



Headmaster

There have been a number of highlights this week. Our Year 6 pupils have been taking their cycling training course with Richmond borough and have been giving a very good account of themselves. On Tuesday this week we welcomed author Matt Dickinson to speak to our older pupils about his books which focus on exploration and his Everest expeditions. The pupils were fascinated by the adventures he recounted and asked some very interesting and thought-provoking questions.

We also enjoyed a competitive Year 5-8 House Cross- Country event at Kempton Cricket Club grounds accompanied by some welcome sunshine and lots of enthusiasm from the pupils.

Finally we have been holding our year group finals in some of our Mind Sports games which will enable us to select two teams to defend our Think Tank national title at the finals at the end of April. The standard this year has been particularly high and every event remarkably close.

Whole School News

Reception–Year 3, Years 6 & 7: Parent/Pupil Mid-Year Review Meetings Monday 12th March until Thursday 22nd March

If you need a reminder of your appointment log onto:

<https://twickenhamprep.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> and go to 'my bookings'.

Pupils in Year 1 and above are expected to attend with their parents.

Spring Term Class Assembly Dates

5M Tuesday 13th March

RM Tuesday 20th March

Second-Hand Uniform Sale – Tuesday 13th March

This has been rescheduled from last week. Please see the Parents' Committee section for further details.

Easter Holiday 2018

A reminder that the last day of Spring Term is Friday 23rd March (half day) and pupils return for the Summer Term on Tuesday 17th April.

Safeguarding



The Child Protection in Sports Unit have some helpful advice for parents in choosing a sports club for your child and how to check that the provision has robust safeguarding procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of the young people attending. There are also helpful videos highlighting the positive impact of sport on young children's wellbeing.

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/help-advice/related-information/information-for-parents-and-carers/>

Prep

Year 5 Parents' Evening: Tonight

Please note that there are no allocated appointments on these Parents Evenings, which take place in the School Hall, so parents may need to queue to see some staff. A meeting should last approximately five minutes. This is not the occasion for very long conversations with staff, but separate longer appointments can be made for a future date. Should you require longer, please discuss this with the relevant staff member.

Pupils in Year 5 are expected to attend with their parents

Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 Productions

Rehearsals and preparations are underway already so please do note the production dates in your diaries as detailed in the TPS Spring Term Calendar Card:

Thursday 15th March, 4.30pm

Year 3 and Year 4 Production

Thursday 22nd March, 6.30pm

Year 5 and Year 6 Production



Raising Resilience

BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND EMOTIONAL
RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Raising Resilience Team 'Bounce Programme'

Workshop for Pupils on Monday 12th March

We are delighted to be welcoming Dr Kate Robinson, a Clinical Psychologist from Raising Resilience www.raisingresilience.co.uk, back to TPS with her team next Monday 12th March to continue working with pupils in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the Learn2Bounce workshops. The pupils will continue to learn how to 'bounce back' at times of adversity and be taught valuable resilience skills through practical, creative and interactive workshops.

Year 4-8 Play Day – Tuesday 13th March

On Tuesday 13th March Year 4 to 8s will be participating in 'Play Day' which should hopefully be a great opportunity for our senior instrumentalists and singers to perform with one another.

Year 4-8 strings, woodwind, brass and guitar players will have workshops during the day run by our peripatetic teachers. Year 6-8 will have African Drumming workshops, and all pupils will be practicing for a grand performance of Toto 'Africa' in the afternoon.

Happy Mothers' Day!



We would like to wish all our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and carers a very Happy Mothers' Day for Sunday. Thank you for all that you do to support us in our work with the children.

Springtime!

The children in Reception and Year 1 have been particularly learning about growth and springtime. All of the children are enjoying learning about different lifecycles. Please do encourage the children to look for signs of spring and new growth whilst at home and over the weekend. Perhaps they can identify some of the flowers or sprouting bulbs?



Is your child interested in growing things? Do you have a vegetable patch? Perhaps your child would like to bring in a picture to present to the class so he/she can tell the children about what grows in your garden?

If anyone would like to bring in their own uplifting photograph of spring growth, Mrs Barnes will be glad to display it in Pre-Prep.

EYFS: Communication and Language

We are encouraging children in Reception to develop their Communication and Language skills by giving them time and opportunity to answer "how" and "why" questions about their experiences, events and stories. Any questions you can pose to your child using "how" and "why" will help them to develop their reasoning skills and their ability to give explanations.



Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Consultations



Please do remember that pupils must attend the review meeting with their parent(s) and teacher. Children who are waiting in the shared area should sit quietly outside the classroom so as not to disturb the other meetings and must stay by their parents. **Children should not be waiting unsupervised in the playground.**

Year 2

We have been learning about different bulbs and how they grow. Why not enjoy a spring walk to see which bulbs are growing near you.



In maths the children have been reading plotting *quarter to* and *quarter past* times on analogue and digital clocks.

They would benefit from regular practice of this at home.





TPS Book Week 2018 Results!

We had a fantastic visit in the Prep school from Matt Dickinson on Tuesday. His amazing sessions on adventures around the world, his expedition to the Everest summit and his work as an author were hugely inspirational and thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Well done again to everyone for their enthusiasm during Book Week and congratulations to all of those who dressed up and entered into our competitions. We presented our Book Week winners with prizes at the end of last week and here are the various results.

Best dressed on our Character Dressing up day!

Pre-Prep:

RG Ethan C
RM Harri W
1M George R
1H Esther S
2L Zach W
2K Florence H

Highly commended runners up:

RG Adyson & Audrey
RM Max G & Rachel S
1M Aanya L
1H Pranika & Tanishq
2L Will A & Charlotte McP
2K Kitty T & Robbie McG

Prep:

3E Daniel K
3M Eliza H
4D Jasmin C
4H Tess S
5M Beatrice W
5S Anushka R
6H Park J
6L Shyann P

- 7 Max M
- 8 Ali S

Highly commended runners up:

- 3E Teo & Leo
- 3M Tima & Maxwell
- 4D Justin
- 4H Ted & Ewan
- 5M Emily & Gracie
- 5S Dora, Jackson, Anna & Daisy
- 6H Lewis & Matteo
- 6L Rhea, John & Maddie
- 7 Daniel & Gabriel
- 8 Henry & James

Most books read in Book Week/ Longest book paperchain:

It seems that Year 2 have been VERY busy reading this week – with 2K storming ahead with an incredible 71 books between them!!!

Favourite book vote:

Pre-Prep

It was an absolute pleasure to read the book votes coming in from the Pre-Prep. A lovely reminder of many wonderful animal stories. There were a large number of fairy tales amongst the votes, especially the three little pigs, lots and lots of the wonderful Julia Donaldson books, with the Gruffalo being a clear favourite, Peter Rabbit and Elmer too. However, unsurprisingly, after our fantastic author visit at the beginning of the week, Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam was by far the most voted for animal book through the Pre-Prep years!

Prep

Again, it is a great reminder of the significance of books and reading for pleasure to see which characters and books the pupils chose to vote for in Book Week as their favourites.

Perhaps predictably, the highest number of votes went to the wonderful characters in the Harry Potter series. We cannot deny how incredibly popular these books are and adventurers they certainly are! However, it was delightful to see high numbers of votes for Roald Dahl books and Enid Blyton adventures. There were votes for characters from the Hobbit, a great number of Tin Tin fans and lots of votes for David Walliams colourful characters too.

Book display photo competition

There were merits for all of those that entered our 'book display' photo competition. Almost 60 fantastic entries with Garrick leading the way with the most overall entries. 11 winning prizes spread across the 4 houses – well done!

Most magical book shelf:	Zaariya B RM (Wolsey)
Most creative book display:	Riya B RM (Wren)
Most daring book display:	Anushka C 1M (Wolsey)
Most beautifully staged book display:	Sofia J 2K (Garrick)
Tidiest book shelf:	Stella A 3E (Wren)
Most athletic book display:	Rosie W 3E (Faraday)

Best photo of a book display:	Liam M 3M (Garrick)
Most organised book shelves:	Lewis W 5S (Wren)
Most stylish book shelves:	Cordelia H 5M (Wren)
Most original book display:	Daniel J 5S (Garrick)
Fullest book shelves!:	Paloma C 6H (Faraday)

Mrs McCarey, School Librarian
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Easter Activities



Little Gym Hampton Hill Easter Camp timetable.

They have lots on offer for all ages, with themes, skills, games, crafts and STEM activities, there is something for everyone this Easter holiday. Book one camp or all the camps, whatever suits your schedule!

3rd- 6th April- Dinosaurs will take over the gym every morning for children aged 3-8 year (9.30am-12.30pm). Children will be lead through a dinosaur adventure, with lots of gymnastics, games and fun!

3rd- 6th April- Learn to run and flip off the walls in our free running and parkour inspired camp for children aged 5-12 years (1.30pm- 4.30pm)

9th-10th April & 12th-13th April- We will fly into outer space with our 3-8 year olds (9.30am-12.30pm). Prepare to jump to the moon, race along the beam to outer space and roll around Mars!

9th -10th April- We are teaching front and back handsprings, both on the floor and over the vault. Excellent fun for 5-12 years. (1.30pm-4.30pm)

12th April- Our ever popular cartwheel camp will teach cartwheels, one handed cartwheel, diving cartwheel and aerial cartwheels for 5-12 year olds (1.30pm-4.30pm)

Don't forget you can extend the morning with our lunch club (12.30pm-1.30pm)

Please contact The Little Gym for more information. Or website: [see here](#)

Chess

Chess training at Hampton School Friday 9th March from 4.30-6.00pm.

Players involved have been notified and can be collected from Hampton School at 6pm or from TPS at about 6.15pm.



IAPS Chess Tournament Thursday 12th-Friday 13th April

Players involved have been notified by email.

Mind Sports

In the next two weeks we will be running our Mind Sports school finals. Below are times and locations:

Thursday 15th March – 8.15-9.20am Checkers in the Hall

Tuesday 13th March – 4.10-5.30pm Abalone in the Hall

Further details will be sent to those involved.

PE, Games & Sports



RUGBY

Wednesday 14th March

1st XII Rugby vs Bishopsgate

Venue: Bishopsgate school, Bishopsgate Rd, Englefield Green, Egham TW20 0YJ

Finish: 4.45pm at TPS

Boys will be notified by the sports noticeboard.

Wednesday 14th March

U11 A & B Rugby vs Bishopsgate

Venue: Bishopsgate school, Bishopsgate Rd, Englefield Green, Egham TW20 0YJ

Finish: 4.45pm at TPS

All year 6 boys will be involved.

Friday 16th March

U9 A, B & C rugby vs Bishopsgate

Venue: Kempton

Finish: 4pm at TPS

All year 4 boys will be involved.

Friday 16th March

U8 A, B & C rugby vs Bishopsgate

Venue: Bishopsgate school, Bishopsgate Rd, Englefield Green, Egham TW20 0YJ

Finish: 4.30pm at TPS

All year 3 boys will be involved.



CROSS-COUNTRY

YEAR 5 & 6 Results

Year 5-8 pupils took on the Cross-Country route at Kempton CC on a surprisingly sunny afternoon. The clouds parted, the rain stopped and the snow drifted away to allow the races to be run!

An outstanding afternoon was made by all runners giving their all and supporting each other all the way round the course. An excellent display of stamina and perseverance with some exceptional races.

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Boys
1 st	Anushka R	Nicholas A	Hannahli F	James C	Freddie B	Suryaksh T
2 nd	Alice McN	Oscar P	Paloma C	Lewis GM	Oscar S	Luke C
3 rd	Anna S	Jack S	Park J	Theo K	Gabriel S	James D

A huge thank you to all the parents that came to show their support and bringing the sunshine with them!



HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY – YEARS 3 & 4 Friday 9th March 2.30pm - 4pm

This year's House Cross-Country event for Years 3 and 4 will be held at our home ground, Kempton Cricket Club, on Friday 9th March. **Children should arrive at school in their Games kit on the day (tracksuits are a must!).** Parents are welcome to spectate. Limited parking will be available on site at the Kempton grounds and parents are permitted to park there. However parking is also available on The Avenue and access to the grounds from there should be made using the back gate to enter Kempton Cricket Club.

Children may be collected from Kempton CC otherwise they will be brought back to school to be dismissed.

All pupils are encouraged to continue training for this Cross-Country event.

**Epsom Cross-Country
Friday 16th March 1pm**

Those children who have been selected for the Epsom Cross-Country have received a letter with all the information.

Pupils will leave school at 12.45pm and have an early lunch. Pupils will return at 4pm to TPS.



HOCKEY

Wednesday 14th March

U11 Hockey vs Bishopsgate

Venue: 244 Worple Rd, Staines, TW18 1HR

Finish: 4.30pm at TPS

All Year 6 girls will be involved.

Match Rescheduled from Friday 2nd March

Friday 16th March, 2.30pm-4.15pm

U8 Hockey Match vs Claremont Fan Court School (Home)

Venue: Surbiton Hockey Club, Sugden Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0AE (Home)

Finish: 4.15pm at TPS

All girls in Year 3 will be involved



GIRLS' CRICKET

We will be introducing Girls' Cricket to Years 3 and 4 on a Friday afternoons after Easter in the Summer Term. Following on from the success of the England Women's Cricket Team last summer, we want to be at the forefront of providing girls with a sport that is more accessible within the local area with various clubs, as well as paving a pathway towards playing county level and even higher.

The girls will wear their normal summer Games kit for Cricket; purple top, skirt and white socks.

For your information, below is a list of clubs where they run either mixed teams or have separate girls and boys teams:

East Molesey CC: KT8 9AL

Teddington CC: TW11 0EA

Teddington Town CC: TW11 0EA

**TWICKENHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL
SPRING TERM MENU**

Week Commencing Monday 12th March 2018

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Main Course	Tomato and Cream Cheese Pasta	Lamb Meatballs	Roast Ham Gammon served with pineapple	Fish cakes	Pork Sausages
Alternative	Roast Chicken Thighs	Pork Sausages	Beef Pasta Bake	Lamb Lasagne	Chicken Fillets
Vegetarian Alternative	Pesto Pasta Spirals	Lentil Casserole	Stir Fry Rice with smoked tofu	Vegetarian Quiche	Cheese and Broccoli Puffs
Carbohydrate	Garlic Bread	Savoury Rice	Roast Potatoes	Chunky Chips	Creamy Mash
Vegetables	Cucumber Sticks	Sliced Carrots	Broccoli	Peas	Baked Beans
We also offer fresh vegetable sticks for Pre-Prep and a seasonal salad bar for Prep with a protein item option daily					
JACKET POTATO COUNTER (Prep Sitting Only)	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese
Dessert	Toffee Mousse with shortbread biscuit	Flapjack	Fruit Jelly	Vanilla Sponge with custard	Raspberry Chocolate Cornflake Cluster
A choice of seasonal fruit and yoghurt is available each day and may be taken in addition or in place of a dessert					
Drinks	Jugs of fresh water available daily				

Parents' Committee News

Please send all bulletin submissions to Francesca Crutchfield at tpsnews1@gmail.com by midday on Tuesdays for inclusion in the following Thursday's bulletin

Dates for your diaries:

- Secondhand uniform sale RESCHEDULED – now Tuesday 13th March
- Spring cake sale Rescheduled date TBC
- Quiz night (SOLD OUT – check classlist for ticket returns)

Second Hand Uniform Sale: Have You Got Anything to Sell?

Next Tuesday 13th March 2.30pm until 4.30pm

Anyone with outgrown clothing they would like to sell, please do bring it to the school office ASAP. Uniform can also be left in the Parents' Committee cupboard/in-tray in the corridor behind the school office.

Please attach a piece of paper with your name and contact details if you would like 50% commission on any items that sell. If there are no details, any money made will go to the Parents' Committee Funds. Please make sure items are still in good enough condition that you would be happy to buy them yourself! PLEASE NOTE we have to dispose of any threadbare, damaged or stained stock so PLEASE, PLEASE check the quality of the clothes you are sending to us.

If anyone would be willing to help next Tuesday Tracy would love to hear from you at tps.secondhanduniform@outlook.com or 07703 884746.

We can't run the sale without our friendly parent helpers!

Recruitment:

And finally, a reminder we are still looking to recruit a new team to take over the role of Secretary, Treasurer and PC Chair. We also need some help to run the second-hand uniform sale as well as someone to take over the second-hand uniform sale accounts. We would like to give our successors the opportunity to shadow us during 2018 to make the transition smooth. To find out more contact please contact Gill (tps.pcchair@outlook.com)