



Dear families,

We have had a fantastic week celebrating books. The children have been inspired by the visits from authors, poets and illustrators. Today we had Alice, The Queen of Hearts, Winnie the Pooh, Harry Potter, Burglar Bill to name just a few, walking around school and joining in our lessons.

It was a real pleasure to read some of the children a bedtime story on Tuesday evening and I know many children joined in the quizzes. None of this could have happened without the hard work by Mrs Cross, Miss Jobbins, Miss Clough and the PTA. A huge thank you to all of you for putting together a fantastic week for our children.

Today the nutrition committee met to discuss the lunch menu for the summer term. It has a good variety and lots of options. If you would like to come in, sample our delicious food and eat lunch with your child/ren please email Andrea directly and she will book you in. [aauchoybur@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:aauchoybur@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk).

Many of you have started following us on instagram. Following the feedback from a short survey, we have created an instagram account @thevineyardschool. This will work alongside twitter (we've linked the two accounts but are still very much learning how to use these social media platforms) and the aim is that we can reach our community more easily to share the fantastic things we are doing at school. If anyone has any ideas on how we can further our reach please do send me an email.

Hopefully you saw the ping that was sent yesterday about Red Nose Day which is on Friday 18th March. As a school we would like to make a contribution to support the Ukrainian people who need so much at the moment. We are therefore going to change our focus for Red Nose Day this year and collect money and items for the Ukrainian refugee fund. The children can wear their own clothes and if they can, bring in a donated item or £1. If any of you would like to make larger financial donations, we are going to open a window on Pay 360 to enable you to do this. We will then pass this money directly to The Red Cross on behalf of The Vineyard Children.

Please do email me if you have any questions or there is something you would like to discuss on [headteacher@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk). I am also on the gate most mornings so do catch me there.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Frances Bracegirdle

## Upcoming Events

Mon 7 Mar	Year 2 SATs meeting @4pm on zoom
Mon 7 Mar	Year 6 Osmington Bay meeting for parents @5.30pm zoom
Wed 9 Mar	Year 3 Concert - parents invited @10am
Wed 9 Mar	Y6 Junior Citizen Scheme
Fri 11 Mar	School Disco, KS1 @3:30-4:30 & KS2 @5:00-6:00
Fri 18 Mar	Red Nose Day Non-uniform Day
Fri 18 Mar	Year 2 Tower of London Trip
Fri 1 Apr	<b>Last Day of Term - Half Day</b>
Mon 4 Apr - Fri 15 Apr	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Mon 18 Apr	<b>Bank Holiday - School Closed</b>
Tue 19 Apr	<b>First Day of Summer Term</b>

## Safeguarding at The Vineyard

You may have noticed the updated posters informing the community who the designated safeguarding leaders are at school. They are: Mr Rosewell, Mrs Bracegirdle, Mrs Axbey, Miss McArdle and Firas Ali (safeguarding governor). If anyone has a worry about a child they should speak to one of these people. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children are safe and well.

Mr Rosewell led an assembly with all the children and has spoken to them about what they should do if they feel unsafe or have any worries.

### Useful links

[Calendar](#) [Absence and Attendance](#) [Koosa Kids](#) [Extra-Curricular Clubs](#) [Library](#)  
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# Class News

## Reception

This week in Reception the children have been sharing their favourite books with each other, retelling their best parts of the story. Our writing activity this week was based on their favourite book where the children wrote the name of their book and why they liked it. On Tuesday, Reception had a special visit from the famous author and illustrator Momoko Abe looking at her book 'The Avocado Asks'.

## Year 1

We've had a fantastic start to the Spring term in Year 1! The children are so excited to start new topics such as, Construction in DT, Significant people - looking at different queens in History and planting their own sunflower seeds in Science! This week the children have had discussions on St David's Day, met an illustrator and even ate pancakes on Pancake Day! They have also been working extremely hard at meeting English targets when they wrote their own stories independently.

## Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed World Book Week! On Monday, we had a Zoom session with the Poet Simon Mole. Children had the opportunity to rewrite the poem 'I Love My Bike'. On Tuesday Momoko Abe the author and illustrator came in to school. She helped the children with creating their own illustrations of different fruits and vegetables. It has been a fabulous week!

## Year 3

We have had a busy and exciting week in Year 3 this week reading and listening to some amazing stories! We were lucky enough to have a workshop with Simon Mole and learnt how to write some excellent poems about Kites. Our SPARK Book Clubs also began this week and we have dived into 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. It has been wonderful to hear the children so engaged and excited about their reading. Year 3 have also enjoyed their trip to The National Maritime Museum where we explored the 'Tudor and Stuart Seafarers' gallery, the 'All Hands' gallery and even got to get our hands on some real Tudor artefacts. The children learnt so much!

## Year 4

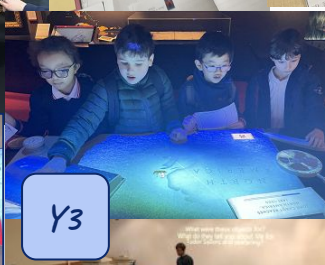
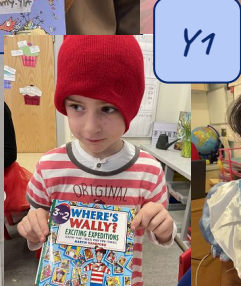
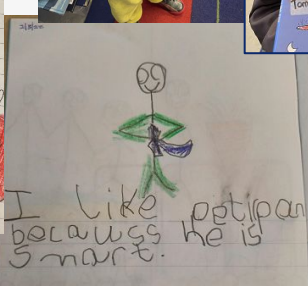
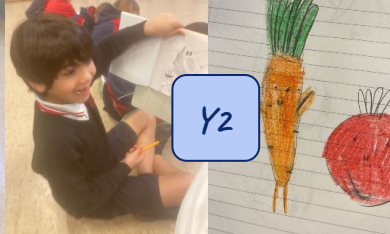
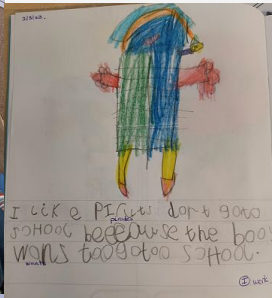
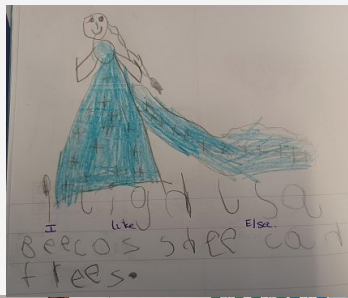
This week Year 4 have really enjoyed Book Week and the wonderful Book events that have taken place. Year 4 asked plenty of interesting questions to our visiting authors, including Jen Carney who wrote 'The accidental diary of B.U.G.' Jen Carney explained why she wrote the book, who influenced her and how she developed the different characters. We were also lucky enough to have an art lesson with Jen Carney, whereby each child drew one of the main characters.

## Year 5 & 6

This Book Week has been book-crazy! On Tuesday, we had a hilarious poetry session with Simon Mole in which we wrote our own odes about something we love (ducks, popcorn, pepperoni pizza and even dim sum). The next day, on the 2nd of March we made book marks, which we laminated and got to keep or gift to another book lover! To end this book-filled week we had Tasmin Mori, who ran a session about Myths and Legends, to make this session even more enthralling we were dressed as our favourite book character!



## Photos





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This year we saw the second edition of the magnetic literary Kahoot! quizzes. With questions carefully created by Y6 hosts Durga, Pietro, Eleanor and Oscar, the players raised to the challenge showing the Vineyard's characteristic enthusiasm and prowess.

As stellar hosts, Mr Collier and Mrs Mingolla guided the children like no other in two memorable bookish evenings. Congratulations to the winners and to each one of the players!

Winners HP all seven books quiz: 1st Seyon 6J, 2nd Emma 6K and Felix 4O, Oliver 3R.

Winners Little People big dreams quiz: 1st Alex 1S and Ben 3E, 2nd Adi 6K, 3rd Emma 6K and Felix 4O.

