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Thought for the Day:

"Encouraging a child to go outside in all weather builds resilience, but more importantly it saves them from spending their life merely tolerating the "bad" days in favour of a handful of "good" ones – a life of endless expectations and conditions where happiness hinges on sunshine."
~ Nicolette Sowder

Question of the Week: Should the summer holidays be shorter?

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Key Stage 2 Sports day was fantastic. The venue really allowed the children to make the most of the different sports. It was lovely to see so many parents enjoying their picnics with the children too. We will develop this for next year. As the school year draws to a close, it always worth reflecting on the past years' activities and learning. What did we enjoy, what should we do again and possibly improve on? What lessons have we learnt to take forward into next year. It has been lovely to see how the children have developed in their confidence, resilience and imagination and how their attitude to learning has developed. Children's annual reports were sent home with the children and we hope you have enjoyed reading them.

Nursery: We have been reading the story Ten Little Pirates. We have all made our own pirates ship from recyclable materials. We plan to set these to sail and see if they will float at our pirates picnic next week. We have also visited our new Reception class again to listen to a story with our new teacher. Please remember that your child needs to dress in a pirate costume on Tuesday.

Reception: We have been exploring the seasons, initially by recapping previous learning and then introducing the season of Summer. We extended our learning by comparing and contrasting the different seasons. In Literacy we have continued to recap digraphs and tricky words. The children really enjoyed playing the odd one out game which involved looking at different objects and giving the reasons to justify their answers. Some excellent reasons were given - well done Reception. The finale of the week was a wonderful visit to Hounslow Urban Farm where the children met and held a range of animals and embedded their understanding of mini beasts and animals that they had been learning about in school.

Year 1: We have continued to create a non-fiction book about dinosaurs this week. They have also been learning about time by identifying o'clock and half past. The children prepared some questions to ask their Year 2 teachers and had the opportunity to meet with him/her earlier this week. In RE the children have been exploring stories from different religions with a moral to care for others. The children have also been auditioning for the APS talent show in class and across the year group.

Year 2: This week we have had an amazing Pirate Day at school! There were some fantastic costumes – thank you for all your hard work at home creating them. We had an exciting treasure hunt outside, where the children had to solve maths problems to find the answer to the clues. The children later made some beautiful telescopes using different coloured cellophane, and experimented mixing the colours to see what would happen. We have been using exciting adjectives to create wanted posters for some dastardly pirates. Year 2 were practising hard for auditions for the APS Got Talent show next week – well done to Shaindhavi for being chosen as the act to perform for Year 2.

Year 3: Firstly, we would like to congratulate Year 3 on their exceptional effort and achievement at Sports Day at Osterley Athletics track! It was great to see children showing resilience and collaboration within their coloured teams. In English this week, we have continued our creative writing, including fronted adverbials, compound sentences and dialogue. Year 3 have produced some work to be extremely proud of. In Maths we have continued our learning of shape by identifying properties of 2D and 3D shapes using mathematical vocabulary. In Science, we have identified the seven life processes in living things.

Year 4: We really enjoyed taking part in Sports Day. It was lovely to see their amazing teamwork and how they cheered on their year group. In Maths, we continue to look at shape, focusing on quadrilaterals and symmetry. In English, we have been concentrating on revising grammar and comprehension skills which we have found tricky during the year.

Year 5: The highlight of Year 5's week was our wonderful visit to 'Whittle & Spark' near Shepperton. Children enjoyed being outside in the beautiful Surrey countryside, in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Through exploring their environment, they learnt about the different plants and insect life, supported throughout by the very knowledgeable 'Whittle & Spark' leader. After training in stick safety, children constructed their own 'dens' – creating some very imaginative and sophisticated designs! After using up lots of energy, some children then moved on to creating dream-catchers and willow frames using willow harvested from the site. Others helped make dough for bread that was cooked over the embers of the fire. By the end of the day, everyone was tired but very happy – and also surprised by how much they had learnt while having fun!

Year 6: We have been completing final rehearsals before the performance of our production. The students can't wait to showcase their talent for the rest of the school and their families. Year 6 also had their transfer day for the secondary schools in the Hounslow Borough, which was very exciting! Students were able to see what their life would be like at secondary school; meeting some of their teachers, participating in some new subjects and also making new friends. It's not long now before our Year 6 students make the big move to secondary school, but they are more than ready for this exciting change.

Notices:

Summer Fair raised over £2000, a huge thank you to all the parents and children who attended the fair and made it a great success.

Activities for the summer holidays in the local area

What's on in Hounslow https://fsd.hounslow.gov.uk/kb5/hounslow/fsd/whats_on.page

Hounslow Youth Service

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/news/article/253/hounslow_youth_service_has_fun_activities_covered_this_summer

Things to do and Days Out in Hounslow

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/south-east-and-london/greater-london/hounslow>

<https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/hounslow/places-to-go>

What's on at Osterley Park and House <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/osterley-park-and-house>

What's on in Richmond <https://www.orleanshousegallery.org/whats-on/>

What's on at Marble Hill Play Centre <https://marblehillplaycentres.com/adventure-playground/>

Congratulations to 6F for scoring the highest across the schools in Hounslow that took part in the 'Sumdog' maths contest – fantastic achievement, well done 6F.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 96.8%.

Congratulations to Blue for 100% attendance.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Key Dates for the term:

18th July Year 6 Graduation

19th July Last day of the Summer Term

School Closes at 1:30pm - No aftercare

First Day of Autumn Term 2019 is Tuesday, 3rd September 2019



We are proud to announce that on Wednesday 3rd July, we successfully achieved **the UNICEF UK Silver – Rights Aware Award** for our rights-respecting work!

Silver - Rights Aware: Rights Aware is the second stage of the Rights Respecting Schools Award (after Bronze: Rights Committed, which we achieved in December 2018). The Rights Respecting Schools Award recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the heart of our school's planning, policies, practice and ethos.

The accreditation visit we had was very positive and the professional advisor from UNICEF really enjoyed visiting our school. We are really proud of the staff and children who have worked together to achieve this award.



Summer Cycling Courses

A poster for Summer Cycling Courses. At the top left is the London Borough of Hounslow logo. To its right are three overlapping 'bikeability' logos in red, orange, and green. Further right is the 'CHANGE GEAR' logo with a bicycle icon. The main title 'Summer - level 2 Cycle Courses' is in large, bold letters, with 'Summer - level 2' in orange and 'Cycle Courses' in green and white. Below the title is a red box with white text: 'Level 2 (two day course)', '1st course - 31st July to 2nd August', '2nd course - 12th August to 13th August', and '10.00am to 2.30pm'. To the right of this box is a photo of four children on bicycles with their arms raised. Below the photo is an orange box with white text: 'All participants must be in year 5 or above.', 'Please bring a packed lunch.', and 'Must be able to cycle confidently.'. Below that is a green box with white text: 'LOCATION', 'Lampton Park, Lampton', 'RD, TW3 4DN'. At the bottom left, a dark grey box contains white text: 'TO BOOK', 'Email: hounslowbikeability@parkwood-leisure.co.uk', and 'Or check our website'. At the bottom right, white text says 'Check out our website for courses, venues and times' followed by the website URL 'parkwoodoutdoors.com/centre/hounslow-bikeability'. At the very bottom, the slogan 'LIFE'S BETTER ON TWO WHEELS' is written in large, bold, green and white letters.

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