



NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Well done to the children in **Chestnut** and **Taylor-Brown** last week and to those in **Rowan**, **Storey** and **Farah** this week for having the best attendance. A special mention to Storey and Farah for achieving **100% attendance**.



St George's Day Parade

On Sunday 21st April forty children from across both schools took part in Whitton's annual St George's Day Parade. One of our pupils, Rosie-Mai, played the part of the princess and walked alongside the dragon! Hopey said, *"It was really good. We were walking behind the DJ and took turns holding the banner. We waved to all the people on the street and they waved back"*. Laura, Chair of the PTA, said, *"It was the biggest parade to date and all the children had fun. It was a very enjoyable day and great to represent Heathfield"*.



Year 2 Visit Crane Park

Year 2 had a wonderful morning exploring in Crane Park last week. They undertook various activities including looking for different habitats, searching for mini-beasts, making bark rubbings and creating pictures out of natural materials such as leaves and sticks. Elsie said, *"We went across a metal bridge and saw green, shiny leaves and even bluebells."* The trip was a big success with Elena who said, *"Everyone played in the wild forest. We dug in the dusty mud and we found four slimy worms. It was amazing!"*



Chess Club Tournament

Last term saw the return of Chess Club's popular annual tournament. Thirty-five children from Years 5 and 6 battled it out over a period of nine weeks before Tykhon took the title of Grand Champion. Both Tykhon and runner up Osmaan received glass shields with their names engraved on them. The awards were donated by Twickenham Rotary Club who support Chess Club each week.



Muhammad, who claimed third place, said, *"I really enjoyed the tournament. Lots of*



players were very good and there were some hard matches. I think everyone's games improved over the competition. I met people I would never have met if I didn't play chess."

Sports News - Tag Rugby and Football

We have had some great successes over the last two weeks with our various sports teams. Last Wednesday, our tag rugby team played their toughest match so far in the Richmond Borough Tag Rugby League. They played against Barnes Primary School in the quarter finals. Mr Nuthall said, *"A strong, determined and focused start meant we got a lead and with good resilience we kept it throughout the game."* The team are looking forward to the challenge of Finals Night which will take place at Richmond Rugby Club in early May.



The following day, our Year 5 girls and boys football teams played in the Battle of the Boroughs competition. Forty teams took part altogether. The boys won all their group stage games by scoring 11 goals and conceding none. After winning 2-0 in the quarter final they finally lost 1-0 in their semi final match. The goal against us was scored by a Chelsea u10s player! Tremendous teamwork was displayed throughout with three boys representing Heathfield for the first time.

Meanwhile our girls also won all their group stage games, similarly scoring 16 goals and conceding none. They continued their winning streak through the quarter finals and semi finals before winning 4-1 in the final! Altogether they scored 23 goals and conceded only one. Zoe said, *"It was such a good day, we scored so many goals and our goal keeper was amazing at saving them."*

Birthday Treats

As part of our commitment to encouraging children to be healthy, and in recognition of the increasing number of children with allergies (who are excluded from sharing some foods) we would like to remind you not to send in treats for the class on your child's birthday, or other festivals or celebrations.

As an alternative, children are welcome to bring in a book for the class to share. We are happy to put a sticker in the book saying that the book was bought for your child's birthday, or other celebration, read it on the day and then keep the book in the book corner as a special memory. *There is obviously no obligation to do this - it is entirely up to you.* We will continue to mark special events in school, including birthdays, by talking about festivals, wishing children a happy birthday or singing to them if they would like this.



Dates for your Diary

Monday **29th April** - Wednesday **1st May** - Freeman and Redfern to Isle of Wight

Wednesday **1st May** - Year 5 (not at Isle of Wight) to Marble Hill Playground

Wednesday **1st** - Friday **3rd May** - Bolt, Farah and Mardini to Isle of Wight

Thursday **2nd May, 3.45-5pm** - Family Bingo in Junior Hall

Friday **17th May** - Class Photos

Week beginning Monday **20th May** - Parents' Meetings for Nursery

Tuesday **21st May** - Choir to attend Richmond Music Trust's Singing Festival at Rose Theatre, Kingston

Friday **24th May** - First Mufti Day for Summer Fair

Monday **27th May** - Friday **31st May** - **Half Term**

Monday **3rd June** - **Inset Day**

Friday **21st June** - Second Mufti Day for Summer Fair

Saturday **22nd June** - **SUMMER FAIR**

Friday **5th July** - Juniors' Sports Day

Monday **8th July** and Tuesday **9th July, 3.45-6.15pm** - Parents' Evening for Years 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday **9th July, 2pm-7pm** - Parents' Evening for Year 6 - **please note change of date and time**

Tuesday **9th July** and Thursday **11th July, 3.30-6pm** - Parents' Evening for Reception, Years 1 and 2

Friday **12th July** - Infants' Sports Day

Monday **15th** and Tuesday **16th July** - Year 2 Leavers' Celebration for parents and carers

Wednesday **17th** and Thursday **18th July, 7pm** - Year 6 Production for parents and carers

Wednesday **24th July** - Last day of term