



Head Teacher's News

Dear parents and carers

As I write to you today, and we approach the end of the Spring Term I am reflecting on the anniversary of the lockdown last March, and the changes we have needed to make to keep everyone safe in School. This half term has been one of change with the first week's education delivered both on site and online, and the recent three-week period with everyone back in school. As you will see in this newsletter the staff have made huge efforts to make sure the young people continue with the best educational experience possible, while continuing to work differently to keep everyone safe.

At present a small number of children remain at home because they have shielding advice until the end of March, we are expecting that everyone will be back in school after Easter.

I would like assure you all that Oaklands staff have all been offered a vaccination and that all staff have been asked to carry out lateral flow tests twice a week. Around one third secondary parents have agreed to test their children using the lateral flow tests. I would like to encourage families who are not yet doing so, as this is a highly effective way of keeping your family and everyone in school safe. If you would like a lateral flow test kit please do let us know and it will be sent home for you.

We are looking forward to a great summer term in school and I sincerely hope that we are able to remain open so all the children and young people can continue to benefit from education and the social and sporting activities we can provide on site at Oaklands.

May I hope for a Happy Easter for you and your family if you are celebrating the festival, and for an enjoyable break for you all.

Thanks you for your ongoing support.

Anne Clinton

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FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Family support services

As we are approaching Easter break and the weather is getting warm, I would like to share with you all the following services that are provided by Hounslow local authority. Once again If you are located in different boroughs, please check with your local authority, on their websites or contact social services departments for information on holiday activities as well as other support services. In addition, check your emails regularly, as I send information on local services that are offering support to families.

Accessing local services

Short Breaks for Disabled Children Newsletter for Easter break

The Short Breaks for Disabled Children Newsletter provides opportunities for disabled children and young people to take part in various activities in an environment that is sympathetic to their needs. Parents/ carers can download the newsletter in the link below;

file:///H:/Downloads/Short_Breaks_Newsletter_Easter_mar21.pdf

Hounslow Local Offer

Hounslow Local Offer is a very informative site, and is a guide to services available for children and young people aged 0-25 years with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). For more information see the link below; https://fsd.hounslow.gov.uk/synergyweb/local_offer/

Annual Reapplication for school travel assistance for 2021/2022 academic year

I would like to remind parents and carers that are currently receiving school travel assistance for their young person. School travel assistance will write to you in the beginning of April for those who need to re-apply please ensure you submit your application within the set deadline. Also if you don't hear from school travel assistance you should contact them to avoid your young person having any transport issues in September 2021. See below for their contact details; Email: schooltravelassistance@hounslow.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 8583 4177

In addition; for those that are currently not receiving school travel assistance. If you would like to apply for school travel assistance for next year (September 2021) you can apply online see the link below;

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools_and_colleges/1085/school_travel_assistance

Family food club

The family food club are providing fresh and free takeaway meals, food parcels and activities to any family with children that need helping hand. On Wednesday lunchtime April 7th & 14th at St John's Hall, St John's Road, Isleworth. Contact Rach for more information on; 07939472 323.

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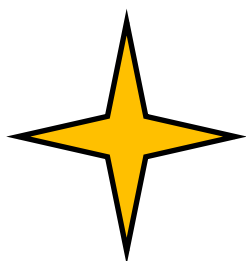
Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2021

Hounslow is participating in the national Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2021, funded by the Department of Education to provide free holiday provision for pupils eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

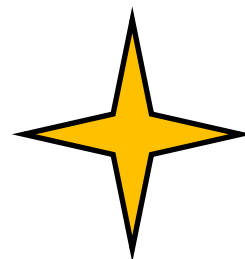
I send an email to parents / carers today enclosing information on local places that are running Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2021 during the Easter break. Please note that scheme is able to accommodate SEN pupils, but not to pupil that require medical needs or need one to one support input. The age range for the scheme currently is 5-14 years old. See below for information on local scheme providers and their direct contact details.

Location	Provider	Places	Ages	Contact
Grove Park Primary	Aktiva Camps	200	5-11	Angelina Bowden angelina@aktivacamps.com
Isleworth, TW7 5ED	The Learning Tree Childcare	60	5-8	Mona Mirza mona@learningtreechildcare.co.uk
Ivybridge Primary	Skipz Productions (performing arts)	40	6-11	Sunita Chana skipzproductions@gmail.com
The Rosary Catholic Primary School	Let's Leap	200	5-11	Reece Elbourn reece@letsleap.co.uk
Oakhill Primary	Premier Education Multi-Activity Camp	20	5-11	Gary Scroby gscroby@premier-education.com
Smallberry Green Primary	Footy Fun 4 Kids	90	8-11	Chris and Lara Webb-Butler info@footyfun4kids.com
Heston Primary	Fit for Sport	55	5-11	Craig Jones Craig.jones@fitforsport.co.uk
Feltham, TW13 7AA	St. Albans Day Nursery	40	5-11	Ekta Patel office@stalbandsdaynursery.com
Turnham Green, W4 2JR	Hogarth Youth Centre	15	8-16	Denny Anthony denny.anthony@hogarthtrust.org.uk
Hounslow Town Primary	Skillz4life (sports)	60	5-11	Michal Nosal m.nosal@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
Nishkam School	Sport Impact	20	11-13	Iuri Baptista de Lima iuri@sportimpact.co.uk
Chiswick School	Brentford Football Club Community Sports Trust	45	11-14	ce@brentfordfcst.com
Hanworth Air Parcs Leisure Centre	Brentford Football Club Community Sports Trust	40	11-14	ce@brentfordfcst.com

Have great Easter break and stay safe,
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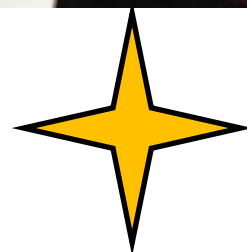
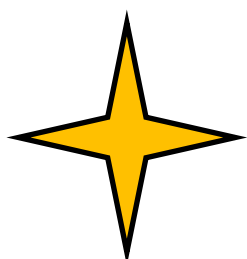


KEW 6



Kew 6 have been busy learning how to make couscous salad

independently. We are very proud of Kew 6 for following their visual recipes so carefully! They have all made great improvements in their chopping skills. Well done Kew 6!



Richmond

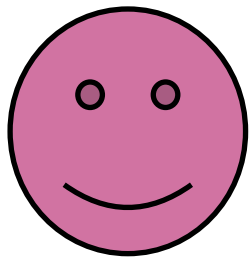
In the Richmond Department, we were very glad to get back to our classes and see our peers. We started working on PSHEC targets. We really enjoyed working on the Africa TACPAC, which we had also been learning remotely at home.

It was great to have our Music lessons with Edison back and to start growing our Sun-flowers ready for outside. Richmond 2 have been working on different history lessons and been studying Music through time, they have also worked hard on their ECT Targets!

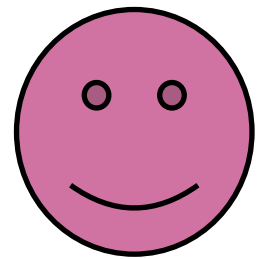
We thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and we dressed up as the 101 Dalmatians, we worked on various different activities based on World Book Day.

Richmond One and Two got together in the Sun to plant Sensory seeds!





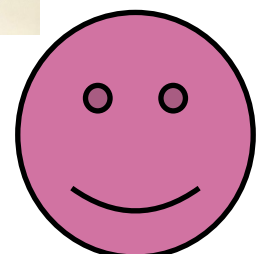
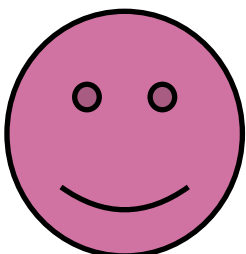
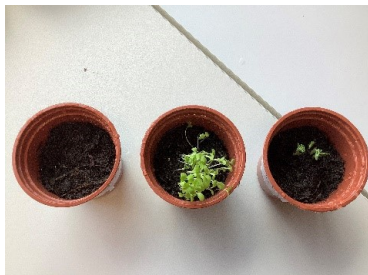
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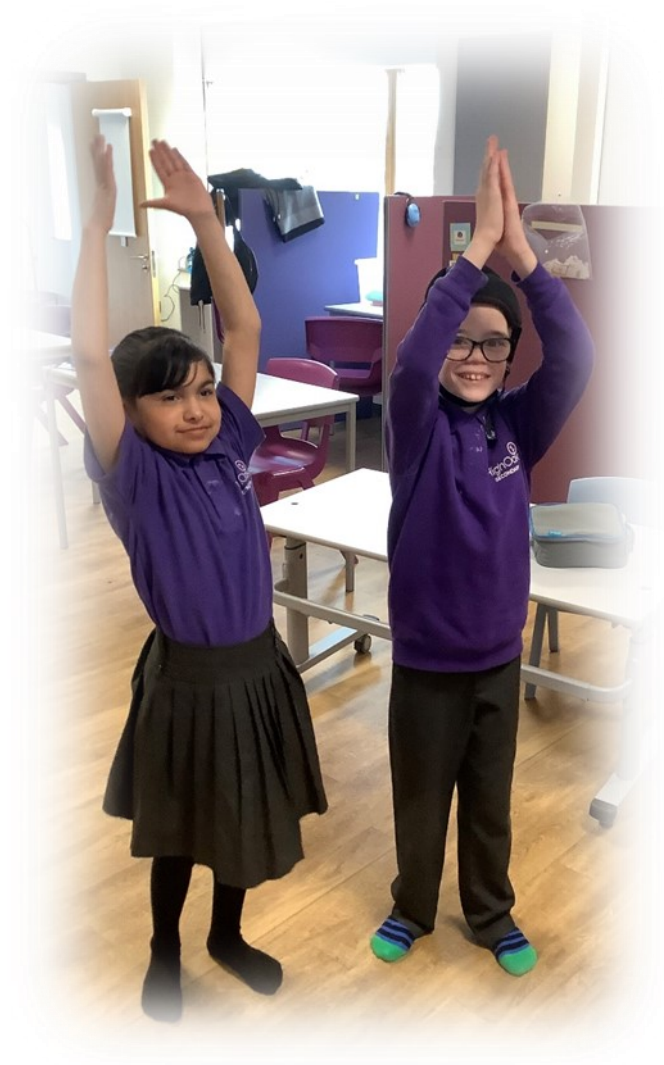
It has been an exciting and enjoyable return to school this term in Syon department. As well as making the most of the lovely sunny weather we have been enjoying lunchtime dance club on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Some of our most requested songs so far have been Bruno Mars' 24K Magic, Happy by Pharrell Williams and the theme tune to Ghostbusters!



Syon 2 and 4 have been enjoying growing plants as part of our Science lessons – very soon we will be enjoying peas, onions, lettuce and tomatoes. Everyone has been very excited to see



Mariete and Jai's Easter Yoga Challenge.



Can you complete the three videos with a family member?

Lesson 1 Wake Your Body Up

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Lesson 2 Standing Strong

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Lesson 3 On The Ground

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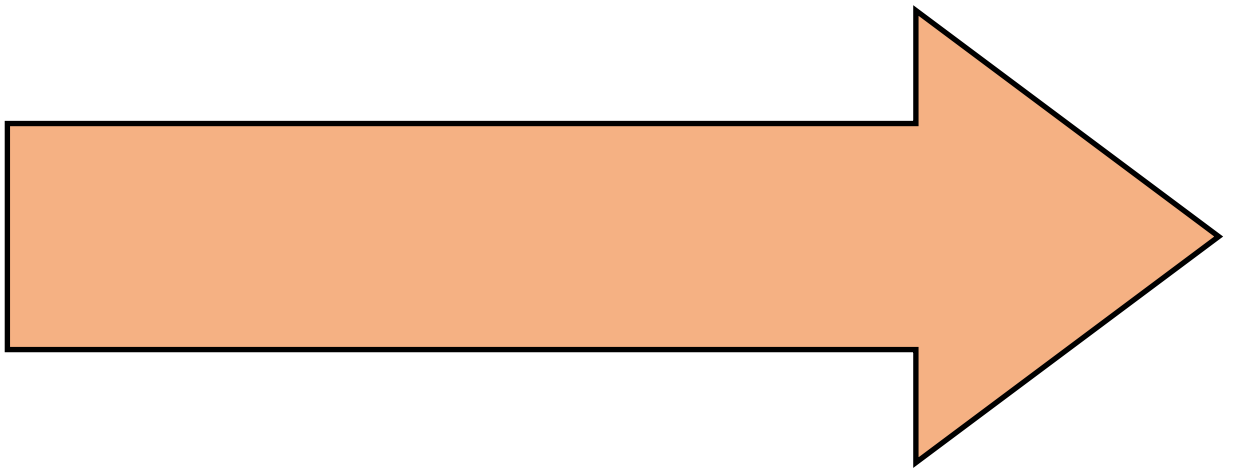
Visit our Video Lessons page on our website.

<https://www.oaklands.hounslow.sch.uk/page/?title=Video+Lessons&pid=460>

Let's see what

Sixth Form

have been up to



Harlequins Rugby

This half term the 6th Form Department has been fortunate to have James from Harlequins Rugby Club for their PE lessons. They have enjoyed developing their team work skills and of course learning new rugby skills!



WORLD BOOK DAY

The many characters of Oaklands School!



Work Placement



School Kitchen



New Oaks Gardening



Cole Hire



New Oaks Shop



School Kitchen

Car Park Information

Dear Parents

We know that more families are driving children to school to avoid using public transport.

We have received a number of complaints from residents on Gresham Road that families are blocking their drive-ways while collecting children for school.

We would like to have good relationships with our neighbours near the school.

If you are collecting your child from school please drive in- to the Oaklands car park when you collect them, our banks people Steve and Amritpal are available to help you find somewhere to park.



Covid-19 Information

Schools are back, but lockdown is not over

Re-opening education has been a national priority. We know missing education due to school closures is detrimental to children's future prospects, but it also impacts on parent's ability to work.

We all need to follow the rules as restrictions ease to give us the best chance of moving forward and back to normality.

Children should not be mixing outside your household, school or childcare bubble. Playdates and out of school meet ups need to wait.

Support us in moving to the next step by following the rules now

STEP 1: 8 March



Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.



Exercise and recreation with your household or one other person in a public outdoor place. Household only indoors.



Wraparound care, including sport, for all children, to enable parents to work.



Stay at home. No domestic or international holidays.



Funerals (30 people). Weddings and Wakes (6 people).

29 March



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.



Organised outdoor sport (children and adults).



Minimise travel. No domestic or international holidays.



Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 people, excluding under 5s).

Term Dates 2020/21

31st March 2021—Students leave early at 1.30pm

Easter Holidays Thursday 1st April - Friday 16th April 2021
Inclusive

Students return Monday 19th April 2021

May day 3rd May 2021 school closed to staff and students

Half Term Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June Inclusive

Summer Holidays students finish Wednesday 21st July
2021

INSET days 22nd and 23rd July 2021



REMINDERS



STUDENTS LEAVE AT 1.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH, 2021

Annual Review Reminders

As you are undoubtedly aware, all student annual review meetings have been scheduled in and parents/carers notified via email.

Upon receiving the reminder of the AR (2 weeks prior to the meeting) please contact us to confirm your attendance .

ALL AR'S WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE!
This is in line with Government guidance and will be reassessed on May 19th 2021. We hope to hold face-to-face meetings s soon as Government guidance allows .

Please be reminded that all ParentPay accounts need to be cleared by the end of term, and should remain in balance for student lunches at all times. Please note if account debt exceeds £10, a packed lunch must be provided for pupils. If you have any queries or need any assistance with this please contact the office: office@oaklands.uk.net

Covid Lateral Flow Testing

If you would like for your child to be tested for at home twice weekly, please email office@oaklands.uk.net with the following sentence:

'I will be testing my child twice a week at home' along with the pupil's full name. this will enable us to send home the lateral flow testing kit.

If you have already consented please do not email again.