



Attendance

Congratulations to **Juniper** and **Birch** in Infants and **Applegate** (Lower) and **Bolt** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. Applegate and Bolt were particularly impressive with **100% attendance** each. Several other classes were close with just a single absence during the week - Dujardin, Juniper, Pendleton, Redfern and Simmonds.

Nursery

Our Nursery children have now started and are settling in really well. They are beginning to explore the many different activities on offer. They have been particularly enjoying lots of poems and nursery rhymes during their carpet sessions. Parents and carers are encouraged to look at their child's Tapestry account for more insight into their daily learning.

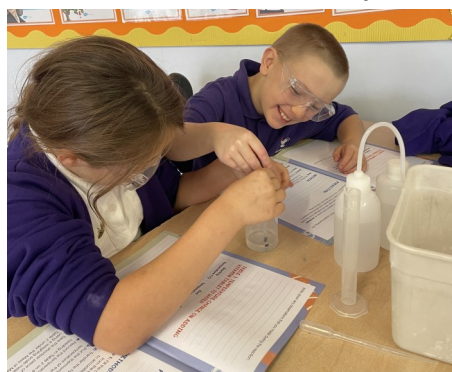


Science Sparks

All our Year 5 children get the opportunity this term to undertake science experiments with specialist teachers from Hampton School. Over the last two weeks it has been the turn of Farah Class.

Nivaan explained, "In

the first week we mixed hydrochloric acid and magnesium and predicted if the magnesium would make the hydrochloric acid hotter or colder. I predicted hotter and I was right. We recorded the results in a special booklet. It was good fun, I really enjoyed it."



New Playground Equipment for Years 1 and 2

Children in Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying new playground equipment this week. The equipment was introduced and demonstrated during Monday's KS1 assembly.

Leah from Birch said, "The green equipment is for Year 1 and the red equipment is for Year 2, so people don't get muddled up. I like using the skipping ropes best. I skip every day!"

In addition to skipping ropes there are a variety of bats and balls as well as bean bags, frisbees, hoops, cones and quoits.



Battle of the Boroughs Football Festival

Last week 12 children from Year 4 went to Richmond & Kew Football Club's grounds to play in a non-competitive Battle of the Boroughs Football Festival. The players had a great time and



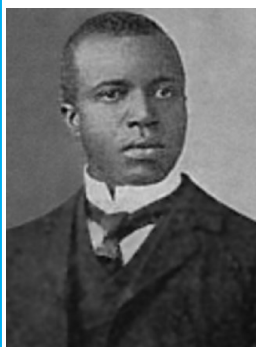
enjoyed the opportunity of practising their skills in small-sided matches. Ten of the 12 children represented the school for the first time.

Noah said, "We were split into two teams, Heathfield Reds and Heathfield Blues, even though we were wearing purple. We drew some matches, lost some and won some. Everyone played well and we got better as we went along, winning our last game."

Singing Assembly: Scott Joplin

Over the last two weeks, children across the school have enjoyed listening to *The Entertainer* by Scott Joplin during our assembly times. Scott Joplin was an amazing ragtime pianist who wowed audiences with his quick fingers and fun, memorable tunes.

Fun fact: ragtime's use of syncopation (unexpected rhythms which make part or all of a tune off-beat) is what made the style recognisable, lively and springy, and therefore ideal for dancing. The word "ragtime" is



believed to be a reduction of the term "ragged time" which refers to its rhythmically broken-up melodies. If you like his music, try and listening to the *Maple Leaf Rag*, too. Mr Speck

Junior Citizen

Last Thursday our Year 6 children journeyed to Heatham House in Twickenham for their first trip of the year to take part in their Junior Citizen course. This is a borough wide scheme where various scenarios are acted out and the children have to decide what to do to keep safe. The children worked in mixed groups from different classes and tackled each scenario



with enthusiasm aiming to achieve the highest scores. A favourite activity was the fire safety scenario where they called 999 and had to give clear instructions to the person answering the call. Mrs Mullen was very proud of them remarking that "*the instructors were particularly impressed with their collaboration skills and how they worked as small teams to complete the tasks set. Well done!*"

Dates for your diary

Monday **9th October** - Parents' Evening for Juniors

Tuesday **10th October** - Parents' Evening for Infants and Juniors, *Alligator's Mouth* in the Library

Thursday **12th October** - Parents' Evening for Infants

Thursday **12th October** - Year 4 Roman Day

Tuesday **17th October** - Harvest Festival Assembly for Infants

Monday **23rd** - Friday **27th October** - Half Term

Tuesday **31st October** - Closing date for secondary school applications

Tuesday **31st October** - Seasonal Dress Up Day (suggested donation £1) and Bake Off [details to follow](#)

Thursday **2nd November, 6-7.30pm** - **Fireworks Night** - tickets available now [click here](#)

[Save the Date](#): **Saturday 22nd June 2024** - Summer Fair