



Dear families,

Every term has its particular characteristics. In summer 2 it is the discussions about transitioning to the next year group, school reports and listening to the sound of year 6 practising for their production!

A highlight of the last two weeks was the sponsored walk. It was a fantastic event with the children following an appropriate route for their year group. The children in year 6 walked around the circumference of the park. This event was made extra special because the whole school met for a picnic at the end of the walk. We will announce the total raised as soon as we have counted all the money collected.

Kirsty (vice chair of the governors) and I met a group of parents this week to discuss the vision and values of the school. The new Ofsted framework is focused on schools providing a broad curriculum for all children. It is much more about the progress each child makes in every subject rather than their academic attainment in particular subjects. Clearly we have very high expectations for all our children with the aim for them to strive to be their personal best. As you are aware, we are in the process of reviewing our curriculum to ensure it fits with the context and values of the school. This has provided a good opportunity to review our school vision and values. In the parent meeting we discussed: what we want a child waving goodbye to The Vineyard in year 6 to look like; how we would know they were ready for the next stage in their lives and from a parent's perspective what the role of a primary school is. The next part of this work will be to include the children to find out their views. I will share the results of this work later in the term.

Please look out for the parent survey which will be sent out next week. It is important that as many of you as possible complete it to help us when we are thinking about what is next for The Vineyard.

As always if you have any questions please do email me on headteacher@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk or come and chat to me on the gate in the morning.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Frances Bracegirdle

Miss Bannenberg is running *The Big Half* in September for the Starfish Greathearts Foundation. "This is a charity close to my heart and I have seen first hand the amazing impact they have on children orphaned by HIV/AIDS and poverty in South Africa. Having done some work for this charity a few years ago before becoming a teacher, I was able to follow their story and see how children's lives have been changed by their hard work. Starfish works in partnership with grassroots community-based organisations in order to reach and provide support to the most vulnerable children. Now, as a teacher, I want to do my bit for children who struggle, or are unable to access education because of their circumstances. I will relish the challenge of running my second half marathon and would really appreciate any support and donations you are able to give." Please click [here](#) to donate.

Upcoming Events

20/06/2022
22/06/2022
22/06/2022

Class assembly Diamond
Class assembly Amber
Mufti day - bring a bottle or chocolates for the summer fair tombola

22/06/2022
23/06/2022
24/06/2022
24/06/2022
24/06/2022
25/06/2022
30/06/2022

Nutrition Committee meeting - [Zoom link](#)
Barnes Literary Festival Y1 and Y2
Class assembly Sunstone
Barnes Literary Festival Y4
Kew Gardens trip Y2
Summer Fair 12-4pm

01/07/2022

Science fair community show 6.30-7.30pm

w/b 04.07.2022
20/07/2022

Science fair and science/maths dress up day
Festival of Sport week
Last day of term/year; finish at 12-12.15 (no pm KoosaKids/clubs)

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of Stuart Marsden. Stuart died on Sunday night following a short illness. Stuart worked as a teacher at The Vineyard between 2000 and 2019 and was a much loved member of The Vineyard Community. During his time at The Vineyard Stuart made a huge contribution to the life of the school and the creative arts. Staff remember Stuart as a dedicated and talented teacher who kept everyone entertained in the staffroom. Parents and pupils will remember Mr Marsden's enthusiasm and passion. One of the highlights of Mr Marsden's career at The Vineyard was having his Maypole dancing troupe perform for the Queen in 2012. His death will be a tremendous loss to all his friends and family.

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Class News

Reception

Reception children were very excited to go on their first ever school trip last week. The children were superstar walkers and showed great perseverance and determination to complete the sponsored walk. They really enjoyed spending time together in Petersham playground and eating their picnic! When they came back to school the children wrote about their adventure to Richmond park. The children were ambitious and were keen to add exciting vocabulary to their writing!

Year 1

Year 1 have been excited to start new topics such as in History learning about The First Flight and Fruit and Veg in DT. We are using skills such as, sorting, predicting, asking questions and observing across our lessons to build on prior knowledge and learn new facts! In Computing we made flags as we have been thinking about where we are from and what continents the countries are in. The children have been so enthusiastic about performing songs for our assemblies next week, their confidence and determination to learn their lines is wonderful to see! We are really excited to show you what we have been practicing!

Year 2

We have been doing our class assemblies and started our new topic in DT - puppets! The children amazed us with their ambition, hard work and determination and we hope you all enjoyed it half as much as we did! By the end of the term, we would have designed, sewed and made our own finger puppets. We have also been working hard in English and maths, planning and writing our own stories based on a picture and recapping over previous learning topics for maths.

Year 3

It has been a busy and exciting first 2 weeks back in Year 3! We have been getting stuck into some exciting new topics, such as the history of the London underground in history, designing our own stop motion animation in DT and building on our coding skills in computing. We have been so impressed with the children's work in English where they have been writing poems inspired by Maya Angelou about their fears. In maths, we have begun our 'Properties of Shape' topic and the children have been identifying right angles. The sponsored walk was a huge success. The children did incredibly well as they had to walk a challenging 4.5 miles!

Year 4

In Year 4, we have been very busy with our learning! Year 4 had an incredible time during the Sponsored Walk. It was so lovely to spend the day together walking through Richmond Park! In Science, we have been learning about enamel and tooth decay and the causes of it, we are using eggs to observe how it happens. In English, we have been learning how to punctuate speech and have been practising this through role playing the Ioff and the Third Little Pig with a journalist- we had some very sly and cunning Big Bad Wolves! We just want to say a huge well done to the Year 4 children who sat their MTC's this week- we are so proud of you all!

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been fascinated by the interesting life of Philippe Petit- a man who danced between the Twin Towers back in 1974. The children have been writing playscripts and practising ways to use punctuation dramatically. We have been very impressed with their enthusiasm. Finally, in History, Mr Jones has amazed the children with his stories about Alfred the Great. This week, we looked at reasons why Alfred's ascension to the throne was unexpected and the children were able to consider all the possible outcomes before arguing who would have been the best king for Wessex back in 871AD.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been continuing to prepare for their end of year production! Singing rehearsals are common and the dulcet tones of Year 6 can be heard throughout the school! We have also been writing speeches on climate change, arguing that children should be allowed to strike to support the cause. This week has also give us the chance to finally make our burgers that had been planned from before half term. Children made and cooked their own burgers, taking them home in boxes they designed by themselves. Next week is the start of bikeability and in class acting rehearsals so watch this space!

Photos



Sports News



Boys 4x1 Relay Team finished
overall 2nd in Richmond
Borough

Harry finished overall 3rd in the
boys Y5 freestyle

Y6 Cricket, Bushy Park



Y5/6 Smart Rider



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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