

Message from Shona Pitcher

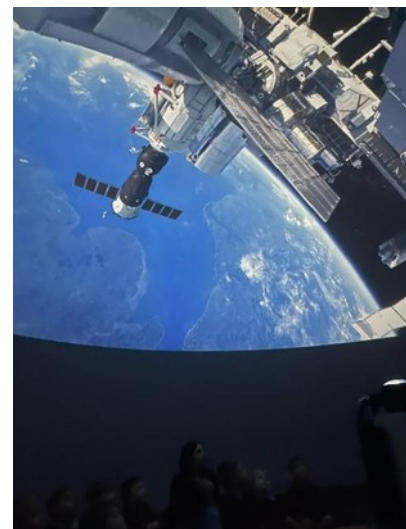
Headteacher

This week, we've had the pleasure of welcoming visitors and prospective parents to our school. I am incredibly proud of how our students have conducted themselves, showcasing outstanding learning and behaviour. The children definitely demonstrated our 'Enjoying Learning - Exceeding Expectations' motto. Although a few of our visitors did wonder why the children were making Christmas cards in October. I did explain we were making them to sell as part of our GASPA fundraising scheme. So parents look out for the leaflets to order your Christmas cards coming home soon!

Also another great demonstration of outstanding behaviour has come from our Year 5 pupils. This week, some of our Year 5 students have been actively participating in the BikeAbility program and have enjoyed a fantastic week, partly thanks to improved weather conditions! This initiative is a wonderful opportunity to enhance our children's extra-curricular learning.

Children in Year 1 and 3 have had an amazing opportunity to spend time in the Science Dome this week which has supported their learning of science this term.

The Year 1 children travelled on a space station and landed on Mars! They felt like they were really in space. Year 3 explored fossils and rocks during their interactive session where they asked lots of questions about our planet.



On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day. Children across the school enjoyed exploring, performing and writing some of their own poems on this year's theme 'Counting'.

Recent research from The National Literacy Trust found that children and young people who read, watch or listen to poetry identified significant benefits for their wellbeing, confidence, aptitude for learning and empathy.

The Children's Poetry Archive (<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>) has a range of poems which you can listen to and enjoy with you child at home. These can be filtered by age group and themes which capture your child's interest.



All Saints Kingston offers an extra special to invite school families for their special short and child friendly Harvest Festival service at 9.30am on Sunday 13th October, including songs from their Junior choir which is a free singing group for 6-10's running on Friday's at All Saints after School.

Visitors may bring a small non-perishable food item for Kingston Food bank as a Harvest donation if they wish, but this is entirely up to you! All Saints Kingston is the big church opposite John Lewis which also runs after school craft sessions once a month, the next ones are Monday 7th October and Monday 11th November.



HENRY Programme

Your Healthcare School Health team offers a free 8 week online programme (called HENRY) and optional workshops to help your family make positive changes.



HENRY builds on your confidence and strengths, as well as exploring whole family lifestyles and habits like: mealtimes, TV, sleep, food, emotional well-being and physical activity. The programme is currently delivered online.

Email henry@yourhealthcare.org.

Telephone: 020 8549 6323

[For more information please click here.](#)

Cycle skills for adults & families

Whether you are a first time rider, a regular cyclist looking to improve your skills or a family looking to make journeys together, Kingston provide fully subsidised Cycle Skills training to suit your needs, meaning you can start improving your skills for free. This subsidy is provided by Transport for London and is subject to conditions, availability and funding.

Free one-to-one sessions

We can fully subsidise cycle skills with up to 8 sessions per family. For complete beginners, we may offer up to 8 sessions of delivered over 1-hour slots.

There is a £10 administration charge for any cancellations within two working days of each session. Our professional cycling instructors are nationally accredited and available seven days a week to meet you at a time and place to suit you. Beginners, and anyone looking to borrow a bike for the lesson, must meet our instructor at Kingston Guildhall or Kingsmeadow. For those able to ride already we can also meet you at home or your local area. You can see the available slots on the booking form.

- Adults - 1 to 1 or in pairs
- Families - up to 2 adults and 3 children

[For more information please click here:](#)

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there, Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get us started. Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school. This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner! Simply download the Asda rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and choose Grand Avenue Primary & Nursery School.

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AVENEWS

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Friday, 4th October 2024

Weekly House Points

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

Norbury	440
Richmond	435
Claremont	387
Wisley	385
Painshill	367
Kew	326

Dates for your Diary

Mon 7th—Fri 11th Oct	ALL	Harvest Celebrations
Tues, 8th Oct	R- YR6	Flu immunisations
Wed, 9th Oct	YR2	Welcome meeting (6PM Annex Hall)
Tues, 15th Oct	YR6	Poetry & Poppies workshop
Wed, 16th Oct	ALL	GASPA OGM
Thurs, 17th Oct	3FB	3FB Class assembly @ 10.30am
Fri, 18th Oct	YR 5	Science Museum trip
Fri, 18th Oct	ALL	Year 4 Cake Sale
Fri, 18th Oct	ALL	GASPA Bingo Night
Fri, 18th Oct	ALL	Year 4 Cake Sale
Mon, 21st Oct	YR1	Dress up day
Thurs, 24th Oct	YR2	Tower of London trip
Fri, 25th Oct	REC	Dress up day
Fri, 25th Oct	YR 3	Butser Farm
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
Thurs, 14th Nov	3S	3S Class assembly @ 10.30am
Thurs, 21st Nov	3W	3W Class assembly @ 10.30am
Fri, 29th Nov	ALL	INSET DAY— School and Nursery closed
Sat, 30th Nov	ALL	GASPA Christmas Fair
Fri, 20th Dec	All	Last day of Autumn Term



Friday 18th October 7.45pm

Get ready to shout "BINGO!"
and win some amazing prizes
(adults only)

£4 per ticket
(includes 3 games)

£15 for a LARGE Domino's
pizza (margarita / pepperoni)

Buy tickets at:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gaspa/>



Spotlight on attendance

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