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Diary dates

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

Please keep an eye on the website calendar.

16 June 9.15am	School tour for prospective parents and carers
16 June	Year 1, 3 and 5 trip to Richmond Theatre for Barnes Literacy Festival
16 June 3.00pm	Football B team playing Deer Park
17 June am	Class photos with Cliff and Luke Harris
18 June	PSA non-uniform day (see page 4)
19 June 2.00pm	Year 3 football tournament at Holy Trinity School
22 - 26 June	Year 6 residential trip to Barton Hall
22 - 26 June	Enrichment Week Maths and Science focus
24 June	Year 4 Viking workshop
25 June	Battle of the Books for some Year 4 pupils
27 June 11.00 - 3.00pm	PSA Summer Fair (see page 4)



Dear families,

A belated welcome back to our final half term of the year!

Last half term finished with our annual KS1 and 2 sports events. Both events were fantastic, giving all the children the opportunity to take part, push themselves physically and work together in teams. We hope the spectators enjoyed them as much as we did.

Last Friday, we held our Reception sports morning. The children had a great time, showcasing the physical skills, ably supported by the enthusiastic and committed crowd of spectators.

There are lots of other community events coming up, so please do try and get involved!

Our PSA are working tirelessly to finalise plans for our upcoming Summer Fair. The theme for this year's event is 'Beach Adventure' and it's sure to be a day filled with fun and excitement. Please do ensure you have Saturday, 27th June in your diaries.

At the end of last term, our Year Six children completed their SATS and we couldn't be more proud of them. They approached the tests with maturity, positivity and resilience. They are now working hard on their end of year production and getting prepared for their upcoming residential trip to Devon. It's a very exciting time in Year Six!

Similarly, our Year One children have now completed their phonics check and our Year Four children have completed their multiplication check, giving them the chance to showcase all the academic progress they have made throughout the year.

As we head closer towards the end of the final term, I would like to remind everyone how important school attendance is. Any holidays arranged before the school term ends will be unauthorised. Missing school at this time of year often means missing extra-curricular events and experiences so please do ensure your children are in school every day that they are well.

As you are aware, we are currently looking for new parent governors to take a position on our board. There has been considerable interest, which puts us in a really positive position. The application closes on Monday, with a voting process to follow, if more than two parents submit applications. If you haven't expressed an interest but would like to, please do get in touch by Monday morning.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Ms Brooks

Interim Headteacher



Photos from the KS1 and KS2 Sports Day

Butterfly and Caterpillar classes take part in Sports Morning - news from Miss Cox and Miss Filby

Reception had a wonderful Sports Morning! We were so proud of the children for their positive attitude and excellent teamwork. Thank you to everyone who came to support them. It really was a joyful morning, which the children seemed to love!



Sports Day news from Mr Healy, Sports and PE Co-ordinator

Our annual Sports Day was a fantastic success and a wonderful celebration of sport, teamwork and determination across the school. We were incredibly fortunate to enjoy glorious weather throughout the day, providing the perfect backdrop for a range of exciting events.

Children from both KS1 and KS2 competed superbly, demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience and excellent sportsmanship in every activity. From sprint races and relays to field events, every participant gave their best effort and should be extremely proud of their achievements. It was wonderful to see so many children encouraging one another and celebrating each other's successes.

The atmosphere was full of energy and excitement, with families and staff cheering competitors on throughout the day. There was brilliant sporting action from start to finish, showcasing the talent and determination of our pupils across all year groups.

A huge thank you goes to all staff, volunteers and supporters who helped make the event run so smoothly and ensured that everyone had an enjoyable experience.

The final results have now been calculated, and medals and awards for KS2 pupils will be presented during a special assembly at a later date. We look forward to celebrating their achievements and recognising their outstanding efforts.

Well done to everyone who took part in such a memorable Sports Day!



Earlier in the school year, Year 5 were lucky enough to have Mrs. King from Sports Impact come and teach alongside **Miss Beck and Mr Banks** to teach game design and leadership skills as part of our Leadership Games unit. During this unit, the pupils worked in teams to design, adapt and improve a range of games, thinking carefully about how to make them fun, inclusive and suitable for Year 1 and 2 pupils. Whilst doing this, they also had to consider how they could use effective communication skills, teamwork and show responsibility as they explained rules, organised activities and encouraged participation.

Year 5s are now running daily lunch clubs in the KS1 playground, providing exciting activities for the children in Year 1 and 2 and continuing to develop their leadership skills. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and positive role-modelling that they continue to show this term as Playground Leaders.

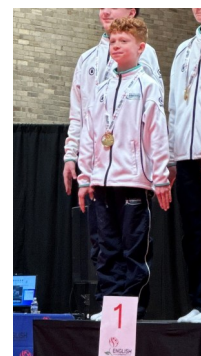
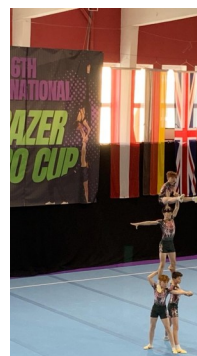
Year 3 were lucky enough to have a visit from our local firefighters this week on a rainy day; this linked in wonderfully with our non-chronological reports on wildfires. The children learnt all about the fire engine and all the components. As well as learning how wildfires can also impact our local area.



Lewis, who trains with Richmond Gymnastics Association, recently achieved fantastic success alongside his acrobatic gymnastics partners.

In May they competed in the **Graz International Competition** in Austria and the English Championships, taking first place in both events, becoming English Champions.

Well done to all of them!



The children who take part in the after school **Art Club with Ata Mostame** are enjoying creating paper mache. This is versatile crafting technique uses torn paper strips or pulp combined with an adhesive binder to create lightweight and durable sculptures, bowls, and decorations. The children are pictured here making fabulous paper mache strawberries, very seasonal!



Pimm's stall at the Richmond May Fair

A huge thanks to everyone involved in the Pimm's stall on Saturday, 9th May at the Richmond May Fair! This was our second year running the stall, and everyone involved did a truly fantastic job! We were lucky to have another glorious day, and we took more orders over the course of the day than last year, which is amazing. The total donation to the school is being finalised.

A special thanks to all **parents and staff** who volunteered so brilliantly. Thanks to those who dashed out to get extra supplies when the bar ran dry! The tent was a hive activity with hundreds of glasses of Pimm's being prepared and poured.

Projects currently supported by the PSA include the ongoing IT upgrade and the revamp of the reception playground.

Thanks again for all your support with this fantastic event. Ms Brooks is pictured here with some of the teachers serving the Pimm's.



This year on **Saturday, 27th June** we will be hosting our fabulous **PSA Summer Fair** event with fun for all the family. The theme for this year is Beach Adventure! Attractions this year include not one but four bouncy castles, an Animal Experience, Ice Cream Stall, the legendary Marshgate DJ, performances from Marshgate Choir and Orchestra, Rock Bandz and Studio K, lots of games, prizes, and much much more!

After the success of last year's Marshgate Marketplace, we will be running this again as part of the fair. Local businesses are invited to buy a stall at the fair (price £50) and personal stalls are available (price £25). These stalls will be in the school hall on a first come, first served basis - please request these at MarshgatePSA@marshgate.richmond.sch.uk.

As you will have seen from the website calendar on the **18th June we have Non-School Uniform day**. On this day children do not need to wear school uniform, they can wear their own clothes with sensible shoes. In return we ask that you bring in items for the Summer Fair please (there will be tables outside for you to put items). Donations such as teddies, games and toys in good condition will be gratefully received. In addition, bottles of wine/fizz, chocolates and new shower and bath goods are also needed!

Each class will soon be allocated a stall (and thanks so much in advance for your support with this), more information on the stalls will be shared via your class rep. The PSA would like to thank all busy parents for giving their time and enthusiasm to help run these attractions.

With the exception of the marketplace, everything at the fair can be purchased with tokens and these will be available to buy at a discounted rate on Classlist from **Wednesday, 17th June**. The Summer Fair starts at 11.00am and finishes at 3.00pm. If someone in your family would benefit from early access at 10.30am please contact Mr Jeffrey, on sendco@marshgate.richmond.sch.uk.