



Dear Parents & Carers,

There has been a lovely atmosphere in school this week – the spring sunshine has certainly helped! I received a lovely email from Miss Charlotte (who has been teaching our dance classes) last Friday, remarking on how well mannered and driven our pupil's have been during their dance mornings. I know that Partridge and Robin Class will enjoy their sessions when their time comes!

With only two weeks to go, there is still plenty to look forward to – including our art week, visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Easter events in school – we do hope that you can join us for some of them.

The children's learning and attitudes to learning continues to be wonderful – we had the pleasure of showing our new Parent Governor around school on Wednesday – please see their report below.

Please remember, we are always here to help. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Donaldson

Governors' Corner

I visited the school this Wednesday afternoon. I continue to be particularly impressed with the amount of physical activity that our children are getting. As I arrived I had to navigate my way through all the skip-to-be-fitters in the playground and Mr. Cope told me about his class who had represented our school at the Richmond Indoor Athletics Tournament that morning - well done! Also, a big shout-out has to go to Mr. Layfield, who had set out a pretty gruelling circuit session in the village hall. With what I saw, I am sure that our children are getting all the physical stimulation they need alongside the classroom work. On that front, I saw Kingfishers doing some French, Partridges immersed in science and Robins taking advantage of this unseasonably good weather by learning outside. All of the children I met were polite and happy, and thank you to Mr. Cope who gave me a brilliant tour of all the lessons and activities that were happening

Luke Dodington – Parent Governor

Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday morning, our wonderful Year 4, 5 and 6 children visited Richmond School to take part in the Sportshall Athletics competition. This was a really exciting competition where pupils from all over the area competed in some indoor athletics activities – their scores then got added together to give a total score for their team. Great work everyone!

After last week's mention of the Y5/6 tennis team, I must also say a big well done to the Y2/3/4 team who came a fantastic 4th place – well done to Lucas, Jay, Phoebe and Bea!

Let's Celebrate!

	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)		Charlie	Sophie L	Leo
Writer of the Week	Theo	Olivia	Ronnie	Ellie
Mathematician of the Week	Kirsty	Rafe	Rosie	Bruce
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker			
Team Point Winners	Bolton			
The Golden Spoon	Livy			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 5 th April	Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit	All	Information sent
Thursday 7 th April	Easter Labyrinth – Parents Invited	All	Information sent
Friday 8 th April	Easter Egg Competition	All	Information to follow
Friday 8 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday	All	Parents informed
Monday 25 th April	Start of Summer Term	All	Parents informed
Tuesday 3 rd May	Box2bFit	All	Information to follow
Friday 6 th May	Dance Morning @ Richmond	Robin Class	Information to follow
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SAT'S Week	Y6	Parents informed
Friday 20 th May	Dance Morning @ Richmond	Partridge Class	Information to follow

Easter Egg Competition

The Pupil Leadership Team are sending a flyer home today about an exciting event they have organised for the last day of term.

They would like as many people as possible to bring in a decorated egg or eggs on the last day of term – there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place from each key stage! Be as adventurous as you like!

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Spring is here and the sun is shining. We have had a great time learning outside this week, reading stories, exploring our new water tray and there is lot of writing going on in the provision which is marvellous. We have many children on the balloons this week for their exploration skills, writing, reading and being good role models. We now have tadpoles in the classroom. The children have been asking some amazing questions about them; what do they eat, what will happen next, where will they go? We have been looking at the signs of spring and three mystery buckets have appeared in the setting. We have made predictions about what will grow in them. Our cress heads have sprouted but there are no signs of our sunflowers yet. In Forest School we went to the Nectar Cafe and drew the signs of spring we could see. What signs of spring can you see this weekend?

Kingfisher Class: Our week started off with a wonderful walk in the spring sunshine to look for signs of spring – we found lots of interesting things in Hunton and have used our walk to help us plan a recount in English. In Maths we have been focussing on the properties of 2D shapes and using words like 'vertices' and 'sides', as well as beginning to explore symmetry. Next week we will be looking at 3D shapes and sorting using what we have found out! In R.E we had an exciting session involving a pass the parcel and an Easter story. Kingfisher Class have worked very hard all week!

Partridge Class: I would like to start this week by saying a huge well done to our Year 4 children who, alongside Woodpecker Class, competed in a multi school athletics competition this week. I was very impressed with the children's determination, aspiring to do the best they could and being incredibly caring by cheering on their teammates. As well as this, Year 3 had a mini athletics competition in school, during which they impressed Mrs Webster with their throwing, running and jumping skills. All of this alongside our English work on persuasive writing, and maths work on fractions has made for another busy week in Partridge class.

Woodpecker Class: On Wednesday, the Woodpeckers went to Richmond School to participate in the Sportshall Athletics competition. Not only were the children great ambassadors for our school, but they definitely lived up to our 'aspire' and 'excel' ethos, all trying their very hardest and producing some great performances; many children were even victorious in their events! In school, the children have impressed me enormously when calculating missing angles and in English they have continued to enjoy writing with suspense - I don't know whether to be concerned or impressed by some of their writing! Another great week which has seen the children work hard both inside and outside of the classroom, well done to all.

Safeguarding Reminders

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, it is important to remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, however the below information may be useful:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr. Samuel Donaldson, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Mr. Gavin Cope. The named governor for Safeguarding is Mrs. Louise Wyatt.

Further information, including policies, can be found on our website