



Dear Families,

I have to start with a huge shout out to all the children in year 6. Their approach to a week of SATS (standardised assessment tests), which are end of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments, has been mature, positive and enthusiastic. They have shown themselves to be perseverant, ambitious and extremely self-aware. I am very proud of them all and they are without a doubt very nearly ready to move on to their secondary schools. I wish them all a wonderful time in Osmington Bay next week and cannot wait to join them for the second half of the week. Fingers crossed for sunny weather!

Coming up are our RSE (relationship sex education) parent workshops. I would encourage you to join these, if you can, to find out what your child/ren will be learning in this extremely important part of our PSHE (personal, social, health, economic) education - see the dates below. There will be more information via ping either today or on Monday.

As part of our curriculum review we are thinking about what we want a 'Vineyard leaver' to look like as they head off to secondary school. For this piece of work to be successful it is vital that all stakeholders are involved - the children, parents, staff and governors. So far a group of governors and the teachers have been involved in a collaborative working group. For the next phase, I would like to invite a small group of parents to work on this. If you are interested in being involved please email me on headteacher@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk.

A final piece of exciting news is that we have appointed a music teacher who will start in September. Our new teacher will be responsible for the music curriculum but will also coordinate our music provision at school. This will include singing assemblies, choir, orchestra, productions to name a few.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Frances Bracegirdle

Please remember to send your child/ren to school dressed in red, white and/or blue on the 27th May for the Queen's Jubilee!

Upcoming Events

Mon 16 May - Fri 20 May	Year 6 Osmington Bay Residential
Fri 20 May	Summer 2 Extra Curricular bookings open 7pm
Mon 23 May	Reception & Year 1 Dental Survey
Mon 23 May	RSE Workshop for parents, 6pm
Tue 24 May	RSE Workshop for parents, 6pm
Thu 26 May	Year 1 Bocketts Farm Trip
Thu 26 May	SEND Coffee Morning, 9am
Fri 27 May	PTA Jubilee Street Party, 3pm
Mon 30 May - Fri 3 Jun	HALF TERM
Mon 6 Jun	First day back after half term

The Queen's Jubilee

This is a great excuse for a party and a BAKE OFF! On Friday 26th May, during the school day, each class will be given the challenge to bake and decorate a Victoria sponge cake.

These cakes will be judged during the PTA Street Party by a select group of panelists. The winning class from each phase will receive a prize donated by the PTA.

The ovens have been booked and the classes will start to finalise their designs. We are looking forward to seeing the fantastic creations.

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Class News

Reception

Reception have had a very exciting few weeks! The children have all been thoroughly enjoying getting stuck into nature, and doing forest school with Mrs Balaram. They loved making journey sticks and being in a new environment that they could explore! Reception have been learning about Minibeasts and have loved finding them in the learning garden and learning some facts about them. We also had an exciting visit from ZooLab, who showed us some exotic animals. We were completely engrossed, and the animals were unusual ones. We were very brave when holding the Madagascan cockroach!

Year 1

We have had a great week in Year 1 and are becoming laptop experts! We have written sentences using a word processor (google docs) and have experimented by editing text in creative ways. In science we have carried out exciting tests to investigate the properties of different materials. In English we are preparing to write a book next week, and in art we have taken inspiration from Vincent Van Gough and painted our own Starry Night.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week learning about poems We have read Owl and the Pussycat and it has been so fun! In English we learnt about Simon Mole and he taught us how to rhyme and make our own nonsense words, we even made a nonsense dictionary. In science, we learnt about the UK weather and made our own weather report, we even acted it out. In art, we designed our own vases based on Kate Malone's beautiful pottery work.

Year 3

I think you will all agree that Year 3 have truly shone this week in their spectacular assemblies! A huge thank you to all the parents and guardians that came along to watch their fantastic performances. Leading on from this, the children have been making an outstanding effort with their presentation this week by publishing their letters to the Tear Thief. We have just finished our unit on fractions in maths and the children have even been challenging themselves to work out equivalent fractions! In science this week, we had a magnificent time investigating how magnetic forces by creating our own games using our paper race tracks, magnets and paper clips. We continue to build our geographical knowledge of North America, by exploring the cold, continental landscape of Alberta, Canada and will be contrasting this next week to the landscape of Florida, USA.

Year 4

The sunshine has come a perfect time for our new English text Hot Like Fire by Valerie Bloom. The children have been discussing the interesting Jamaican dialect used by the poet and creating poems about their own lives. They have also been learning so much about the rivers of the world in book club. Science is linking in well with geography as we are considering both the human and natural impacts on our environments and we are making the most of the good weather with athletics and fielding activities in PE. The classes had have the opportunity to show their dramatic sides when re-enacting the exciting story of Rama and Sita to show their understanding of the significance of the celebration for Diwali for Hindus and Sikhs. There has also been more creativity shown in sewing skills, inspired by the artist Frances Pickering. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents that were able to attend the assemblies last week. It seems such a long time that the children have been able to take part in such as event and we were impressed that they rose to the occasion!

Year 5

Recently in Year 5 we have had a big focus on planning our field work for our trip to Richmond Park. To get ready, this week we completed some tree surveys of the school grounds and decided on whether our trees were deciduous or not. In Art we have continued to develop our skills for our self-portraits, focussing on mixing colours and working out their symbolism as well as practising drawing facial features. In English we have thoroughly enjoyed creatively writing about London using the book 'This is London', we have developed and published our descriptions using illustrations too. In Maths we have started our new topic, Properties of Shape. We have been revising different types of angles, comparing them and learning how to use a protractor to measure them accurately. We are super excited for our trip to Richmond Park next week!

Year 6

Year 6 have been extremely busy this week completing SATS. We are proud of the effort they put in and their calm attitude. In writing, they have been creating a set of instructions based on the novel 'The Explorer'. In computing all year 6 students have been coding their own catching game using scratch. Today we enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine followed by some fun on the field. We have been preparing for our residential trip to Osmington Bay, which we leave for on Monday- updates and pictures to follow!

Photos



Sports News



Year 6 Boys Football team through to league semi finals



Year 5 Boys/Girls Cricket Tournament - Teddington

Year 6 Yoga



When the Vineyard Sport and Physical Activity groups go off site for activities and tournaments we post live updates on Instagram and Twitter, which include video

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