

Dear families,

Today I am surrounded by scientists, mathematicians, plants and numbers. The children have been investigating different things during the week - Year 1 created rainbows, Year 6 worked out how to make a hole in an A4 sheet of paper that an adult can climb through, There have been many mathematical problems going on too. It has been a pleasure to welcome some of our very own parents who work in STEM to talk to the children about what they do. The children were treated to an amazing science show on Thursday thanks to the PTA for organising. This was all finished off with the most amazing science fair - judging was extremely difficult - all the children who brought in a project from home have done an amazing job. They've worked so hard and results are out of this world. Thank you for supporting your children to be able to get involved with this. We will announce the winners on Monday and there will be a prize for each year group.

Next week is our Festival of Sport. This is an opportunity for the children to show off the skills they have learnt during the year in P.E. and have some fun. Hopefully you will be able to join us.

With regards to work we have been doing on our vision and values I have now met with the teachers, governors, a group of parents and a group of children. The children were fascinating to talk to. I asked them what they thought the role of a primary school was - "to educate children on the basics of learning" "to make our closest friends" "to start learning about subjects" "to get ready for secondary school".

I had many very mature responses to my question - "What do you want to be like when you leave The Vineyard?" - "a calm and collected person" "happy with what I've done" "be kind and friendly".

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped organise, run a stall, bake a cake, marshall or do any other job to make the Summer Fair an amazing success last week. It was a lovely event for the community and believe me I know the hard work it takes to pull off such a successful event £12,500.00 raised- THANK YOU!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Frances Bracegirdle

Stuart Marsden

There will be a musical celebration of the life of Stuart Marsden organised by a team of ex Vineyard parents.

Tiaras, Buttonholes & Sparkle

A joyous gathering to commemorate the life of a remarkable man.

Saturday 16th July 2022 at 1.00 pm

At St Matthias Church, Church Road, Richmond TW10 6LS

All are welcome.

Upcoming Events

4/07/2022	<u>Festival of Sport week:</u>
5/07/2022	Reception from 1pm to 2.45pm
6/07/2022	Y1 & Y2 from 1.30pm to 3pm
7/07/2022	Y3 & Y4 from 1.15pm to 3pm
	Y5 & Y6 from 1.15pm to 3pm
5/07/2022	Recorder concert 1.45pm for Y2; 2pm for Y3-Y6
13/07/2022	Resources committee meeting
14/07/2022	Guitar assembly 2.50pm - 3.10pm
20/07/2022	End of term - finish at 12noon (no KoosaKids and clubs in the afternoon)

A shout out to one of our awesome year 2 children!

Clementine Myles (Year 2 Amethyst) had a stall selling sweets, hair scrunchies, pencils and some other goodies.

She made around £115 and has donated it all to the PTA.

Thank you Clementine for organising your stall.

Get the latest updates and photos by following the school on Twitter and Instagram!



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Class News

Reception

This half term we are learning about Dinosaurs. Last week each child created their own fact page, which was then put together as a class to make a dinosaur non-fiction book. This week for STEM week the children have been busy learning how to crack the code in maths and they have all had a turn at programming the 'code and go robot mice' to reach the cheese. For our science display the children have worked as a group to make a volcano which they are very excited to see erupting on Friday for the parents!

Year 1

What an exciting STEM week Year One have had! We have focused our experiments around water and colours! First, we created clouds and saw what happens when it rains, we carefully added drops of water until the 'clouds' couldn't hold anymore! We have also learnt about absorbent materials and created our own colourful rainbows, using kitchen roll. Finally, we blew into straws to create our own bubbles! In maths we learnt about tessellations and enjoyed creating our own on the chromebooks! KS1 were lucky enough to have a parent come and tell us all about their job as a scientist, as well as watch a science performance by The Royal Institute, this involved balloons, fire and explosions!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic STEM week! At the beginning of the week we made our own comets, we learnt about Florence Nightingale and the creation of pie charts. We then created our own pie charts on the computer. We had a fantastic science energy workshop where so many amazing things happened! A mathematician came to visit and showed us lots of tricky calculations which we had a go at afterwards. We looked at surviving on Mars and designed and created a creature that could live there. We can't wait to show the parents this afternoon! Lastly, the children have created some fantastic experiments to show at the science fair that look very impressive!

Year 3

What a superb STEM week Year 3 have had! We have been exploring the theme of growth through our experiment on whether feet and height are linked. We used our accurate measuring skills and recording skills to then analyse the data we collected. Thank you to all the adults that kindly volunteered to have their feet measured, we really enjoyed the intriguing if not slightly stinky investigation! Following inspiration from the mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan we showed incredible perseverance trying to complete magic squares. Our experiment on chromatography created lots of awe and wonder with the children showing great observation and enquiring skills by asking lots of thoughtful questions. To introduce our new English text, Cloud Tea Monkeys, we had a tremendous time tea tasting and writing some super sensory descriptions.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have worked hard on their STEM investigations and experiments. They have demonstrated really insightful predictions and discoveries throughout, led by broad and challenging questioning from all the children. Dressed in role today, our scientists were keen and ready to share their findings with parent visitors. In addition to this, a group of children from Year 4 have been taking part in Battle of the Books. We are very proud of the preparation they have made alongside their teachers Mrs Darling and Miss Samra to take part in the inter-school competition today.

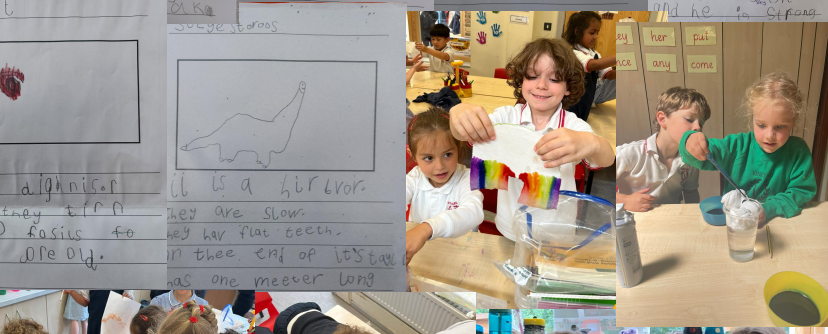
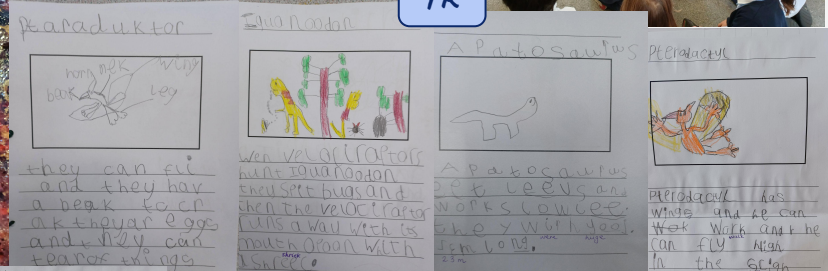
Year 5

Year 5 has been abuzz with science, technology, engineering and maths during our yearly STEM week. The children's excitement was palpable when partaking in the bubble experiment, with the children creating a bubble mixture out of washing up liquid, water and sugar. As you can see in the pictures the children were having a bubbly good time! On Friday, we went to a science show hosted by some experts, it was hilarious! I am sure in the next 10 years you will see many Vineyard scientists out in the world.

Year 6

Year 6 have been busy this week with bikeability, production practice, our enterprise projects and STEM week. We have enjoyed some interesting experiments involving viscosity. We reviewed how flipping bottles containing different liquids effects the performance of the bottle flipping. We even made oobleck with corn flour and water - resulting in very messy classrooms. We learnt about the growth of viruses and antibodies and made our own origami virus and antibodies. The countdown is on for our production of "Lights Camera Action!"

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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