

28th April 2023

Attendance

Well done to the children in the following classes for having the best attendance over the last two weeks: **Oak**, **Hawthorn** and **Sycamore** in Infants and **Kilimanjaro** and **Ko Tapu** in Juniors. Information and advice regarding attendance and when to keep your child at home was given out this week and can be accessed by clicking on <u>this link</u>. We will soon have 100% attendance week where children will be able to earn a medal for attending every day.

St George's Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us to represent the school in the St George's Day parade last Sunday and to all those friendly faces in the crowd who cheered us along. We had a fantastic turnout and the slight drizzle was not able to dampen our spirits. We marched alongside other local



The Fire Service visit Nursery

Last Friday our Nursery children received a visit from the Fire Service. The children had a wonderful time and were able to go inside the fire engine and see all the different pieces of equipment used by the firefighters. The children asked lots of thoughtful questions like, "Why do you wear hats?" (Harley) and "Why do you wear special clothes? (Janvi). The children learnt all about how the Fire Service help people and since the visit we have had lots of fabulous firefighting role play in Nursery.



schools, marching bands, football teams, dancers, stilt walkers, cubs, scouts, vintage cars and motorbikes as well as St George, his dragon and a storm trooper.



<u>Year 2 visit Crane Park</u>

Year 2 enjoyed an outing to Crane Park this week.



"We walked to Crane Park and learnt about nature, minibeasts and their microhabitats. We did some bark rubbings and made pictures

using natural things like leaves and

twigs. We saw lots of dogs. My favourite thing was running up and down the hill and climbing the trees!"



<u>Year 5 visit Marble Hill</u>

On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 children had the opportunity to visit Marble Hill Adventure Play-

ground. Tahsin had a wonderful time, "At first I played with the lego because I was scared but then I went on the green zip wire. It was really scary but really fun. I then went on the huge red swing. I fell off the first time but I was happy to fall off because then I knew what it would feel like. I went on it so many times after that, it was so fun!"



Football Roundup

Our various football teams have been busy over the last two weeks. We have played two matches against Holy Family School with our Year 5 team winning 4-0 and our Year 4s beating their opponents 3-2. These friendlies are a great opportunity for our younger players to experience match conditions.

Both our boys' and girls' teams have progressed in the Borough League Cup. The girls beat Archdeacon Cambridge School on Monday by 4 goals to 1 and will now go on to play East Sheen School in the quarter finals. The result was particularly impressive with three Year 4 girls playing for the team. The boys also played their last 16 match this week. They met with St Mary Magdalen's School and won 5-0. They will now play St Elizabeth's School in their quarter final match.



Using Social Media Safely

Last week Grand Canyon Class gave an assembly in Juniors on the safe use of social media. They went through the benefits of social media and how to stay safe online. Children were shocked to learn

that you actually have to be at least 13 to use all of the social media types shown in the photograph.

This week Mr Colenso further demonstrated how children need to keep themselves safe online. He set up a

scenario where children believed they were talking to a school in Canada. However, they were actually talking to Mrs Fisher and Mr Sutton. It helped them realise how easy it was for someone to pretend to be someone else online. This link from Childline contains useful advice about keeping our information safe online.

Cards for Dalemead

Before the holiday, our Year 3 children created Easter cards for the residents of Dalemead Care Home. Sarah, the activity co-ordinator there, responded on their behalf saying,

"Thank you so much for drop-

ping the Easter cards off at Dalemead. I really appreciate it. The residents love the cards©."



RNLI

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs and to those who bought raffle tickets to win an egg last term. Through the raffle we were able to raise £235 which Lifeboats we have passed on to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to support their work.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th May - Mufti Day for King's Coronation: kings / queens or red, white & blue clothing (no donations) Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATs Monday 15th May - Year 5 start Bikeability training - classes have different start dates, see separate letter Thursday 18th May - Class photographs Friday 19th May, doors open 7pm - Comedy Night (Junior Hall) Tickets cost £10, order via school offices Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th May - Year 3 Safe Walking Training Thursday 25th - Friday 26th May - Year 4 Bushcraft School Journey Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term Monday 5th June - Inset Day - Children do not come to school SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY 1ST JULY - SUMMER FAIR Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July - Parents' Evenings for Years 3, 4 and 5 Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th July - Parents' Evenings for Infants Tuesday 11th July, 2-7pm - Parents' Evening for Year 6 Friday 21st July - End of term