



Newsletter

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World Book Day

What fabulous outfits your children wore today! We had princesses, wizards, hungry caterpillars, squirrels, fish the list goes on and on! And, of course, children who came in their pyjamas to cosy up with a book. The children were all given their £1 Word Book Day tokens on Wednesday for you to exchange for one of the specially commissioned small books at participating shops, or as money off against any other book. There was also a Reading Relay in the afternoon and thank you to everyone who came to the secondhand children's books sale after school, alongside the Fair Trade Cake Sale.



Site Safety

All visitors to the Infant and Junior Schools at Gothic Road/Elmsleigh Road should sign in at the Main Office which is situated in the Infant School. Please ensure that when entering the site and the gate is still open after you have been admitted, no-one follows you in. If someone should do this, please direct them to the Main Office accordingly.

Please also be careful not to twist the bottom latch on the main gate at Elmsleigh Road as this will mean that the main gate magnet will not engage and the gate will remain open. Thank you.

Road Safety - Reminder to parents

Elmsleigh Road is designated a “School Street” and access is restricted between 8.15am - 9.15am and 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm. There is no vehicle access to Meadway car park between 8.45 am – 9.15 am and 2.45 pm - 3.15 pm.

On Gothic Road, Third Cross Road, Meadway and surrounding roads, there are CPZs. We also ask you all to be respectful of our neighbours’ driveways and their dropped kerbs. This week again there have been several incidents where parents have parked illegally when dropping off their children.

Poetry Competition

This is the last chance to enter the *Spark! Book Awards* poetry competition as the deadline is fast approaching. Last year, we did very well in the poetry competition that they ran. This year we are encouraging pupils to enter again. To do so simply...

- Use the **cover** of one of the books to inspire a poem that tells a story, develops a description or creates a mood. (You can see all of the covers in each of the categories here... <https://www.sparkbookawards.co.uk/the-awards>)
- Or take the **title** of one book and use it as the basis for your poem
- Or use some or all of the words from the book titles in a category, add your own and mix them up into your own poem on the subject of your choice.

Alternatively, you might just write a poem on the power of reading and how it sparks your imagination. **The choice is yours!** You do not yet have to have read ANY of the books to take part - just let your imagination go wild instead.

How to enter...

Pupils can submit directly to sparkbookawards@gmail.com via their parents but make sure you use the subject heading ‘Poetry Competition’, including your school name and the age category you are in within the email. There are four age categories for this competition: Early Years (Nursery and Reception), Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6).

Closing date Friday 10 March.

For more details visit <https://www.sparkbookawards.co.uk/get-involved/pupil-competitions>



Diary Dates

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Fri 17 Mar	All	Red Nose Day	
Wed 22 Mar	Specific choir children	Singing Festival at the Rose Theatre	
w/c 3 April	All	Easter holidays	

Mon 17 April	All	First day of summer term
Sun 23 April	All	Earthday Event, Bag2School, 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale and Dig Day at Meadway site – more details to follow
Mon 8 May	All	Additional Bank Holiday (King's coronation)
Fri 12 May	All	Class reps meetings
Mon 29 May	All	Half-term week
Fri 23 June	All	Class reps meetings
Fri 21 July	All	Last day of summer term
INFANT ONLY DATES		
Thu 9 Mar	Y2	Great Fire of London Workshop
Tue 14 Mar	Reception	Silver Class assembly at 9.15 am
Fri 17 Mar	Reception	Gold Class assembly at 9.15 am
JUNIOR ONLY DATES		
<i>NB: Class assemblies take place just after drop off – approximately 9:00-9:20am</i>		
Tue 28 Feb	6S	History trip to Kew National Archives
Tue 7 March	Y4	Instrument assembly at 9.00 am – more details to follow
Wed 8 March	Y6	Instrument assembly at 9.00 am – more details to follow
Tue 14 March	Y3	Instrument assembly at 9.00 am – more details to follow
Thu 23 March	5JC	5JC class assembly – please note date change
Wed 29 March	Y5	Instrument assembly at 9.00 am – more details to follow
Thu 30 March	6P	6P class assembly
Thu 27 April	3M	3M class assembly
Thu 4 May	5R	5R class assembly
w/c Tue 9 May	Y6	SATS week
Fri 19 – Sun 21 May	Y5	Residential trip to Juniper Hall (<i>Mon 22 May is a rest day for Y5 – no school</i>)
Thu 25 May	4B	4B class assembly
w/c 5 & 12 June	Y6	Cycle Proficiency (details to follow)
Thu 8 June	6S	6S class assembly
Thu 15 June	3HD	3HD class assembly
Thu 22 June	3J	3J class assembly
Fri 23 – Mon 26 June	Y6	Residential trip to Kingswood (<i>Tue 27 June is a rest day for Y6 – no school</i>)
Thu 29 June	5AJ	5AJ class assembly

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Workshops – Y3 and above

Please see attached flyer regarding Music Workshops to be held at Hampton School on 23 April.

Vacancy

Job Vacancy – Casual Cycle Training Instructor

Richmond Bikeability Team is currently seeking to recruit Cycling Instructors on casual contracts. Bikeability Level 2 training is delivered to Year 6 pupils in every state primary school and most independents in the borough. Instructors are expected to work full weeks (Mon – Fri) in term time, in all weathers but not necessarily every week. Timings fit in with school days. If not qualified, training will be provided. Pay is £15.88 per hour. Please see job advert - <https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/jobs/job/Casual-Cycle-Training-Instructor/5485> (note that location is Richmond borough not Wandsworth).

For more information, email Sheila Crewdson - Sheila.Crewdson@RichmondandWandsworth.gov.uk.

Richmond Youth Service Warm Spaces

This winter when things are hard for so many and basics such as food and heating are so expensive Richmond Youth Service with support from LB Richmond Warm Spaces funding are opening their buildings more often and for longer, often providing cooked meals in addition.

We have centres in Ham, Twickenham, Mortlake, Whitton and Hampton.

[Click here](#) for opening hours.

Winter free clubs and hot meals for Families in Need

The links below provide details of support provision from our Local Authority for this Winter.

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/young-people/information-and-advice/youth-centres-and-activities/richmond-youth-service-winter-warm-spaces>

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/fuel-holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

Holiday Activities

Family Workshops at the Museum of Richmond in the Easter Holidays

During the school holidays, we will be offering free activities for families.

There will be simple crafts available in the exhibition area from 1pm until the Museum closes.

Everything you need will be set out for you to get creative as a family, including instruction sheets and materials.

For the Easter Holidays, the craft will be Easter Egg Decorations. There will also be free colouring sheets and a trail.

Please note: these activities are self-led and all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Easter 2023: Easter Eggs Tuesday 4 to Thursday 6 April, 10am to 12noon

Explore the history of Easter and why we celebrate it, then create your own Easter decorations, inspired by some very sweet Easter Eggs in the Museum's collection!

Easter 2023: Spring Wreaths Tuesday 11 to Friday 14 April, 10am to 12noon

Spring has sprung! To welcome sunnier, warmer days, create a crafty wreath full of sunshine to brighten up your home and explore the different ways we use wreaths to celebrate and remember.

To find out more and to book, visit: <https://bit.ly/MoRFamilies> OR call 020 8332 1141

Family Workshops at the Museum of Richmond in the May Half Term

During the school holidays, we will be offering free activities for families.

There will be simple crafts available in the exhibition area from 1pm until the Museum closes.

Everything you need will be set out for you to get creative as a family, including instruction sheets and materials.

In May Half Term, we will be making Fabric Collages! There will also be free colouring sheets and a trail.

Please note: these activities are self-led and all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

May Half Term 2023: Rag Rugs Tuesday 30 May to Friday 2 June, 10am to 12noon

Part of the season of workshops celebrating our Summer Exhibition – Artificial Silk: From Kew to the World

Discover how to upcycle the Victorian way! Transform tired old rags into something to treasure, and discover what life was like for the poor living in Victorian Richmond.

To find out more and to book, visit: <https://bit.ly/MoRFamilies> or call 020 8332 1141

SUPPORTING UKRAINE

Sponsor for Ukrainian Family Needed

Do you, or do you know someone who can host a Ukrainian Mum and her son aged 7 who is in Year 3 at Trafalgar from February 2023. Please contact the office at Gothic Road if you can help. This is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Donations

The humanitarian hub is still collecting donations for Ukraine. Please see the list below for items that are most needed.

We also have updated our Amazon shopping list for delivery of donations directly to Prosperity Ukrainian Cafe and Restaurant in Twickenham which you can find via this link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/l/3H5Y4W3CL1JPW?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR3yhO5rTefVPIFYLvqiNED3BACjPEUTKUE50nHdl_mTRQUOL1LRqmmrfNk

**Prosperity Restaurant continues to collect donations for Ukraine.
With winter approaching, the following items are urgently needed and
can be brought to the café.
Please phone first to check opening hours 020 3302 5495.**

FOOD

Canned vegetables, soups, meat, fish, sauces, fruit
Pasta, rice, grain, flour, dark chocolate, tea, coffee, dried yeast,
biscuits, instant food
Baby milk formula milk, infant food

MEDICINE

Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, antihistamine, anti-fungal sprays, cold
remedies, children's medication, anti-bacterial wipes. Prescription
medicines, dressings, plasters, bandages, first aid kits

PERSONAL HYGIENE - adult and children

Baby nappies and wipes
Adult incontinence pads, all period products, toothpaste,
toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, moisturiser, deodorant

SLEEPING BAGS, DUVETS, BLANKETS, PILLOWS

New preferred, but we can accept laundered, good quality used

CLOTHES

New: thermal underwear, socks, hats, t-shirts for adults and
children, warm winter coats and raincoats

OTHER

Military backpacks, power packs, matches, water purification
tablets, blue and yellow scotch tape

You can also donate via our Amazon Wish List

Prosperity Ukraine Humanitarian Aid

www.londondonationsforukraine.org