

Message from Shona Pitcher

Headteacher

What a wonderful week it has been in school. We have had so many performances and celebrations taking place and I have been so proud of all the children have achieved.

It has been lovely to be able to share the festive performances with parents and carers over the last week. I hope that you have enjoyed your child's performances; the children have been working so hard and were pleased to be able to share their talents with you. Thank you to all the staff for organising such wonderful events. A special thank you to Mr Crocker who has worked so hard with the children in Year 2 & 3 rehearsing and accompanied them yesterday and today for their performances.

The Winter Concert for KS2 children took place on Tuesday evening with Little Voices, Grand Singers and KS2 soloists performing. What a wonderful array of talent we have in the school. Thank you so much to Miss Villar and Miss Taylor who have run the choirs this term and have worked hard to prepare the children for their festive performances.

If you would like to make a voluntary donation to support our music programme (including updating our microphones), we would be grateful for your support. There is an option to donate via the School Gateway, via the Payments section.

There is still so much to look forward to next week, including the Year group Christmas Parties. Watch out for the paper plate coming home soon!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Caroline Overd and her Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog, Kayla. Caroline and Kayla have been visiting our school one afternoon a week for eight years to listen to children read. Reading to Kayla has really helped the children to progress in their reading and to build on their confidence. Kayla is 14 year old and, sadly, it is time for her to retire now. We wish them both our very best.

If you are interested in making a donation or finding out more information about the charity or possibly registering your dog to be a Therapy Pet please visit their website.



<https://www.petsastherapy.org/>

If your child is absent from school please can you telephone the main school number or email the Absence email account:
absence@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk

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We wanted to share the wonderful cushions that the children in the lunchtime Magpie Makes sewing club have made.

The children have been working hard this term to create their festive cushions.



Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **4C** who have had the highest attendance this week (99.3%).

Winners drawn and announced at 7pm on the 14th Dec!
Each entry is £3

Art & Kingston- Kids Holiday Art Workshop
Berrylands Pilates- Block of 6 Classes
Coffee On The Corner- £20 Voucher
Cook- £20 Voucher
David Lloyd Raynes Park 1 x Family Pass
Higgins Aquatics Voucher- 1 Week's Swimming Crash Course
Koyal Restaurant Surbiton 2 x £50 Vouchers - (2 prizes!)
Lazer Lions- £50 Holiday camp voucher
Matthew James Estate Agents 6 Bottles of Bouvet Rose Brut
Megans at the Post Office- £50 voucher
Mirabeau Wine- 3L Bottle
Moose Toys Large Toy Bundle
The Entertainer Toy Shop £15 voucher
Ultimate Barbie Dreamhouse Bundle
Snowy The Conk Jelly Cat
Simon Smith Plant
Happy Yoga - 2 Classes Bundles
Debutots - 1 Half Term
Baby Soft Toy Bundle (2 prizes)

Funds raised through the raffle will be invested by GASPA in Grand Avenue School's wish list.

Your donation will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme, operating as DONATE. Fees will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.easysdonate.org

LAST CHANCE!!!
Enter the GASPA text raffle for a chance to win one of the prizes listed. The draw will take place on Sunday.

Weekly House Points

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

Claremont	112
Kew	109
Painshill	103
Richmond	90
Norbury	79
Wisley	73

Please find attached to the Newsletter the minutes from the Parent Forum. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Pitcher or Mr McHale via the School Office.

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Dates for your Diary												
Mon, 15th Dec	NUR	Nursery Christmas Sing a Long										
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Mon, 15th Dec	YR 4	Rose Theatre trip—Cinderella (please complete consents)										
Tues, 16th Dec	ALL	Swimming/volunteer inductions 2.25-2.45pm Please click here to sign up to attend a swimming/volunteer induction session.										
Tues, 16th Dec	YR 2	Year 2 Showcase Afternoon @ 2.45pm										
Tues, 16th Dec	YR 5	Year 5 Showcase Afternoon @ 2.45pm										
Thurs, 18th Dec	YR 3	Year 3 Showcase Afternoon @ 2.45pm										
Thurs, 18th Dec	R– YR 6	Christmas Party (please see letter for full details)										
Fri, 19th Dec	NUR	Nursery Christmas Party										
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Mon, 5th Jan	ALL	FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM										
Wed, 7th Jan	ALL	Swimming/volunteer inductions 8.45-9.00am Please click here to sign up to attend a swimming/volunteer induction session.										

The extra curricular club programme for the Autumn Term has ended (there are a number of catch up sessions running next week). Please check the Clubs Section on the school website for dates.

The Spring Term clubs information will be shared next week, including the timetable and how to book your child’s clubs.