



# SCHOOL NEWS

## 27th November 2020

It has been lovely to welcome back classes that have returned this week and the children have settled well into learning routines. The children have started rehearsing this week for our HPP Christmas show which we are very excited about and will be filming this next week.

Everybody is busy making Christmas decorations for the hall with the theme of Winter Wonderland this year.

We would like to say a huge thank you and well done to the HISNA for all their fundraising that they have done this term. HISNA raised an incredible £4500 on the sponsored bounce! Thank you for your continued support.

HISN and HJS have been busy creating virtual tours this week for both schools. The children have been very excited to see a camera crew in school. Look out for the tours when they become available on the HPP website.

I am sure some of you saw The Sunday Times Best Primary Schools list at the weekend. We are delighted that Hampton Junior School has been ranked 91st in the country based on the 2019 SATS results. This places us in the top 0.5% of the country. Well done to all concerned.

**Senior Leadership Team**  
**Hampton Infant School**

### THE GRINCH

As you know we are filming our Christmas video on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The children have been practising their lines and are rehearsing in school. Please ensure you have sent in their costume or just a Christmas jumper if that is easier. Children can wear their jumper to school on that day if they wish.

The production is being professionally recorded and edited by a member of the parent community (thank you Mr Wells from RD) and we hope to make it available in the final week of term.



### Christmas Cards

We will not be having the Christmas post box this year. However, if children wish to send Christmas cards to the other members of their class they are welcome and the staff will help distribute them. Please make sure the envelopes have the recipients full name.

## Certificates of Excellence

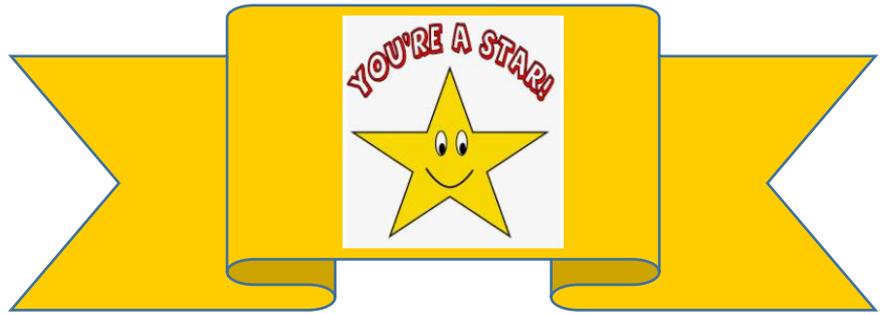
**Certificates for Nursery – “All Stars”**- For being very sensible and grown up when walking from the nursery to the hall and fabulous at ringing jingle bells.

The certificates of excellence have been awarded to children for Challenge in Reception, year 1 and year 2.

RD – Eva Allen  
RY – Edward Rhys  
RJ – Niam Pisavadia  
RF – Joseph Rathbone

1C – Tabitha Klein  
1W – Frankie Cager-McDonnell  
1H – Yaqub Ismail  
1K – Jay Wiltshire

2D –Tajrian Uddin  
2P –Vinurddh Karthick  
2S – Rosa Moss  
2T – Ethan Nimbalker



**WELL DONE !**

## NURSERY

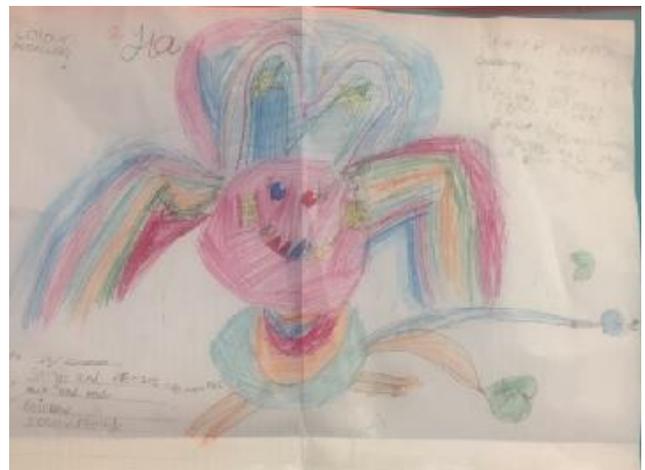
The Nursery children have been busy having lots of fun creating bunting after learning about birthdays. The Nursery has been decorated and is looking so happy and bright.



**BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE**

## RECEPTION

It has been a surreal two weeks here in Reception as we have had two classes turning to home learning and we are immensely proud of all of our wonderful children, who have all been superstars in their learning both at school and at home. We have missed everyone greatly and we are so pleased to welcome back Class RD and RF and see all of their smiling faces again! Over the last couple of weeks, our learning has centred around celebrations, and in this week's focus, we have been looking at how we celebrate birthdays. Our story of the week, 'Elmer's Birthday', helped us to think about why we celebrate our birthdays and what we might need to prepare for a birthday party. In our explorations, we have done so many exciting activities, we have designed birthday cakes on paper and then made them in real-life with playdough, we also made some colourful birthday cards, invitations and crowns, as well as thinking about what decorations we might need such as bunting and paper chains. We have all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves! And, to add extra sprinkle of fun to our birthday investigations, we finished off our week with a birthday party for our class pets and teddies, where we wore our party hats, sang happy birthday with our 'cake' and then played some party games like musical statues and musical bumps! We have had a brilliant week!

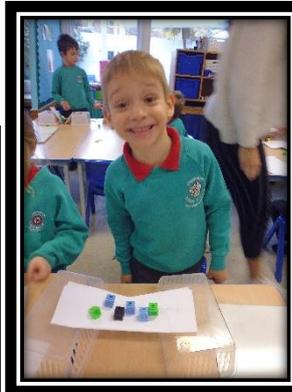
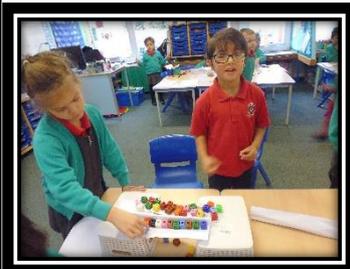
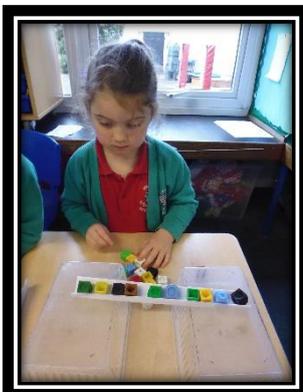


## YEAR 1

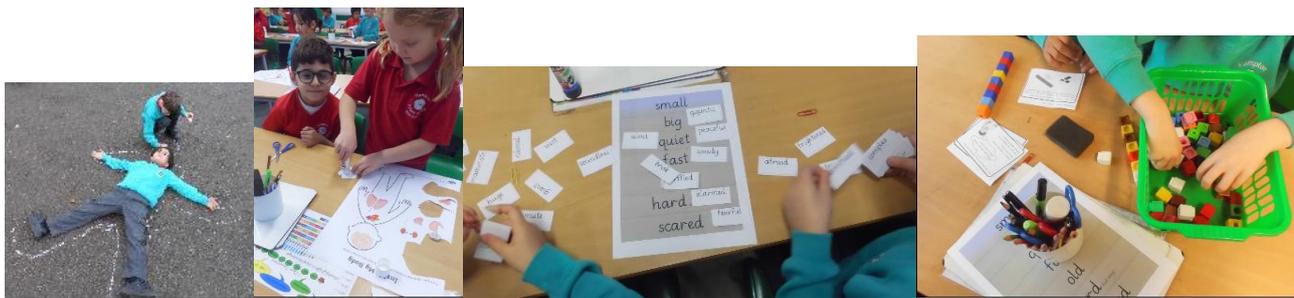
Year 1 have been investigating how they can make paper stronger to create a bridge and hold classroom objects. Children concluded that by making the paper thicker by layering or folding helped make the paper stronger.



In Design and Technology Year 1 explored the material paper and experimented with making it stronger through different folding techniques. They put this into practice by making mini bridges which needed to hold as many cubes as possible without collapsing!



## YEAR 2



This week we have seen the return of all the Year 2 classes and what a joy it has been to see all their smiling faces once again eager to learn.

Year 2 participated in No Pens Wednesday and thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of activities. In English the children performed a drama of the Great Fire of London, imagining how the people were feeling as they ran pass the collapsing rooftops. In maths we used a variety of manipulatives to count in twos, fives, tens and threes to solve challenge questions in pairs. In science we thought about the different parts of the body and explored what our organs do and where they are located inside the body. The children are beginning to practise for the "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" show and are quickly bringing the stories and characters to life. With filming day just around the corner, classes are beginning to use the stage and are creating decorations to truly bring the holiday spirit to the school hall.

## **MINDFULNESS**

This week we had our Mindful Movement Workshops with the amazing Nicola! The children became Mindful Warriors with a focus on our HPP principle 'Resilience'. The children had lots of fun performing a variety of stretches, balances and movements whilst learning about different skills that make them resilient learners. The children really enjoyed the breathing techniques and new, unique stretches! Thanks to Nicola for coming in and doing an amazing job as always!



## Looking After Yourself and Your Families Mental Health and Wellbeing

### Parent Talk

Down-to-earth parenting advice you can trust. <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

We're on hand to support parents when you need us. Browse our articles on the most common parenting questions from our experts. Or talk one-to-one with a qualified parenting coach about anything that's worrying you. It's all free, and no topic is too big, small, or embarrassing.

### Good sleep is important for your child's physical and mental wellbeing

A relaxing bedtime routine is an important way to help your child get a good night's sleep.

#### Relaxation tips to help sleep

Doing the same relaxing things in the same order and at the same time each night helps promote good sleep:

- A warm (not hot) bath will help your child relax and get ready for sleep.
- Keeping lights dim encourages your child's body to produce the sleep hormone, melatonin.
- Once they're in bed, encourage your child to read quietly or listen to some relaxing music, or read a story together.
- You could also suggest your child tries this [relaxing breathing exercise](#) before bed.

#### Know how much sleep your child needs

The amount of sleep your child needs changes as they get older.

A 5-year-old needs about 11 hours a night, for example, while a 9-year-old needs roughly 10 hours.

#### Avoid screens in the bedroom

Tablets, smartphones, TVs and other electronic gadgets can affect how easily children get to sleep.

Older children may also stay up late or even wake in the middle of the night to use social media.

Try to keep your child's bedroom a screen-free zone, and get them to charge their phones in another room. Encourage your child to stop using screens an hour before bedtime.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>November 2020</b>	
Monday 30th	Theme week 'Celebrating Differences'
	Interim reports out for all children
<b>December 2020</b>	
Wednesday 2nd	Deadline @ 12pm to request a telephone consultations
	Deadline @ 12pm to order school Christmas lunch
Friday 4th	Dress up day for celebrating differences – see letter
Monday 14th	Christmas Jumper day
Tuesday 15th	KS1 Christmas Lunch / EYFS Christmas party
Wednesday 16th	EYFS Christmas Lunch / KS1 Christmas party



## TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2020

Friday 18th December End of term (1.20pm - HISN / 1.30pm - HJS)

### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January Children return

Wednesday 31st March End of Term (1.20pm - HISN / 1.30pm - HJS)

*Spring Half Term Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February*

### Summer Term 2021

**Monday 19th April INSET DAY**

Tuesday 21st April Children return

**Friday 28th May INSET DAY**

Friday 23rd July End of Term (1.20pm - HISN / 1.30pm - HJS)

### Summer Half Term:

*Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June*

## Information for parents applying for a Reception or Year 3 place in September 2021

### **Closing Date**

**Friday 15 January 2021**

You must submit your application and any supplementary information forms by this date.

### **The application process**

Please ensure that you read the complete Admission to Richmond's Primary Schools brochure online at:-

[https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/3082/primary\\_admission.pdf](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/3082/primary_admission.pdf)

Apply online at:-

[www.eAdmissions.org.uk](http://www.eAdmissions.org.uk)

## **Nursery September 2021- Parent guide & application form**

**If your child's date of birth is between 1/9/2017 – 31/8/2018**

and you wish to apply for a place in the school Nursey please go to the admissions page on the school website

where you will find all the information & forms you require.

## Daily Reminders

Please remember to send your child in with the following on a daily basis:-

- **Named Water Bottle** - Water fountains are out of bounds in the school
- **Book Bag with home school book**
- **Coat/Hat/Scarf etc for wet or cold weather**

### Birthday Treats

We know the children love to celebrate their birthday by bringing in treat for their classmates, however HISN are not able to allow children to bring in birthday treats until further notice

## Message from the local NHS - Think you need to go to A&E? Think NHS 111 First

If you need urgent, but not life-threatening care, call NHS 111 before turning up to an emergency department. If, following a conversation with NHS 111, it is appropriate for you to attend the emergency department you may be scheduled a time to attend.

Thinking NHS 111 First will also help you get to the most appropriate service when you may not have to attend the emergency department. This could include self-care or a slot at your GP practice, a GP hub or a nearby Urgent Treatment Centre.

You can still go to ED and UTC without calling ahead but thinking 'NHS 111 First' will

- shorter waiting times via a booked slot at the emergency department or another appropriate service and
- safe social distancing away from busy emergency department waiting rooms to protect you and others from COVID-19

## HISN PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR Karen Finnegan

Top Tips for Helping Children with Returning to School

- **Routines** - Keep regular and consistent family routines. Sleep is especially important and children need to return to their normal sleep routines. A good night's sleep helps to minimise any worries and improve concentration.
- **Talk** - Talk about their school day and acknowledge any worries your child may have no matter how small.
- **Time** - Set aside some time for your child and do something they enjoy.
- **Stay Positive** - Look at the positives such as seeing all their friends at school and assure them that they are safe at school.

If you need any support or advice please feel free to contact me through your child's Class Teacher or via email [kfinnegan@hampton-jun.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:kfinnegan@hampton-jun.richmond.sch.uk)

## **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION**

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of your child please speak to one of the designated child protection officers, you can also seek advice or guidance for the agencies below:

**Claire Tester**            Head of School – D.S.L - Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Helen Lockey**            Executive Headteacher – D.D.S.L. –  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Alison Horn**            Co-opted Governor – with responsibility for Safeguarding

**Mr Sej Bhabra**            Chair of Governors

**For further information please go to the school website**