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Diary dates

Here are key dates for the next two weeks, assemblies start at 9.10am

Please keep an eye on the website calendar.

24 November	Last week of school clubs
24 November 9.30am	School tour for prospective parents and carers
26 November am	Years 3 & 4 Basketball Tournament at Christ's School
27 November All day	Year 5 and 6 Boys' Football tournament
28 November	Year 6 Victory in Europe Day
28 November	PSA non-school uniform day (see page 4)
29 November	PSA Winter Fair
2 December 9.30am	Reception Nativity
3 December 9.30am	Years 1 & 2 Nativity
4 December 9.30am	Years 1 & 2 Nativity (toddlers welcome)
5 December After school	Christmas bake sale and book bazaar (run by the year 6 classes)
9 December 9.30am	Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church
9 December 11.00am	Years 3 & 4 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church
10 December 9.30am	School tour for prospective parents/carers
10 December 6.30pm	Full Governing Board meeting
12 December	Year 3 Stone Age Day
12 December After school	PSA Winter Festival bag and Cookie event

Dear families,

It has been another busy few weeks here in school. We have welcomed families in for class assemblies, children have represented the school at a selection of sporting events, we have had individual photos taken and I met with a number of class reps to share queries and communications.



We have discussed road safety in assemblies this week as part of National Road Safety Week. The children showed maturity and understanding of the need to stop, look, listen and think before crossing any roads. Please do reinforce this message when you are out and about over the weekend.

Don't forget our upcoming Christmas Fair on 29th November. Our fantastic PSA have been working tirelessly to ensure this is a day to remember and we hope it is well-attended!

With the festive season in mind, the school is alive with the sweet sound of songs and nativity lines. Please do help your children to learn any words they bring home so that they are fully prepped and ready to perform to us all in the next few weeks!

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Laura Brooks

Interim Headteacher



Harvest Donations

We would like to thank all of the families who contributed to our food donations for the Harvest table this year. Once again **Richmond Food Bank** was extremely grateful for our generous donation. These items really will go a long way to helping those in our local community who are in need of a little extra support this year, particularly as it gets colder.

We would also like to thank the parents who kindly gave up their time again to help us bag up the donations and transport the many bags to the food bank, Lisa Molin & Jenny Stephenson.

Mr Gentry, Deputy Headteacher



The Basketball team pictured here at Christ's School at a recent tournament. See the sports pages for a report from Casper.



Thank you to Miss Beck for the wonderful assembly by 5B, here's what a couple of the pupils said about it.

Recently we did our class assembly about space and how we should protect our environment! I played one of the pupils who travelled to space and met the planets and moons! I also had many lines to learn - I learnt them by my Mum reciting a few lines before and then I would say my line. After a while, I didn't need my script anymore! My favourite part was visiting Saturn because Wayne and Nathan did a really good rap and I really enjoyed it! **By Leon, 5B**

Our class assembly was about the solar system. We learnt about how our Earth is dying because of all the plastic in the oceans and pollution in the air. We need to save our Earth! **By Avni 5B**



Pupil Parliament feedback from Orinayo Omishola and Theo Law in Year 6

Before any law is made, it has to pass through one special place — Parliament!

Pupil Parliament promotes pupil leadership opportunities and enables children to develop valuable communication, organisation and debating skills. The quotes in red are from the day and subjects the children discussed.



My name is **Orinayo Omishola** and on 7th November I went to Pupil Parliament at York House in Twickenham. Two children, a girl and a boy from each school in the Richmond borough went to give their view on the topic "should smartphones be allowed for under 14's". It was a very interesting and informative day. I won the election!

My name is **Theo Law** and I also went to Pupil Parliament and I loved all the speeches that everyone presented. It was set to be a brilliant day of fun. It started off when seven of us from each class presented our speeches in front of the whole of KS2 at Marshgate. Both myself and Orinayo were elected to take part in Pupil Parliament!

At York House in the morning, a few people read their speeches to everyone. Then we had a break, and we made a new friend called Hazel. Then there were more speeches and we did ours.

Time for lunch! Us, Hazel and George (Hazel's school partner) ate lunch together and chatted about school life. Afterwards the Lord Mayor, Penny Frost, came and ten children were elected including Orinayo! They read their speeches again in front of the Lord Mayor. The votes were counted up and Orinayo and a boy called Rupert won!

Orinayo and Keir Starmer should switch places for a day!

"The House of Commons is the shrine of world liberties."

"Democracy is the government of people, by the people, for the people."

"People shouldn't be afraid of the government, the government should be afraid of the people."

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed individuals can change the world. It's the only thing that ever has."



In **Year 1** have been deepening their knowledge of addition through the use of concrete resources and more complex worded problems. Both Frog and Tadpole have been applying this knowledge all over the school, including using chalk to write on the playground!

We are so impressed with the enthusiasm the children have towards their learning!

Girls football tournament report by Dea Hashani

On a sunny yet damp day, the Marshgate girls football squad were ready to take on schools at the first tournament of the year. The team for the tournament consisted of ten players. The tournament took place at St Mary's University sports ground with other schools from Richmond.

The groups consisted of five teams. Our first match was against Vineyard Primary which ended in a 0-0 draw. The defence and attack flourished throughout the match. The next match against Deer Park prepared us to thrive against other challenging teams. The result surprised the squad: another 0-0 draw. Buckingham Primary was our next obstacle which we beat with ease. Our first victory! The Marshgate squad scored two amazing goals which led us to success. St Stephens however were our first big worry. Marshgate played astonishingly well yet St Stephens managed to sneak in two goals to bring our team down. Although the football squad had many victorious moments, this match was not. Now that Marshgate had completed all their matches it was time for the results. We came third in our group! This meant that we were through to the "Plait".



Unlike the groups in the first round, the plait groups had four teams in each. We were joined with St Marys Hampton, Chase Bridge and Holy Trinity CofE (our rivals). The knockouts started against St Marys where we kept a clean sheet, concluding with a 0-0 draw. Holy Trinity were next and as our rivals, Marshgate were eager to beat them. The attack worked together to bring the ball forward which led to two outstanding goals. The defence prevented Holy Trinity from taking revenge on us. A win for Marshgate! If we ended the next match with a victory, we would be through to the semi-finals which the squad were desperate to get to. We came head-to-head with Chase Bridge who were also eager to win the spot at the semis. Unfortunately, a win was not what came to us, what came instead was another 0-0 draw. That meant Holy Trinity were through to the semi-finals. Although we had the same amount of points, we were behind goal difference by one. The tournament for Marshgate came to an end.



In all seven matches we played at the tournament, we only had one loss. We achieved two victories and managed to keep up the phenomenal defensive tactic which led to four draws not letting others beat us! Although the tournament was finished, one more match awaited us. Deer Park kindly exempted the offer of playing a friendly match against us. Overall, the Marshgate Girls' football team had an awesome time. **We came so far and we made Marshgate proud.** What a great day it had been for everyone playing there. The team came home glorious.

Year 3 Girls' Football Tournament

Our Year 3 girls took part in a friendly football tournament and represented Marshgate brilliantly!

They showed fantastic team-work, enthusiasm and put in so much effort. Well done!



On 17 November the Year 6 **Basketball team** played at Twickenham school.

They played amazingly well as a team but unfortunately, lost their first two matches. Zidan's shots were brilliant including a buzzer beater. It was a fun day.

Thank you to **Mr Healy** for organising this.

Marshgate VS Thomson House Tag Rugby Match by Emir Zade

I was really looking forward to this day as we were playing Thompson House in a tag rugby match. When we arrived there, I started studying where I could score points. The referee had told me that there were two parts to the match, they were both fifteen minutes long.

The rules were to tag the other team six times to make verbal turnover to our side so we can have six tags of tries to score on the other side.

We started off the game by scoring a point, however suddenly after that Thomson House had scored a point. For the first five minutes of the game I was watching because I was a substitute and then I swapped with one of my teammates. I would say my performance was pretty good since I got some tags in the first few minutes when suddenly time was up. In the second half it was really much like ping-pong with both teams scoring alternate points and then it was 9 to 8 for us.

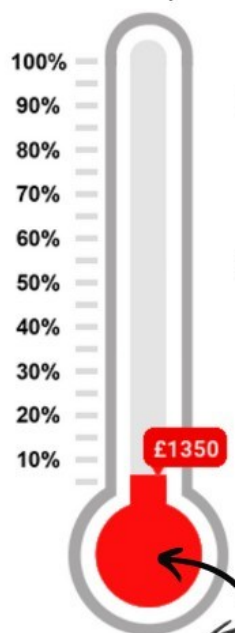


Help Marshgate PSA

REACH OUR GOALS

We're raising **£30,000** this year for Marshgate's **IT upgrade**, new equipment for **Reception, sports equipment**, resources for **Design & Tech** and more! **Here's how you can help:**

Goal: **£30,000**



Donate

Scan the **QR code** below or go to <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/marshgate-psa-donations> to donate.

Get involved

Support our **fundraising events: Volunteer**, donate on **Non-uniform Day (28 Nov)** and bring your children to the **Winter Fair!**

Company Match

Ask your company if they offer a **match scheme**: Your employer might match the fundraising amount for Marshgate PSA (a registered charity).

COSTUME SALE + SPONSORSHIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

For more information, contact the PSA at psa@marshgate.richmond.sch.uk



The winter fair is fast approaching!

On **Saturday, 29th November** we will be hosting our fabulous Winter Fair event with fun for all the family.

Attractions this year include our bouncy castle snow globe the legendary Marshgate DJ, Santa's Grotto and much, much more.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Non-School Uniform Day

On **28 November** the children can come to school wearing their own clothes (they do not need to wear school uniform), with sensible shoes.

Thank you in advance for your support.