

Dear Parents and Carers

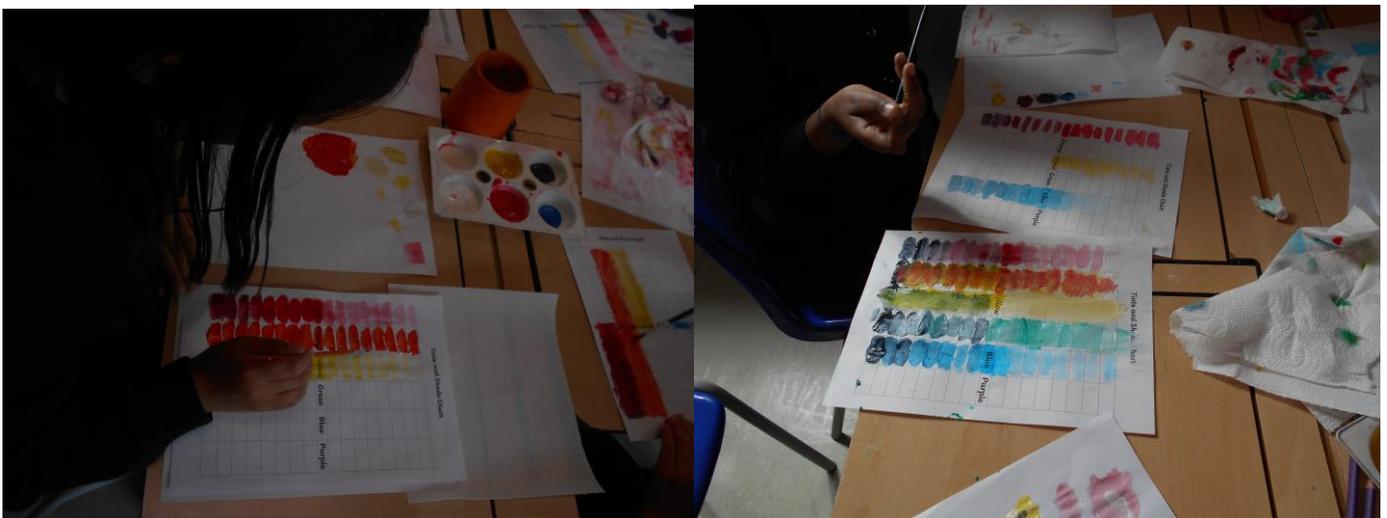
We are so proud of the resilience of our children, especially during assessment week. They have all worked so hard!



Year 5 enjoyed recreating the artwork 'Gassed' by John Singer Sargent as part of this week's art lesson.



Still life by Year 6



Year 6 learnt how to mix colours to create the tones that they wanted.



Year 6 enjoyed a virtual tour and talk from an archaeologist all about Ancient Egyptian artefacts in The British Museum today.



Miss Thomas has had so many fantastic entries for the Year 1 and Year 2 design a Bee Bot Competition! Year 6 are excited to judge them next week and announce the winner during Celebration Assembly.



Year 3 had such fun creating their sock puppets as part of their Art and Design curriculum.

Morning Drop Off

We have a growing number of children arriving very early, and some very late, for school. Some children are having to wait in a line for up to 20 minutes. Please ensure that your child is dropped off at the correct time in the morning. Children should line up straight away, with Year 1 and Reception children waiting with their adult. Thank you.

A reminder of the correct times:

- Year 5 and Year 6 – 8.35am
- Year 3 and Year 4 – 8.40am
- Year 1 and Year 2 – 8.45am
- Reception – 8.50am
- Nursery – 8.30am

Bikes and Scooters

In order to keep everyone safe, please remind your child/children that they should not be riding on bikes or scooters in school grounds, but should push them instead. Thank you so much.

Do you have any old devices?

If you have any old keyboards, cameras, phones, tablets or other devices that you no longer need, we would be so grateful for them to be used in our role play areas. The items do not need to work! Do drop any items off with Mrs Rickards at the gate. Thank you.

Mobile Phones

May I remind you that children should not be bringing smartphones into school. Only children who walk to and from school on their own may bring a phone in, and this should be a basic model. We have heard of recent reports of children (not from our school yet) having their smartphones stolen as they have used them on their way to school, or on their way home. Basic phones are far less attractive to muggers. Argos have basic pay as you go phones to buy from £2.50!

From 8th June 2021 (after half term), any smartphones seen in school will be handed to Mrs Rickards. Parents/carers will be contacted to come and collect the phone from school. This policy is very similar to many of the local secondary schools.

Music Festival

There has been a real buzz in music lessons this week from Year 2 up to Year 6 with lots of lovely individual singing and instrumental performances (on all sorts of instruments!) and some great group performances. The children have loved performing and listening to each other. There are still more performances in some lessons next week. Mrs Quinn has really enjoyed listening to them all and will have a hard time at half term choosing who will perform in the Finals in June!

Special Uniform Offer

We are selling our school green fleece, together with a school woolly hat, for just £10. Do order via Parentmail if you would like to take advantage of this special offer.

Savills Estate Agents Promotion

Local estate agents, Savills Wimbledon, have kindly agreed to pay HOTS £1000 every time a Holy Trinity parent sells their house through them. Simply telephone the team on 020 8971 8111 to arrange a complimentary valuation of your property. For more information, see the attached flyer.

Kitchen Roll

We would be so grateful for any donations of kitchen roll – thank you so much.

Book Amnesty

Many of our school reading books seem to be missing since the lockdown. If you have any books at home (other than the ones you are currently reading), please do bring them back to school for others to use. No questions asked! Thank you.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Jiwoo, from Year 2, who played her violin beautifully at Richmond's Virtual Music Festival.

Worry Ninja Workshop for parents/carers of Year 6 children

Year 6 pupils over this Summer Term have been or will be taking part in a series of three 'Becoming a Worry Ninja' workshops ran by the NHS in schools Early Intervention Scheme. The topics include ideas from Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) for helping understand and manage worries, with exams, assessments and with upcoming transitions to secondary school.

Date: Tuesday 1st of June from 7.00pm – 8.00pm online

This workshop is your opportunity to hear about the workshops, go through some of the content, and learn strategies for understanding and supporting your child's anxiety and worries with the run up to secondary school.

To sign up to this free 1 hour workshop being run over half term, use the following link (your child can join too if they like): https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/worry-ninja-parent-workshop-merton-sutton-tickets-154844091847?keep_tld=1

Oxfam Volunteering

Merton Oxfam shops are looking for volunteers. If you might be interested please contact Judi Thompson Area Volunteer Coordinator S01 (South West London / Surrey) Mobile: 07423 751 169

Attached/Linked items:

- Let's Go – NEAT Summer Holiday Camp
- Savills' Estate Agent Promotion

Term dates for 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021
(INSETs Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd so children back Friday 3rd)
- Last day: Friday 17 December 2021
- Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021

Spring Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 4 January 2022
(INSET Tuesday 4th so children back Wednesday 5th)
- Last day: Friday 1 April 2022
- Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022

Summer Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Last day: Friday 22 July 2022
- Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022
(INSETs Monday 6th June and Friday 22nd July, so children end Thursday 21st July)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
28 th May		Break up for half term – usual finish times
7 th June		INSET day – school closed
8 th June		2 nd half summer term starts
14 th – 18 th June		Sports Week
9 th July		End of Year Reports issued
14 th /15 th July	Evening	Year 6 Production
19 th July		Transition afternoon – children will meet their next class teacher
22 nd July		Leaver's Service and Term ends
23 rd July		INSET day

NB We are waiting for the Government's announcement from 21st June and updated guidance for schools, before making a decision about our Open Afternoon/Evening and other summer term events.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards