



Newsletter

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This week

EYFS

In Reception this week we have learnt the digraphs 'er' and 'air', with the phrases 'the bigger digger' and 'the chair in the air' to accompany them. The children have also been introduced to double letters in the middle of words; 2 letters that make 1 sound. For example, carrot, hammer, digger and kitten. The children are gaining confidence with their writing. Please encourage any sort of mark making at home, such as, writing a list for shopping or writing the names of their favourite toys on labels.

In Maths, we have been recognising the numbers 6,7 and 8 and counting out quantities of these amounts. Then, we thought about 1 more and 1 less than these totals. Singing counting rhymes, such as 'One man went to mow' and 'There were 8 in a bed', is a fun way to reinforce the concepts of more and less.

A big thank you to the parents who made our junk modelling challenge afternoon possible, whether it was by bringing in your recycling, or coming in to help on the day. The children had a brilliant time and in teams, made some amazing creations. Look out for photos in our Golden newsletter!

Volunteers needed

Please use the link below to sign up to help with library, cooking and reading across the Federation. Please note that you can volunteer to help out in any class or year group, not just your child's. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/GCS9sWiYjk>

Wraparound Childcare - DfE survey

We have been asked by the local authority to capture parent's likely requirements for wraparound care, to support our planning for September 2024. Parents from Richmond schools have been asked to complete a survey which will be sent on the DfE.

We are inviting all of our Trafalgar parents to have their say via the survey below which should be completed before half term.

Follow [this link](#)

Parking

We have had a number of complaints from our neighbours at the Gothic Road/Elmsleigh Road site, and also at Meadway about parents who are consistently parking illegally on double yellow lines and blocking neighbours' drives. This is happening before school, after school and at after school clubs. We know there is limited parking around the schools, but there are areas within a short walking distance of the schools where you can park, legally and considerately and we ask you to use these spaces instead. Thank you.

Bikes and Scooters

We strongly encourage children to walk, bike or scooter to school and it is great to see so many bikes and scooters in school. Please note that there are places to store scooters in the Infants and the Juniors. As the Infants' area is rather small, you are welcome to park bikes or scooters in the Junior covered area by the Third Cross Rd gate.

Please remember to dismount when in the school grounds as it can become quite congested. We also ask that children take their bike or scooter home each night as these should not be left at school.

Climbing Frames

Please do not allow your children to go on the climbing frames either before or after school. The climbing frames are only used at playtimes and lunchtimes. Thank you.

School Uniform

Please remember to name your child's uniform, bookbags, PE kits, coats and shoes. We have had so many items in lost property which are unnamed which makes it impossible to return them to their owners. Thank you

Ealing Learn are running free ESOLs course (Keep Learning with English for Speakers of Other Languages)

To find out more go to the link below.

<https://learnealing.org.uk/esol-english-maths/>

Maths Fair

Come and join us for fun, games and prizes!

Our generous sponsors Mathnasium are hosting a math fair for all children after school on Friday 9th of Feb in the Gothic Road Infant hall.

Please find poster attached.

Football – Message from Martyn Spong

We will be running a 3 day, half term football camp for boys and girls from 5 to 12 years old, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon each day, from 12 to 14 February. We had hoped to hold this at the Meadway, but as this was not possible it will be held at St Edmund's school Whitton, TW2 7BB.

For further details please email m.spong07@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning

See attached flyer

DIARY DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
12-16 Feb	All	Half term – school closed	
w/c 19 Feb	All	Parents evenings	
Fri 23 Feb	All	PTA Quiz and Curry Night	
Tues 5 Mar	All	PTA meeting	
Wed 6 Mar	All	Coffee morning – see attached flyer	
Thur 7 Mar	All	World Book Day	
Fri 8 Mar	All	Class Reps	
Fri 15 Mar	All	Red Nose Day	
18-22 Mar	All	International Week	
Fri 22 Mar	All	PTA Family Magic Show	
Thu 28 Mar	All	End of Spring Term	
Mon 15 Apr	All	First day of Summer Term	
Sun 21 Apr	All	Earth Day – Big Dig	
Tues 7 May	All	PTA meeting	
Fri 10 May	All	Class Reps	
Tues 18 June	All	PTA meeting	
Fri 21 June	All	Class Reps	
Sun 30 June	All	Summer Fair	
Tues 23 July	All	Last day of Summer Term	

INFANT ONLY DATES		
Mon 5 Feb	Y1	Visit to the Fire Station
Thu 8 Feb	Y2	Scarlet class to visit Strawberry Hill House
Thu 22 Feb	Y2	Orange class to visit Strawberry Hill House
Mon 13 May	Reception	Visit to Bockett's Farm
JUNIOR ONLY DATES		
Thu 8 Feb	Y6	6D class assembly - TBC
Wed 28 Feb	Y5	Instrument assembly
Thu 29 Feb	Y4	4BR class assembly
Fri 1 Mar	All	Deadline for creative projects
Tue 5 Mar	Y3 & Y4	Instrument Assembly
Thu 7 Mar	Y3	3J class assembly
Wed 13 Mar	Y6	Instrument Assembly
Thu 14 Mar	Y5	5AJ class assembly
Thu 2 May	Y4	4M class assembly
Thu 9 May	Y5	5R class assembly
13-17 May	Y6	SATS
17-19 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall
Thu 23 May	Y3	3HS class assembly
Fri 24 May	All	Class Photographs – to be rearranged
Thu 13 June	Y6	6AW class assembly
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood
Tues 23 Jul	Y6	Leavers' Assembly

COMMUNITY

Free Youth Sessions

See attached letter regarding Free Youth Sessions.

The Night Before Christmas

The Orange Tree Theatre is delighted to host the Ukrainian Social Club this February with their production, 'The Night Before Christmas'!

We invite you to come and see the show and support our young actors on Sunday, February 11th at 7:30 PM ☺

Tickets are available at the link:

<https://orangetreetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/ukrainian-social-club/#20240211>

[Ukrainian Social Club - The Night Before Christmas - Orange Tree Theatre](#)

The Orange Tree Theatre is delighted to host the Ukrainian Social Club this February with their production, The Night Before Christmas. Ukrainian Social Club – The Night Before Christmas “Ніч перед Різдвом” By Mykola Hohol | adapted by Oleksand Zhyla | directed by Evheniia Shymshyrian | produced by Alina Luts A timeless Ukrainian classic. The plot is ... [Read more](#)

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Adult - £10

Child - £5

