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Primary School

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Thought for the Day:

"If anyone has told you not to passionately pursue what sets your soul on fire.

They are wrong."

~ Martina McBride

**Question of the Week:
Is there anything you can know
for certain?**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the holidays, the school has been very busy. There have been a number of exciting trips and class assemblies. The school choir did a brilliant job opening the Hounslow Choir final at the Paul Robeson Theatre. The children performed really well and enjoyed the event and although they did not win, they were all a credit to the school. Y6 have also received some pedestrian training, preparing them for walking to and from secondary school safely.

Nursery: This week in Nursery we have been thinking about Spring. We have been looking at spring flowers as well as checking on the growth of our sunflowers. We have been continuing to compare the height of objects using our key vocabulary: tall, taller, short, shorter. We are always encouraging the children to become more independent. This week we have been focusing on the children using our new 'paint station' to select their own paints and tools. We hope you look forward to seeing some of their unique creations coming home soon!

Reception: In Reception this week we have been listening to the story "Zog" by Julia Donaldson. We have been recalling the story and writing labels to describe him. As Spring has arrived, we have been learning about the changes that happen around us during Springtime. In Maths we have been recapping the important vocabulary that we need to know about shape, space and measure. We have also had fun using the musical instruments to keep the beat in music.

Year 1: We have continued to explore place value by identifying the change to the digits when adding ten more. The children have also been breaking down and building sentences to understand what a sentence should consist of. They have also been challenging themselves by adding adjectives in their writing. In Art the children have been looking at the work of another famous artist, "Monet". They have been comparing the similarities and differences between the Monet and Van Gogh's art work.

Year 2: This week Year 2 have had a very exciting trip to 'The Living Rainforest'! We got to see lots of different animals including monkeys, iguanas, turtles and even some very small pygmy marmosets. We had fun trying to spot the sloth and the armadillo but they were hiding! The children learnt a lot from the workshop which taught us all about how plants and animals adapt to their habitat. In preparation for the trip we have been learning all about rainforests – we have talked about where in the world we can find them and what the climate is like there. We also completed our Australian animal dioramas, we are sure you were impressed with the results that came home!

Year 3: This week we have been completing assessments to demonstrate our learning from this term. In English we have been focusing on grammar techniques such as past tense and word classes. In Maths we started our new maths topic on fractions. We have looked at finding the fraction of shapes and using this to help solve problems. Using our data from our how various surfaces affect forces investigation, we created a bar graph to show our results and analyse our findings. Year 3 also took part in their whole year group dance showcase! It was a pleasure to see children working together with rhythm, keeping healthy and having fun! The Year 3 team hope you all have an enjoyable holiday and look forward to the summer term!

Year 4: This week the children have been working very hard and completing assessments in Maths, Reading and Writing. In Science, we have summarised our learning on solids, liquids and gases. The children have made lots of progress in Swimming and they are now more confident in the water. In RE, the children have made links in their learning between the two different religions they have been studying. The children have looked at 'The Last Supper' and linked this to their learning of 'langar' in Sikhism. In Art, Year 4 have been using the skill of paper mache to start making their dragon masks.

Year 5: This week's Science lessons have been about air resistance. Children have made parachutes to test which falls the slowest - and therefore has the most air resistance pushing them up. They have tested different variables, for example, the size and the shape of the parachute canopy, the length of the strings and the weight of the object. In English, children have been performing scenes from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and are now writing their own scenes in the style of Shakespeare.

Year 6: As the Spring term comes to an end, Year 6 have continued to work extremely hard. They have shown great determination and attitude towards their learning and should continue right up until SATs and through to the end of the year. This will ensure their great results continue. In English, students have continued to review and practice their inferencing skills and use evidence to demonstrate their understanding. We have also focused on various types of clauses and phrases in grammar, whilst also revisiting our knowledge of tenses. This week we have focused on measurement conversions and understanding of volume and capacity in Maths. Students have shown a great understanding of these areas and have worked hard to challenge themselves further. In History, students have looked further into Ancient Greek warfare and studied ancient landscapes in Geography.

Important Notices:

Nursery applications for children starting September 2019 are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the Hounslow council website,

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20028/primary_admissions/74/nursery_admissions

Closing date for applications is 3 May 2019.

Well done to everyone who took part - we raised £628.86 for Red Nose Day.

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform. School shoes must be black and not trainers. Please also remember children are not allowed hooped earrings at school, plain studs only.

All Summer term clubs are available to book. Places are filling fast, so if you would like for your child (Year 2 – Year 6), to join a club please go to parentpay.com. A full list of the clubs is available on the school website and has been emailed to all parents.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 96.83%. A steady increase over this term ensuring children make progress. This week, we have again had two classes with 100% attendance - a fantastic achievement.

Our autumn term attendance was 97.43% - this is a fantastic achievement – A huge thank to children and parents.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Key Dates for the term:

12 th February	Year 2 Scooter Training	8 th March	2B Class Assembly
12 th February	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting	12 th March	Parents Evening
15 th February	1I Class Assembly	15 th March	2W Class Assembly
Half Term	18th February – 22nd February		Red Nose Day
1 st March	3F Class Assembly	22 nd March	1B Class Assembly
		29 th March	1TB Class Assembly
7 th March	Parents Evening	5th April	Last day of the Spring Term School Closes at 13:30pm No aftercare on this day

First day of Summer Term 2019 is Tuesday 23rd April.





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 **CHANGE GEAR**

Half Term Cycle Courses

Learn to Ride Cycling Course

10th, 11th and 12th of April 10:00am
Hounslow Civic Centre, Lampton
Road, TW3 4DN
Suitable for 7 years and over

Improvers Cycling Course

10th, 11th and 12th of April 12:30pm
Hounslow Civic Centre, Lampton
Road, TW3 4DN
Suitable for 7 years and over

LEVEL 2 Bikeability Course

8th and 9th of April 2019
10:00 - 14:30 Packed lunch required
Hounslow Civic Centre, Lampton
Road, TW3 4DN
Suitable for 8 years and over



To Book Email Carol at
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for courses, venues and times
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