

Message from Shona Pitcher

Headteacher

We come to the end of another busy week in school. Our internal and external clubs programme has started and the children have been enjoying the variety of clubs available. I hope that your child is enjoying the opportunity to take part in these. If your child hasn't yet signed up for a club then please do speak to the office and hopefully we can find them an activity to try. We have a very extensive offer available and I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff that offer to run a club in their own time.

The staff have been busy organising year group trips and activities so look out for more information about these exciting events coming soon. Our curriculum music lessons, provided by Kingston Music Service, for Year 3,4 and 5 begin next week. All our pupils are very fortunate to have access to these lessons and the opportunity to play a musical instrument. The whole class sessions run alongside individual music lessons which take place during the school day. If you are interested in your child accessing an individual instrument lesson please do get in touch with Kingston Music Service for details of availability of lessons.



The Year 6 Mental Health Ambassadors attended the annual Mental Health Ambassador Conference held at Southborough High School this week. Nineteen primary schools attended this great event to support their role as ambassadors in helping others with their mental health. The children and staff joined in with lots of fun activities and finished by creating an action plan to further develop their role in school.

All four children were a credit to Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School and I was very proud of them and their contributions to discussions and speaking in front of everyone at the conference. Well done to Anya, Finlay, Emma and Emily.

Mrs Pidduck.



Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **Foxes** who have had the highest attendance this week (99.7%).

Black History Month 2024

Black History is part of our curriculum all year round but next month we will be highlighting this by celebrating Black History Month.

This year's Black History Month theme, "Reclaiming Narratives," marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture. By emphasising this theme, we will shine a brighter light on stories, allegories, and histories that underscore our commitment to correcting historical inaccuracies and showcasing the untold success stories and the full complexity of Black heritage.

If you would like to come into school during October to share any relevant experiences or talk about a significant person or event please contact the school office.

Miss Clift

**Year 6 Year Group Leader
Equalities, Diversity and Racial Justice Lead**

Top Tips for Supporting Children to Manage Conflict Effectively

As children go through life, they will inevitably come into conflict sooner or later. These disagreements can range from seemingly minor squabbles to far more serious disputes, and dealing with them in an effective, mature manner is an absolutely vital skill – one that takes some time and effort to cultivate.

In children and young people's formative years, it's incredibly important for parents and educators to know how to teach them conflict resolution, as well being able to model this skill effectively. This free guide offers expert advice on helping youngsters avoid unnecessary conflict and supporting them in finding solutions when clashes arise.

Kingston's family friendly bike ride

Join Kingston Cycling Campaign and friends on Sunday 6 October 2024 for the final fun-packed family-friendly ride of the year! Designed with all ages and cycling abilities in mind, this easy-paced 6.5-mile ride will take us from Surbiton to North Kingston, and back via the river, making the most of quiet roads and traffic-free routes.

Organised by Kingston Cycling Campaign, with the support of Full Cycle Community Bike Project, this is a great chance to discover new cycle-friendly routes, explore different parts of the borough and build your bike confidence, with the ride led by experienced ride marshalls for extra safety. So invite your friends, neighbours and family, and get ready to discover a few new routes on this easy ride.

The event will start from Claremont Gardens, a stone's throw from Surbiton station, gathering at 10.45am just inside the gardens at the junction of The Crescent and Grove Road for the ride briefing before we set off at 11am.

Register for your free place [here](#).

Weekly House Points

Here are this weeks house points.
Well done to Richmond.

Richmond	160
Kew	145
Painshill	120
Wisley	120
Norbury	118
Claremont	108

GASPA FUNDRAISING

The GASPA team have made a great start to their fundraising this year, raising nearly £1,000 in the last week.

Last Friday's GASPA uniform sale raised **£352**.

The Bag2School collection on Thursday, 19th raised **£283.20** (you collected a whopping 944KG).

The Year 6 cake sale ended the week on a high , raising **£356!!!**

Well done and thank you to everyone who has given up their time to help.

If you would like to get involved with any of the above fundraising events or future events please get in touch the GASPA team via email: committee@gaspa.org.uk

Tickets will go on sale for the Bingo and Disco soon.

Dates for your Diary

Mon, 23rd Sept	N	Welcome meeting (9.15AM—Main Hall)
Mon, 23rd Sept	YR6	Welcome meeting (6PM Annex Hall)
Weds, 25th Sept	YR5	Welcome meeting (9.15AM TBC)
Weds, 25th Sept	R	Welcome meeting (5PM Annex Hall)
Weds, 25th Sept	YR5	Welcome meeting (6PM Annex Hall)
Thurs, 26th Sept	YR1	Welcome meeting (6PM Annex Hall)
Fri, 27th Sept	All	Year 5 Cake Sale
Tues, 1st Oct	YR4	Welcome meeting (6PM Annex Hall)
Wed, 2nd Oct	YR3	Welcome meeting (6PM Annex Hall)
Wed, 9th Oct	YR2	Welcome meeting (6PM Annex Hall)
Fri, 18th Oct	All	Year 4 Cake Sale
Fri, 25th Oct	All	Last day of Autumn Term 1
Mon, 28th Oct— Fri, 1st Nov	All	Half Term
Mon, 4th Nov	All	Children return to school for Autumn Term 2
Fri, 29th Nov	All	INSET DAY— School and Nursery closed
Fri, 20th Dec	All	Last day of Autumn Term