



Attendance

Well done to Disney (Infants) and Banksy (Juniors) for having the best attendance last week and to Raza (Infants) and Kumar (Juniors) for best attendance this week.

Richmond Music Trust Singing Festival

Our choir had a joyous time on Monday taking part in Richmond Music Trust's Singing Festival, *Above and Beyond*, at The Rose Theatre in Kingston. This is the first time the festival has taken place since 2019 due to the pandemic. Albert said, "We sang 'I can see clearly now' and 'Feeling Good' with Chase Bridge School and then five other songs like 'Dynamite' with the other schools there. The Rose Theatre was amazing and we even had snacks and drinks. I would definitely do it again next year."



Tom's Talking Reptiles



Year 2 were visited by Tom's Talking Reptiles last week. Tom brought along some of his amazing insects and reptiles including Pogo the Stick Insect, Shay the Royal Python and Millie the Millipede.



Sofia said, "I liked the Stick Insect because it crawled up my arm and tickled me and it felt like a piece of string."

Yasen liked the snake, "It felt smooth and it went round my neck."



Bushcraft Trip

Just before half term, some of our Year 4 children went on their one night away residential trip to Bushcraft's Cuffley Camp in Hertfordshire. Casey reported, "We built shelters, played games like The Stick Game and 21 in the forest, sang songs and made fires and traps - we couldn't use the traps though. My favourite things were building the shelter and eating, because I was so hungry! All the



food was amazing, especially the burgers cooked over the fire."

Survival Skills and Circus Tricks

Meanwhile, the rest of Year 4 learnt survival skills and circus tricks on our school field with Mrs Proctor-Lane. Freya and Nicole explained, "We had so much fun. We were given different survival situations and had to work out what to do using only four items. The items were a water filter, an axe, rope and a lighter. For example our situation was that water was rising around our island. We decided to use the axe to cut some trees and make a ladder with the wood and rope and then build a shelter up high. We also made tents using only hooks and fabric. It wasn't easy and even though it kept falling down at first, we kept trying because team work makes the dream work!"



Hounslow Urban Farm

On Wednesday, Wiltshire Class enjoyed a fascinating day at Hounslow Urban Farm where the children bravely handled some incredible exotic creatures including hissing cockroaches, a



a giant millipede which can grow up to 30cm long and have as many as 400 pairs of legs.



They also saw the farm animals including pigs, goats and horses and some more unusual animals such as wallabies, rheas, llamas and alpacas. They would definitely recommend a visit!

Don't Worry Little Crab

Our Reception children have been listening to a story by Chris Haughton called, *Don't Worry, Little Crab*.



Little Crab overcomes his fears by being brave and then has a wonderful time under the sea with his Dad. The children have been creating their own rock pools where Little Crab could live. They have also been exploring new language such as limpet and anemone.



Richmond Borough Cricket Competition

Yesterday, our girls and boys' cricket teams braved the heat at Bushy Park Sports Club to play in the Borough Cricket Competition. Both teams played some tremendous cricket with the boys coming **third** overall, beating their final opponents, St Osmond's School by 104-52 runs while the girls secured **first place**, beating The Russell School 118 –37! Congratulations to all players.



The recent success we have enjoyed in several sporting events is testament to the commitment we have made to developing our children's sports skills.

This was recognised earlier this week when, for the second year running, we won the Education Business Awards School Sports Award!

Chess Championship

Congratulations to Mikhail who has been crowned Grand Champion of our Year 6 Chess Club Tournament this year. The competition took place over several weeks and Mikhail said playing chess was a welcome break from working for SATs. "I



learnt to play chess at school. I didn't expect to win because my opponents were so good." Well done also to Jack, Roger and Micah who were placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Dates for your diary

Saturday **18th June** - Summer Fair, **gates open at midday!**

Thursday **23rd** - Friday **24th June** - Year 2 Scooter Training

Tuesday **28th June**, 9-10am - Transition to Year 7 Workshop for Year 6 parents and carers

Tuesday **28th June**, 2.15pm - Transition to Year 3 Workshop for Year 2 parents and carers

Friday **1st July** - Junior Sports Day

Monday **4th July** - All Change Day

Monday **4th July** - Parents' Evening for Years 3-5

Tuesday **5th July** - Parents' Evening for Reception and Years 1-5

Thursday **7th July** - Parents' Evening for Reception and Years 1-2

Monday **11th** - Tuesday **12th July** - Parents' Evenings for Year 6

Tuesday **12th July** - Infant Sports Day

Thursday **21st July** - Last day of term