

# The Vineyard School

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Dear families,

It is hard to imagine how we could have fitted much more in during the last two weeks. Year 6 have been to Osmington Bay and started auditioning for their end of primary school play. Year 4 and year 1 have been on trips to Butser Ancient Farm and Bocketts Farm. Year 2 have finished their SATs (standardised assessment tests). On Wednesday there were ladybirds, bees, dragonflies, to name just a few flying, around as Reception had a bug party. We have held a Jubilee Bake Off - results unknown as I type. There has been huge excitement and the judging panel are going to find it very difficult. Year 5 have all been to Richmond Park to carry out a geography enquiry and year 3 have made clay sculptures in the style of Simone Leigh. This is alongside the usual music, maths, science and the rest of the curriculum. It is fair to say that it is time for a very well deserved break for the whole community.

Just before this happens we have an afternoon of jubilee celebrations. The children are going to get together to sing a song and dance a dance, to mark the momentous occasion of Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne.

Thank you for your continued support over the term. Many events at school cannot go ahead without your help. If you ever want to come and talk then please do send an email to make an appointment or grab me on the gate in the morning.

In the meantime, have a wonderful half term and see you for Summer 2 on June 6th. Take care, Frances Bracegirdle

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

### **Upcoming Events**

27/05/2022

**HALF TERM** 

09/06/2022

**Class Photographs** 

10/06/2022

**Sponsored Walk** 

13/06/2022 -17/06/2022

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Refugee week

Some interesting, thought-provoking and free debates to enjoy. Who 's the better bear, Paddington or Winnie- the Pooh?

# Vision, Values... we would love your input Friday 10th June at 9am

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.

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#### **Useful Links**

<u>Calendar Absence and Attendance Koosa Kids</u>

<u>Extra-Curricular Clubs Library Report an Absence</u>

<u>FAQs Website PTA</u>

### Class News

#### Reception

We have loved watching our caterpillars grow and transform into chrysalises. Now we are eagerly waiting for the butterflies to emerge! Our Ugly Bug Ball was so much fun - amazing writing, fab dancing and awesome costumes. For the Jubilee celebrations, we made crowns, learned some jive moves and a song and made a tasty cake. What a busy way to end another great half term!

#### Year 1

We have had "the best week ever!" We have enjoyed making our crowns for the Jubilee celebrations as well as baking our cakes! In English we really liked focusing our learning on the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit', had some great discussions about how the crayons were feeling and writing our letters from the point of view of the boy in the story. We went to Bocketts Farm! Look at our pictures. We watched the pig race and cheered for our chosen pigs. The winner was Luke Skyporker!

#### Year 2

Year 2 have finished our SATs! The children amazed us with their ambition and perseverance, we hope they have a well-deserved rest this half term. In RE, we made lanterns which look fabulous. We made some delicious Victoria sponge cakes and cannot wait to find out which class wins. Finally, we wrote some letters to the Queen to congratulate her on her Jubilee

#### Year 3

Year 3 have been getting ready for the jubilee celebrations making bunting, crowns, rosettes and not to forget the class cakes! Continuing on the creative theme, we painted our Simone Leigh statues and turned our stop-motion animations into movies by adding music, text and other fancy features. In English, the children wrote ingredients for creating their own robot - there were some very interesting instructions including "Annoy my brother" and "Do my chores for me so that I can read instead!" Please continue to talk about time with your children to support them with their learning in maths, particularly the 24 hour clock.Try creating a mini-Olympics and ask your children to show you their running, jumping and throwing skills

#### Year 4

This week Year 4 headed to Buster Farm. A thoroughly enjoyable and explorative adventure awaited them. The children excavated land to search for Roman artifacts, created Roman mosaics and built Roman flint walls. We can't wait for our next trip!

Year 5 have had a very busy past couple of weeks! We have taken a trip to Richmond Park to carry out some fieldwork, did some field sketches and even a soil investigation! We concluded our Art topic of Frida Kahlo by drawing and painting our own self-portraits; we used acrylic paint and practised using different type of textures. In RE we have been learning about different symbols representing different ideas and the art behind them. We have written newspaper articles about the big occasion, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee! Finally, we have been a flurry of excitement preparing our cakes and our decorations for the part

### Year 6

Year 6 have been enjoying a mostly normal week back at school after our epic residential last week! We've all just about recovered and this week have been starting our end of year production prep. We're keeping it all under wraps at the moment! We have been learning about spirals this week in maths, looking at Baravelle spirals and the Golden Ratio in nature. In English, we have been writing promotional leaflets for outdoor activity centres, drawing on our experiences last week. We've got some exciting things planned for after half term so watch this space!



## **Sports News**



English Primary Schools Chess Association Chess Tournament, Westminster

Y5 Cricket, Bushy Park



Y6 Yoga



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