



Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes for having the best attendance over the last two weeks: Birch, Juniper and Maple in Infants and Attenborough, Temple Grandin and Valentine in Juniors. A special mention to Temple Grandin for achieving 100% attendance for both weeks.

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Year 4 Romans Day

On Friday 18th October, Year 4 had their Romans Day, supporting their history learning. At the start of the day we got to do a Roman workshop where we acted out different scenarios from Roman times. Later in the day, we made mosaics and played a game where you rolled Roman numeral dice and saw who got the highest number. We also got to see real Roman artefacts. We loved it! Our favourite part was when we acted out the scenes from Roman times.



Jess and Aria (Marconi)

Year 1 and 2 Eco Champions

The Eco Club, led by Ms English, worked hard last week to make a wonderful new minibeast hotel for our playground. They used a variety of natural resources and were mindful of the need to make the design comfortable, saying "now the bugs have somewhere to stay and keep warm and sleep."



Special Visitor to Reception

Our Reception children enjoyed a fabulous visit from Jessie the dog before half-term to enrich their learning around their English book *Oh No George!* Ms Jarrett brought Jessie around to all of the classrooms where the children asked some great questions and everyone had the chance to stroke her. The children behaved beautifully using kind hands and a calm manner. Tyrone in Elm Class said "She's just like my dog Ci Ci" and Vivien said "She's so cute I want to cuddle her."



Diwali

On Monday 21st October, the Junior School enjoyed an assembly all about Diwali. Led by Nabhi, a regular visitor to our school, some children dressed up as characters from the story of Rama and Sita. Noor, from Maui, said, "I was the monkey and the mask felt uncomfortable and I looked a little funny!"



Free Trial Sessions at The Club

Looking for a fun, safe and engaging way for your child to spend their afternoons? Join us for a **FREE** trial session at our after school club! From exciting activities to new friendships and skill-building, there's something for everyone.

Spaces are limited, so book a short session (3.25 until 4.45pm) now to secure your child's spot!

Please make your booking by text message on 07484 510907 or via email theclub@heathfield-inf.richmond.sch.uk.



Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court

First we went on the 111 bus and when we arrived we saw the astronomical clock with signs of the zodiac. We visited the chapel and the grand staircase and the haunted gallery. In the haunted gallery we heard ghosts tapping and it felt cold even though it was warm. We went to the kitchen which had a real fire and took part in an activity where we counted all the windows and pumpkins. There were 157 windows and 250 pumpkins! In the afternoon, a guide called Beth (named after Elizabeth 1) showed us around and told us all about Tudor history including where they stored their wine and beer.



Willow, Jewin (Attenborough) and Layla (Coco)

The Upper Room

Thank you for all the wonderful donations you made for The Upper Room. The charity lead was delighted when he came to collect all the contributions. There was so much he had to make a second trip! In the Infants, Year 1 collected the most items and in the Juniors it was Yellow House who won a golf ball. Jess from Nightingale said, *"I helped load the car, both times. I nearly fell in! It makes you feel happy to give to other people who are cold and hungry."*



Children in Need

Next Friday 15th November, we will be raising funds for the BBC charity, Children in Need. For the suggested donation of £1, children in Infants can come to school dressed in something yellow and/or spotty while children in Juniors can bring a small teddy. Thank you for your support.



Year 2 Visit to Crane Park

Year 2 explored the local area in the week before half-term. They walked to Crane Park as far as the Shot Tower looking for signs of Autumn along the way. They discovered a chestnut tree and decided they would return to see it during the different seasons to see how it changes. Angel said, *"I like collecting conkers from chestnut trees, especially the tree in the playground."*



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday **12th November** - Flu Vaccine
Wednesday **13th November, 8.55am** - Bushcraft Information Meeting in the Junior Hall
Thursday **14th November, 1.15pm** - Reception Tour - [book at the Infant School Office](#)
Friday **15th November** - Children in Need - [suggested donation of £1 \(see above\)](#)
Friday **15th November, 11.15am & 2.45pm** - Nursery Early Reading & Phonics Workshop
Wednesday **20th November, 9.15am** - Nursery Tour - [book at the Infant School Office](#)
Thursday **21st** and Friday **22nd November** - Individual and sibling photographs
Wednesday **27th November, 2pm** - Willow Tour - [book at the Infant School Office](#)
Thursday **28th November, 10.30am** - Reception Tour - [book at the Infant School Office](#)
Thursday **12th December, 10.15am** - Junior Rocksteady Concert in the Junior Hall
Friday **13th December, 10.15am** - Infant Rocksteady Concert in the Infant Hall
Tuesday **17th December** - Christmas church service for Reception, Years 1 and 2 and the choir
Wednesday **18th December** - Christmas Lunch - wear a Christmas jumper - [more details to follow](#)
Friday **20th December** - Last day of term

Sports Roundup

Our various sports teams have been very busy over the last few weeks. Here is a selection of the festivals, tournaments and matches they have played.

Year 3 Girls' Football Festival

On Tuesday this week, some of our youngest players went to Rocks Lane in Barnes to play in a Year 3 Girls' Football Festival. Despite it being a non-competitive tournament, the team won four out of the six games. This was the first time all the girls had played organised games of football. Maisie from Shamsia said, *"It felt really good to play as a team, everyone scored at least one goal."* Nevaeh and Elena added that while they were nervous, it felt *"joyful"* to play.



Richmond Borough Tag Rugby Tournament

On Wednesday 23rd October, our tag rugby team took part in the annual Richmond Borough Tag Rugby Tournament at Richmond Rugby Club. After winning all nine first and second group stage games, they met St Mary's and St Peter's School in the semi-final. Their first match ended 0-0 so the match was replayed and again ended 0-0. Mr Nuthall continues *"It then went to 8 minutes of extra time in which it was still 0-0. Then after 2 more additional 8 minute rounds we unfortunately conceded. I've not come across a team as good at tagging as us and it was an unbelievable game to witness. Our rugby team is not used to losing but it's hard to be disappointed when they performed as well as they did and truly gave it everything. The children represented the school extremely well with outstanding performances and attitudes throughout."*



Field of Dreams Football Tournament



On Tuesday 22nd October, 12 children from Years 5 and 6 represented Heathfield in the first *Field of Dreams* mixed gender football tournament. It was their first time playing 9-a-side football with a few players representing the A team for the first time. The team won the quarter-final 13-0, the semi-final 5-1 and the final 2-1. Mr Nuthall said, *"We are proud to unite as one team and return to school with the trophy becoming the first champions of a new annual competition for Richmond and Hounslow Borough."*

Tag Rugby v St Edmund's School

On the Tuesday before half-term, 25 children went to St Edmund's to play tag rugby. Some played a borough league match while others went for friendly games. Everyone played well and we managed to win all the matches.

Colby from Coco said, *"We walked there after school and played four matches altogether. It was my first time playing tag rugby against another school. I usually play football. I think we shared the ball well and I got some tags and helped gain yards too. I enjoyed playing and it helps build stamina and speed for other sports too."*

