

## Message from Shona Pitcher

## Headteacher

What a busy and creative week we have had! Our School has been alive with art and music and we are excited to share some highlights and photos below.

A massive thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers - the children loved learning from you and were truly inspired by your talents. We are also incredibly grateful to Miss Villar and Mrs Parry for coordinating this fantastic week of enrichment. Thank you for bringing so much creativity to our school!

Children in Reception, Year 1, 4 & 5 were treated to an afternoon of Capoeira, a martial art. We are grateful to Marcus and Marcos together with our very own Thomas in 4SP who showcased their skills demonstrating the mix of martial arts and dance.



One of the most famous images in Japanese art is the blossom tree, especially cherry blossom trees, which are called sakura in Japan. Here are some beautiful examples of Year 4's cherry blossom.



Gareth and Patrick came to talk to Year 4 about their musical talents as part of music and art week. Gareth performed a folk song and told the children all about his work as an opera singer. They had lots of questions for him. Patrick brought in his brass instruments and showed the children how different tones are made and even performed 'golden' on a squash which the children loved.



We are grateful to all the parents who joined us this week:

- Kirit—dhol drums
- Jenny—recorder
- Ron—musicals
- Daisy— DJ
- Andrea—sculpture
- Euijeong—violin

Welcome back to the new term and the New Year.

We are delighted to let you know that the Reading Café is back in business! This term, our Reception parents and children are enjoying breakfast together while sharing stories and reading. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, and the first session has been very well attended. It was a full house.

We would also like to give you an update on our library. Over the last year, we have purchased many new books and refreshed our book selection to ensure there is a wide and engaging choice for all children.

Our library is a well-run and valued space within the school. We are extremely fortunate to have a fantastic team of parent helpers who support the library each week and help keep it organised and up to date. We would like to say a **big thank you** to Angela Guerreiro and Sarah Tomkins, who have been instrumental with their time and expertise in ensuring the library continues to run smoothly.



### Clubs

A number of our clubs still have some spaces available for the term.

Art  
Jam Coding  
Kids with Bricks  
Spanish  
Sewing  
Tribal Tennis

If you would like to find out more please see the Clubs section on the school website for details:

[Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School - Clubs](#)



### Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **4C** who have had the highest attendance this week (99.7%).

### Roblox Parental Controls Guide

Keeping your kids safe while they explore the digital worlds of Roblox is easier than ever with their updated suite of safety tools. Roblox has introduced a **Parental Controls** dashboard that allows you to manage your child's experience directly from your own device.

#### **Getting Started with Roblox Safety**

To set up these protections, visit the official [Roblox Parental Controls Guide](#).

The most effective way to stay in control is by **linking your account to your child's**. This allows you to:

- **Set Daily Screen Time Limits:** Automatically lock the app when your child reaches their daily limit.
- **Filter Content:** Choose "Content Maturity" levels (Minimal, Mild, or Moderate) to ensure they only see age-appropriate games.
- **Manage Communication:** Decide who can chat with your child or join their private servers.
- **Set Spending Caps:** Prevent surprise bills by setting a monthly limit on Robux purchases.

**Monitor Connections:** View and manage your child's friends list and see which games they play most often.

#### **Quick Tip: Use a Parent PIN**

Even if you don't link accounts, you can go into your child's account settings and enable a **Parent PIN**. This prevents them from changing the safety settings you've put in place without your 4-digit code.

### Car Park Safety

To ensure the safety of all our pupils and families during the busy drop-off and pick-up periods, we would like to share an important reminder regarding school access.

**Please do not walk through the car park at any time.** While it may seem like a shortcut, the car park is a high-traffic area with limited visibility for drivers who are reversing or turning. To keep everyone safe, we ask that all pedestrians use the dedicated pathway located between the two main buildings. We appreciate your cooperation in making our school a safe environment for every child.

The school car park is for staff vehicle use only and should not be accessed for drop off at breakfast club/early morning clubs/collections during the school day or after school. Please park carefully on one of the surrounding roads and arrive at the lower pedestrian gate for visits/drop off and collection during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dates for your Diary

Thurs, 22nd Jan	YR 5 & 6	Virtual Reality Experience (payment due Weds, 21st Jan)
Fri, 23rd Jan	YR 1	Rabbits visit to Tolworth Library @ 10.15am
Fri, 30th Jan	YR 3	Maths afternoon @ 2.30pm (Year 3 classrooms)
Fri, 30th Jan	YR 1	Squirrels visit to Tolworth Library @ 10.15am
Fri, 30th Jan	REC	Bumblebees visit to Tolworth Library @ 9.30am
Tues, 3rd Feb	YR 4	Ancient Egyptian Workshop and Dress up Day
Fri, 6th Feb	REC	Ladybirds visit to Tolworth Library @ 9.30am
Fri, 6th Feb	YR 1	Hedgehogs visit to Tolworth Library @ 10.15am
Tues, 10th Feb	YR 6	Junior Citizenship Scheme (payment due Fri, 6th Feb)
Fri, 13th Feb	REC	Butterflies visit to Tolworth Library @ 9.30am
Mon 16th—Fri 20th Feb	ALL	HALF TERM
Thurs 12th Mar	ALL	Parent/Teacher consultations
Fri 13th Mar	ALL	Parent/Teacher consultations
Mon, 23rd Mar	YR 3	Roman Day workshop (payment due Mon, 16th Mar)
Fri, 27th Mar	ALL	Last day of Spring term—early close
Weds, 20th May	YR1 –YR6	Sports Day (more details to follow closer to the date)

Eco club

Sylvie in 6CM has designed a poster with her 10 top tips to Save the Earth. Please check out her eco ideas.

Weekly House Points

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

Wisley	143
Claremont	141
Painshill	128
Kew	123
Norbury	115
Richmond	93

Save the date!

We have been lucky to secure places for the TCS Mini Marathon taking place on

**Saturday 25th April**



Further details and how to sign up will be shared after February half term.