmas songs while watching the lights."*

The choir will be performing again at the Christmas Fair this afternoon.



### Children in Need

Our Infant children embraced dressing up in spottily themed clothes, while our Junior children brought in teddies, all in support of Children in Need a few weeks ago. We are pleased to report that we raised a total of **£430** for the charity. Thank you for your support.



### Dates for your diary

Monday **4th December, 3.30pm** - Reception Nursery Open Afternoon - [book via Infant School office](#)

Wednesday **6th December, 9.30am and 2.15pm** - Year 1 Nativity for Parents

Thursday **7th December, 9.30am** - Year 1 Nativity for Parents

Thursday **7th December** - Infants Christmas Shopping Day - [please place orders by 1st December](#)

Friday **8th December** - Juniors Christmas Shopping Day - [please place orders by 1st December](#)

Monday **11th December, 2.50pm** - Junior Dance & Gymnastics Performance for Parents/Carers

Tuesday **12th December, 1.15pm** (Year 1 and 2 plus choir), **2pm** (Reception) - St Augustine's Church

Thursday **14th December, 10.15am** - Junior Rocksteady Concert in Junior Hall

Friday **15th December, 10.15am** - Infant Rocksteady Concert in Infant Hall

Monday **18th December** - Year 1 Christmas bookmarks with parents and carers

Tuesday **19th December** - Christmas Lunch (Christmas jumpers can be worn with school uniform)

Tuesday **19th December, 2pm** (Infants) and **2.45pm** (Juniors) - Willow Craft and Song

Wednesday **20th December** - Last day of term. Christmas parties (Christmas Jumpers with school uniform)

Tuesday **9th January 2024** - Children return to school for the start of the Spring Term