

Message from Shona Pitcher

Headteacher

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I have no doubt this will be a busy term as we celebrate our children's achievements and the festive period. I hope that you all had a restful half term break and that all those families celebrating Diwali enjoyed this period of time with family and friends.

This week we have had our very successful parent/carer and teacher meetings. We have enjoyed welcoming you all into school for your meetings and I hope that you have found these meetings useful. If you have not been able to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher please do speak to them directly to arrange a meeting. I would like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard to make these meetings a success.

I hope that you all enjoy the upcoming weekend and those who are attending firework displays and Remembrance ceremonies enjoy these special family times.

One of our very talented Teaching Assistants, Ms Stapleton, from Nursery has created this fabulous mural which was unveiled on the 31st October at Waterloo to celebrate the opening of the new Paddington film.

The mural was commissioned by StudioCanal and is a mural that "celebrates Paddington as a multicultural icon, both proudly Peruvian and British and a symbol of the diversity of London"

If you are at Waterloo do pop along and have a look at Ms Stapleton's amazing work.



Lena (5J) has grown her hair this whole year to be able to donate it to the Little Princess Trust, and she's had her hair cut this week! Lena has donated 26cm of her hair so that a child with cancer (or hair loss due to another medical condition) can receive a real hair wig.

If you would like to make a donation please use the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/lenas-hairday?newPage=true>



Kingston Parent Carer Forum - free Online Workshop

Thursday 14 November 2024 Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Are you a parent carer in Kingston? Kingston Parent Carer Forum have arranged an informative online session about protecting your family's future through Wills, Trusts & Powers of Attorney. Our guest speaker, Danielle Sutcliffe, will guide you through these important legal matters and explain why having them in place is crucial for parent carers. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Please click [here](#) to book your place.

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life.

Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Fortnite

Over the years, Fortnite has become a household name in the gaming community. It was one of the first titles in the 'battle royale' subgenre, where players are thrown into a chaotic free-for-all on a sprawling map and fight until only one remains. Its cartoonish presentation and satisfying gameplay loop make it a potentially attractive choice for young players.

However, it's important to remember that online safety risks are always present, especially in multiplayer games and Fortnite is no exception. The attached guide, put together with expert input, tells you all you need to know about the safety concerns of this popular title and offers advice on how to protect children and young people as they enjoy the game.

May we remind you that if your child wears earrings into school, these should be small, discreet studs only. Thank you.

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Friday, 8th November 2024

Weekly House Points

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

Richmond	153
Norbury	82
Claremont	68
Wisley	64
Painshill	64
Kew	39

Dates for your Diary

Tues, 12th Nov	ALL	Odd Socks Day
Tues 12th & Wed 13th Nov	YR4	Viking Workshop
Thurs, 14th Nov	3S	3S Class assembly @ 10.30am
Thurs, 14th Nov	RBF	Visit to Stirling Walk @ 1.45PM
Fri, 15th Nov	ALL	Parent Forum
Fri, 15th Nov	YR1	Brooklands Museum trip
Fri, 15th Nov	YR2	Dress up day
Tues, 19th Nov	RLB	Visit to Stirling Walk @ 9.15AM
Tues, 19th Nov	RBB	Visit to Stirling Walk @10AM
Thurs, 21st Nov	3W	3W Class assembly @ 10.30am
Mon, 25th Nov	ALL	Bag 2 School
Mon, 25th Nov	3S	Ukulele Performance
Fri, 29th Nov	ALL	INSET DAY— School and Nursery closed
Sat, 30th Nov	ALL	GASPA Christmas Fair
Mon, 2nd Dec	4SP	Drumming Performance
Tues, 3rd Dec	YR 6	National Army Museum
Wed, 4th & Thurs 5th Dec	Y1	Festive craft afternoon
Fri, 6th Dec	YR1-6	GASPA School Disco
Fri, 20th Dec	All	Last day of Autumn Term



Bag 2 School

We raised £283 in Sept - Let's try and beat this!

Monday 25 Nov

What: Free textile recycling fundraiser for the school

When: During morning drop off

Where: Please leave bags at the bottom of the main school gate, on the grass verge

Please tie all bags with a double knot

Thanks very much for your help!

Bag 2 School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
Handbags, Hats, Bags
Scarves and ties
Jewellery
Lingerie, Socks, Belts
Soft toys
Household linen, Household curtains, Household towels
Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers only)

DISCO
Friday 6th December
6.00 - 7.15pm Years 1-3
7.45 - 9.00pm Years 4-6
TICKETS £3.50, book at www.pta-events.co.uk/gaspa/
By popular demand this will be a another silent disco. It's not actually silent but children wear headphones and can listen to different playlists - make a song request when you book!



Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **3S** who have had the highest attendance this week (99.3%).