

ORLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd July

Dear Families,

As we move towards this busy end of term, there is so much happening that it feels like we have something to celebrate every day.

The cooler weather has allowed us to keep to our planned schedule. Our Year 6 pupils are busy rehearsing for their end-of-year production while also preparing for their transition to secondary school. The timely arrival of 20 work experience students from Orleans Park was a valuable part of this process. Our Year 6 pupils had the opportunity to see how Year 8 students conduct themselves and spend time chatting with them about what life is really like in Year 7. If Orleans families needed any reassurance that Orleans Park is an excellent next step, this week provided conclusive evidence. The students were engaging, polite, confident and fantastic role models for our children.

Sports Day for Key Stage 1, Reception and Nursery was described by one Year 2 parent as "a really tightly organised spectacle of fun." Many parents shared wonderful compliments about Mrs Bowers' passion for sport, along with the care and attention she puts into planning and organising these events. Most importantly, the pupils who took part left with an overwhelming sense of achievement and joy.

The Richmond Mental Health Support Team (MHST) has delivered a series of valuable workshops on body image to several year groups. In today's digital world, where unrealistic and heavily edited images are constantly in front of us, it is more important than ever for children to understand that who they are is defined by their values, character and passions-not by how they look in a photograph. These workshops are an excellent addition to our comprehensive PSHE curriculum.

The MHST has also provided both group and individual support sessions for many of our pupils and we have found their work to be invaluable. If your child has participated in any of these sessions, we would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to share your feedback using the form on the following pages.

Finally, we are delighted to share that the school has achieved the Silver Attachment Aware Award this week. This recognition reflects our commitment to embedding trauma-informed and attachment-aware practice throughout our whole school community: from leadership and support staff to the classroom and playground. Mrs Barks and Mrs Walsh have worked tirelessly, alongside our Educational Psychologist, to train and support staff in using emotion coaching to help pupils develop emotional regulation through a compassionate, empathic approach. This achievement is a testament to Orleans staffs' dedication and to the caring culture we continue to nurture across our school.

We are looking forward to the next few weeks where we prepare our pupils for their transition to their next class.

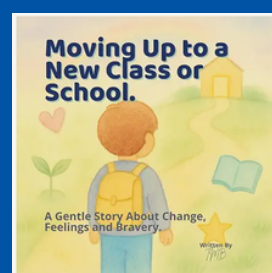
All the best,
Victoria Coward



There is no obvious link between the books but they all link tenuously to themes raised this week.



The adult recommendation comes from Haidt's work on the challenging times we parent in today.



The second is a super book about following your dreams and passions.

Lastly a useful book about moving up to a new class.

BCLF NEWS AND REVIEWS

Rose in 5H was very happy to meet in person her favourite author, Robin Stevens, and to share with her a short story she has written!

The advice from the award-winning author of the “Murder Most Unladylike” series to aspiring writers is to “keep writing, keep practising” and you’ll get from a 6-page story to an entire novel.



Zayd and Safiya with the Tom Gates author Liz Pichon at Barnes Children's Literary Festival

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

20 children from across Year 3 and 4 were entered into a Maths competition called First Maths Challenge.

They received Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates with super scores across the board.

Jiarui achieved 17 out of 20 and this was our highest score.

Nehir, Melvin, Yannis, Lara, Shahar, Enoch, Shreyansh, Artur, Quinn, Finn, Atlas, Jaime, Ibrahim, Alp, Arin, Nikyar, Ediz, Erla, Jiarui, Joshua

SUMMER FUN

Richmond Canoe Club, Britain's biggest canoe club, is just along the Thames from you.
We run junior paddle camps throughout the summer holidays on your doorstep.

Each week during the summer, we offer five full days on the Thames at Britain's biggest canoe club, coached by a World and European medallist. Kids will be off screens, out in the fresh air, and learning a sport for life. All just £240 for the week

Additional information here:

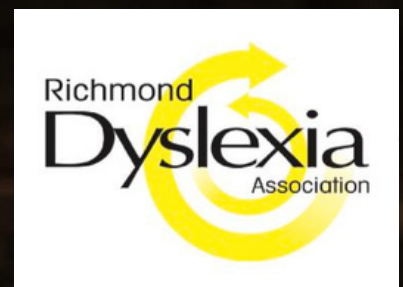
<https://www.richmondcanoecub.com/learn/junior-paddle-camps>

Simon from Richmond Canoe Club

MORE USEFUL INFORMATION

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37 Lower George Street, Richmond,
TW9 1HY



UPDATED UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 29th	Year 3 Mosque trip 8.30am - 3.30pm Recorder concert in the small hall (afternoon)
Tuesday 30th	1M Pizza Express trip 8.45am - 12.30pm Welcome to Reception workshop in the main hall- 3.40-4.40 pm Welcome to Year 1 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm
July 2026	
Wednesday 1st	Re-scheduled Nursery Sports Day at school 9-10.30am Reception, Year 1 and 2 Sports Day at Orleans Park Secondary School 1.30pm-3pm Welcome to Year 3 workshop online - 3.40-4.40 pm
Thursday 2nd	Welcome to Year 2 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm New Reception Parents' Evening Event- 5.30-6.30pm in the main hall
Monday 6th	Welcome to Year 4 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm Reception to Bocketts Farm 8.30am - 3.30pm Year 2 to Wetlands Centre 9.30am - 3pm
Tuesday 7th	Year 6 Performance 4 - 5.15pm Welcome to Year 5 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm
Wednesday 8th	Welcome to Year 6 workshop online- 3.40-4.40 pm
Thursday 9th	Year 6 Performance 4 -5.15pm
Friday 10th	Re-scheduled Year 3-6 KS2 Sports Day 9.30-2.30pm at Cardinal Vaughan Playing Fields Reports sent home
Saturday 11th	St Margarets' Fair at Moor Mead Park
Monday 13th	Meet the Teacher afternoon (for pupils)
Tuesday 14th	Summer Concert - KS2 choir and Y5/6 musicians at 2pm in the large hall
Tuesday 14th	Year 6 Family Party at the Turks Head
Thursday 16th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am-10am Last day of Summer Term. Close at 1.30pm

POLITE NOTICE

The reason why we ask for only fruit and vegetables for snacks in school is two fold. Firstly, we have many children with allergies and bars often contain ingredients like sesame seeds which many children are allergic to.

Secondly, we find many packets lying around school after break time. This may also be after school snacks carelessly discarded in the rush to wolf them down so please make sure they go home with you and not in the school bins.

Also, on this topic we would be grateful if you could take your paper coffee cups home to recycle. It slightly breaks our eco-friendly hearts to see them shoved into the pencil bins.

Unfortunately, it proved difficult to get a screen shot from You Tube of Ted Lasso doing a header next to said bins to illustrate this point.



OLD KINGSTONIAN HOCKEY CLUB

CLUB OPEN DAY



6 SEP



KGS Sports
Grounds
KT7 0RD

Hockey, BBQ, Fun & Games



Free taster for new members



Back to Hockey / New to Hockey Session



Free entry, just register for your session

JUNIOR TRAINING + TRIALS

10:00–11:30 U8 / U10 / U12
11:30–13:00 U14 / U16

U18–U25 & SENIORS GAMES + TRIALS

11:30 18+ TASTER SESSION &
BACK TO / NEW TO HOCKEY
13:30 U18 & STUDENTS VS
SENIORS & SENIOR GAMES

**REGISTER
HERE!**



REGISTRATION LINK
[Click here](#)



MORE INFORMATION
OKHOCKEY.COM



HOCKEY ALL YEAR ROUND AT:
KGS Sports Grounds &
Tiffin Girls' School





Summer wellbeing programme 2026

Meet new people, build confidence, and enjoy wellbeing activities in a friendly and supportive environment.

Would you like to practise your English while learning about nature and your local area?

We are running an exciting 8 week programme of events for ESOL learners and sanctuary seekers who live in the Borough of Richmond.

Start date: **Tuesday 7 July 10:00-12:00**

Where: **Whittaker Ellis Suite,
Old Town Hall, TW9 1TP**

The programme will then take place at the same time each week, combining indoor and outdoor activities, including art, nature walks, yoga, and more!

The programme will finish with a celebration event on **Tuesday 8 September** at Richmond Old Town Hall.

To find out more:

- Call us on 020 8255 6144
- Email info@leah.org.uk
- Or scan the QR code to register your interest



HOW CAN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT BE BETTER FOR ALL FAMILIES??



PLEASE GIVE US YOUR IDEAS

The MHST (Mental Health Support Team) wants YOU to help us learn what parents from all backgrounds think gets in the way of asking for mental health support and how we can make changes to improve the service for everyone. **If you are a parent with a child living or going to school in Kingston or Richmond, please give us your views by filling out this short questionnaire:**

<https://forms.gle/wRw64r6XRbvvdYTU5>

