



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: This week at school the Church of England's vision for education: academic rigour and education of the heart and the soul, has been in action throughout St Mary's. Orange Class have worked hard to complete some of their SATs tests and we have to say congratulations to the Girls Key Stage 2 Kwik Cricket team who successfully defended their title and became Royal Borough of Kingston champions this week. Well done and what an achievement! They played against 16 other schools in Kingston & Richmond, many of whom have a larger number of pupils, and came away with the trophy. All of their team work, commitment and enthusiasm in training at lunchtime really paid off and we are tremendously proud of them. Mango Class performed a wonderful Class Assembly with some super examples of their writing and reflections about their residential trip.

We are delighted to welcome Gemma Rose, parent of Arya in Kiwi, onto the schools Governing Body as a Parent Governor and we look forward to her being an important part of the schools ongoing journey of improvement.

As you know, parents are the 'gatekeepers' for their child's computers and mobile devices—a reminder to everyone to be aware of the need for the correct setting of parental controls on all mobile devices that the children have access to at home. If you need information or support with any e-safety for children, www.thinkuknow.co.uk is a useful resource. Please be aware that 'WhatsApp' is for children who are age 13 and over. Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week:

Kiwi: In Kiwi Class this week, we have been finding out about different minibeasts. We found a family of snails, a beetle, a centipede, a spider and a ladybird in the nursery garden and thought about how to take care of the creatures we found. We have created minibeast homes for our toy creatures as well as making our own bug hotel for the garden. The children have also learned a song about a spider which they can sing beautifully!



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we have been enjoying the sunshine by visiting our wildlife area. We have been thinking about how we can take care of our world and made posters to remind people to throw their rubbish in the bin and turn lights off. We have also been thinking about what jobs we would like to do in the future these included police officers, teachers, firefighters and members of a band.



Lemon Class: This week in Lemon Class we have been learning all about measuring capacity and made our very

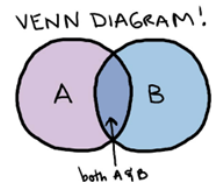
own fruit punch by measuring out all the different liquids. We also conducted a scientific investigation to find out the best material for Percy the Park Keepers coat. We found out that cling film was the best because it was flexible, comfortable and waterproof!



Orange Class: This week Orange Class have done a treasure hunt using navigational language. The children thoroughly enjoyed following instructions to find the treasure. We then had a go at writing our own set of instructions.



Blueberry Class: This week, Blueberry class has been learning how to interpret data. We have enjoyed creating different kinds of charts, including bar charts, Venn diagrams and Carroll diagram. We then asked and answered questions about the data we had collected.



Strawberry and Apricot Classes: Strawberry and Apricot Classes have been practising their power of persuasion this week in preparation for writing a persuasive letter. They have learnt about the different techniques including flattery and emotional appeal so parents are warned the children might be using them with you this weekend.



Mango Class: This week Mango Class have been working towards our assembly—the powerpoint slides of which can be found on our class page on the website. We have also been learning about converting units of time in maths and have been solving problems involving both the 12 and 24 hour clocks.



Pineapple Class:

This week, the children in Pineapple Class were lucky enough to participate in a fantastic drama workshop led by visiting actor, Michael Shilling. The theme for the workshop was World War Two and the children explored a number of areas including the feelings of parents as they waved off their children on their evacuation journey and how it might feel to eat a banana for the very first time!



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: Avah for amazing independent writing and **Matei** for fabulous progress with his phonics.

Orange Class: Chloe and Liam for amazing effort and resilience in our quizzies.

Blueberry: Callum for fantastic listening and always being ready to learn. **Jamie** for being a helpful and supportive talk partner.

Apricot: Calum for the fantastic progress he is making in his literacy learning. **Joanne** for always putting 100% into all her learning.

Strawberry: Joe for his enthusiasm and hard work in maths and **Alfie** for always trying his hardest and being a good friend to others.

Mango: All of Mango Class for their fabulous assembly—well done. **Isla** for 'coming out of her shell' and fantastic speaking and listening in English. **Andreja** for incredible maths and helping others achieve.

Pineapple: Sonny, Rian and Sam for producing descriptive pieces of writing connected to our World War 2 topic.



144 Club: Well done to **Mia** in Apricot Class for becoming a member of the 144 Club.

Congratulations to all of you we are proud to have you as part of our school!

Notes from the office :

Can we remind parents that all children need to be in class by **8.55** so the register can be taken. If your child is not going to be in please call the office before 9am so it can be recorded in the register. Also, collection is **3.20** from the playground, if you are delayed please call the office to let us know. Thank you.

Class photographs went out yesterday, please can all orders be returned to the office by 26th May with the correct money.

Parent Workshop reminder:

Mrs Johnson, Special Educational Needs Coordinator, will be running a work shop on 7th June at 2.30pm .

The workshop will take place in the Nursery and will cover how to support your child if they are struggling in the key areas of reading, writing and math. Strategies to help your child develop skills in these areas will be demonstrated and discussed. Parents of children with Special Educational Needs might find it particularly useful. Please come along, Mrs Johnson will look forward to seeing you.

Attendance & Behaviour:

Please note that fidget spinners are not permitted at school. Thank you for your support.

Whole school attendance this week is 96.9%. Apricot class had the best attendance this week with **100%. Well done to Apricot Class.**

The classes we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is Blueberry Class.

Families and Friends News:

We still need helpers for the fair, if you can please contact your class rep.

We are also collecting old china and any school uniform with the logo on.

Upcoming events:

Friday 26th May Muffin day for packets of sweets.

Wednesday 21st June—Pineapple class cake sale.

Tuesday 11th July—Summer Disco

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Diary Dates: * = new date **Don't forget!** You can also see a full list of school events on the school calendar which is on our website.

25th May - Y6 Sayers Croft info. Session for parents 2.45pm—please note new time

29th May – 2nd June Half – term week

Wk beg. of 5th June Yr 5 Bikeability

5th June—Y4 to Wisley Gardens

12th June – Phonics Screening Week Yr 1

14th – 16th June – Yr6 to Sayers Croft

19th June – Science Week

21st June – Kingston Singing Festival – Choir

22nd June – Yr 5 to CCC Science Labs

27th June – Y6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral

1st July Summer Fair 12-3pm

4th & 5th July – secondary school induction days Yr 6

6th July – Sports Day

10th July Arts Week

11th July – KS1 to Lookout Discovery Centre

17th July – Class Swap morning and Celebration Evening

21st July – Yr6 Leavers Assembly and evening party

21st July – End of term at 12 noon