



### Attendance

We have had a great start to the term with high levels of attendance across the two schools. In the Infants Rowan, Juniper and Sycamore have had the best weekly attendance so far this term. In the Juniors Farah, Hassan, Taylor-Brown and Bolt all achieved **100% attendance** in the first week back after the holidays! Freeman and Ainslie have had the best weekly attendance since then. Thank you for your support. Studies show that children with the highest levels of attendance throughout their time in school gain the best results later on. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Attendance Matters



### Lunchtime Library

Every lunchtime our team of reading ambassadors open the library to help our junior children choose and check out books. One of our ambassadors, Sana, came up with the idea of offering a story time. *"I thought it would help some people to choose books. Some just come and listen. I thought it would make people calm and happy."* This initiative has certainly proved very popular, sometimes taking the form of a guided reading session!



### Dalemead Christmas Cards

Last term, we once again made some wonderful Christmas cards for the residents of Dalemead Care Home in East Twickenham. They were delighted to receive them with Sarah, the Activity Co-ordinator saying, *"Thank you so much for bringing the cards round to us. The cards are absolutely wonderful. The residents love them. Wishing you a very happy new year."*

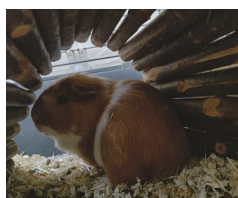


### Nursery Adventures

Our Nursery children have also enjoyed exploring the library recently. Miss English said, *"Our children had a lovely time looking at the books, listening to a story and sitting on the comfy cushions."*



The children have also been busy looking after our school guinea pigs. Aiden thought the guinea pigs were *"very cute"* and Theo liked the way *"they talk"*.



### Nursery Applications

If you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they are eligible to join our Nursery in September 2024. Please ensure you apply by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Applications forms are available from the Infant School Office. We are holding an Open Afternoon on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** for anyone wishing to take a tour of the Nursery.





### Ice Exploration in Reception

During the cold spell recently, our Reception children were excited to spot ice forming in the Reception Garden. This tied in very well with their learning about the seasons.



Ice chips were used in play and many children were fascinated to see the ice melt. Lyla said, "It's turning into water because my hands are warm!"



### Volunteers Wanted

Voices of Hope, the charity which runs the Brite Box recipe kit project, are looking for volunteers. They meet weekly at Harlequins Rugby Club on Thursday afternoon for portioning and Friday morning for packing the boxes.

For more information click on the following link: [Voices of Hope](#). Once on their website, click on the 'Volunteer with Us' button to register your interest.



### RNLI: Fill Your Boots Appeal

On Monday Mrs Mullen launched a house competition in Juniors to help raise funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Children are encouraged to bring small change (1ps, 2ps, 5ps, 10ps and 20ps) to school



to fill the wellies in the foyer. The money raised will be donated to buy essential equipment for the lifeboat men and women who volunteer to keep our waters safe. Teddington station, which covers the river rather than the sea, is one of the busiest in the country. The competition ends on Thursday 1st February and the houses with the most money will win extra playtime.



### Sports News

On Tuesday, our tag rugby team played their remaining league games against Orleans, St Edmund's, Trafalgar and Chase Bridge. They played incredibly well winning all their games: 8-2, 7-0, 8-1 and 5-1. They will enter the last 16 with an unbeaten record.



The following day, our girls' football team visited Stamford Bridge to watch Chelsea Women play



Real Madrid Women in the Champions League. As Chelsea FC have agreed to offer 56 girls free coaching for 6 weeks in March as part of their Project 5000 program, we supported Chelsea and celebrated their 2-1 win.

### Dates for your diary

Monday **29th January, 9.00am and 12.30pm** - Nursery Parents: Sandwich Making  
Friday **2nd February, 9.00am** - Year 2 Super Spellers Workshop (Year 2 children with their parents)  
Monday **5th February, 3.45-6.15pm** - Parents' Evening for Juniors (no choir)  
Tuesday **6th February** - Visit by children's author, Mrs P - [signed copies of Jessie and JoJo available to order](#)  
Tuesday **6th February, 3.30-6.30pm** - Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 6  
Thursday **8th February, 3.45pm** - Nursery Open Afternoon - [book through the Infant School Office](#)  
Thursday **8th February, 3.30-6pm** - Parents' Evening for Reception to Year 2  
Friday **9th February, 9.00am** - Year 1 Parents: Reading Workshop  
Monday **12th** - Friday **16th February** - **HALF TERM**  
Thursday **7th March** - World Book Day - [more information to follow](#)  
Thursday **28th March** - Last Day of Term