



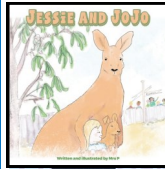
Attendance

Well done to **Chestnut** and **Rowan** in Infants and **Simmonds** and **Taylor-Brown** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks.



Children's Mental Health Week: My Voice Matters

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. The theme, this year, is *My Voice Matters* and it is all about how we can empower children and encourage them to prioritise their mental health and wellbeing. We have held assemblies to talk to children about the theme and carried out follow up activities as part of our PSHE curriculum in class.



Infant author workshop

All children have taken part in a workshop with the author, Mrs P, whose story *Jessie and JoJo* promotes positive strategies to deal with children's worries and highlights the importance of friendships. Several children took the opportunity of buying the book and having it signed by the author. Mrs P enjoyed her visit saying, *"The children were so well behaved, I was extremely impressed, they all listened beautifully. They also said and shared some thoughtful and lovely comments and observations - what a credit to you all."*

Infant children have also taken part in peer massage workshops today. Mrs Peirson-Hagger visited all classes and after a song to warm up their hands, the children got into pairs. They asked permission from their partner and then gave them a back massage following actions from different nursery rhymes. When asked what she liked, Emilia said, *"All of it!"*



Elm Class: Massage to Hot Cross Buns

Reading Workshops

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have attended one of our reading workshops in the Infant School over the last few weeks. Nursery children and their adults had a wonderful time making sandwiches and wraps for their *Tiger Who Came Tea* party. Reception's workshop centred on making gingerbread while Year 1 parents helped their children to make beautiful rainbow magnets, which linked to their work on poetry. Year 2 focused on being super spellers. In all the workshops, we talked about the importance of reading to our children at home, tuning them into sounds through sound games and nursery rhymes as well as helping the children with their own reading.



Nursery Sandwich Station

Year 2 Super Spellers Workshop



Panathlon

On Monday, children from Bolt Class took part in the annual Panathlon Competition held at Twickenham School. Leland reports, *"Bolt Class had a fantastic time at the Panathlon this week. We played against seven other schools in the Richmond Borough competing for points on a variety of events. Some of these were curling, bowling, basketball and ball skills. It was tough competition and we came 3rd, winning bronze medals. It was a great morning and I am sad I can't take part again next year because it's a great competition."*



Boundless Dance Workshops

Last week, both Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed dance workshops with Lee from Boundless Dance. Year 3's dance took them back to the Indus Valley (modern day northeast Afghanistan, Pakistan and Northwest India) while Year 6 learnt all about swing dance to tie in with their World War 2 history topic.

Ola and Georgia from Year 3 explained, *"Our dance was based around seven emotions which were sorrow, anger, wonder, happiness, disgust, fear and pride. First we followed Lee's routine and then we made up our own. It was amazing learning about the ancient civilisation and we are looking forward to another workshop when we study the Egyptians!"*



Year 6 Swing Dance



Indus Valley Serpent Dance

Ramon and Casey, from Year 6, said of their workshop, *"It was good for making friends because we worked with different people. The music matched the tone of the dance. It was actually difficult in parts and quite hard to remember it all. Dancing like that during World War 2 would have taken people's minds off everything."*

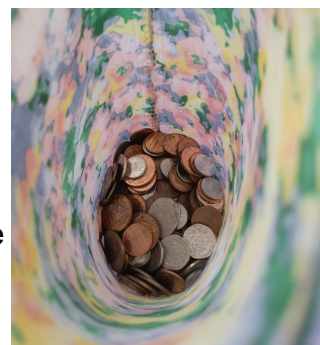
Girls' Football

On Tuesday, our girls' team played Chase Bridge and won 1-0. Mr Nuthall said, *"It was a must win game in order to have a chance to qualify for the knockouts. Just like the boys, we will have to wait and see how the other results go in our group stage."* He was full of praise for the team's attacking and defensive play concluding, *"It was a great team effort to get the win."*



RNLI

Thank you to everyone who donated their loose change to support the RNLI



Fill Your Boots appeal.

Altogether £82.42 was raised with Blue and Green winning the House Competition.

Coram Beanstalk Volunteers Wanted

As a school we work with Coram Beanstalk, a charity that recruits and trains volunteer reading helpers who commit to weekly school visits. They are looking to recruit more volunteers, including one for our school. Reading helpers support at least three children on a one-to-one basis outside of the classroom environment. They share and talk about books, helping children grow in confidence and develop a lifelong love of reading. For more information, visit the website at www.corambeanstalk.org.uk/register-now or call 020 7729 4087.



Dates for your Diary

Monday **12th** - Friday **16th February** - **HALF TERM**

Tuesday **27th February, 9am** - Year 6 Parents' Meeting for Osmington Bay

Thursday **7th March** - World Book Day - **children can dress up as a book character for the day**

Thursday **7th March, 8.45-9.10am** - Share a Story - **parents and carers invited to read with their child**

Thursday **7th March, 5-6pm** - Bedtime Stories - **children can return to school in pyjamas and slippers**

Monday **18th March** - Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day - **children can dress up as an ancient Egyptian**

Friday **22nd March** - Monday **25th March** - Year 6 PGL School Journey, Osmington Bay

Monday **25th March** - Year 5 Bikeability Training starts (continuing into the summer term)

Thursday **28th March** - Last Day of Term