



East Sheen Primary School

Headship Headlines

May 2022

Already, we find ourselves in the final term of the school year. Another term has flown by at ESPS and despite the challenges of Covid, there have been lots of activities taking place. In Spring Term, each year group enjoyed a trip or learning activity outside of school. Year 4 presented a wonderful Roman assembly to parents and the whole school and Year 5 produced a fabulous fashion show promoting sustainable fashion.



Our sports teams have enjoyed some amazing successes as competitive fixtures against other schools resumed. The PTA organised a fun football tournament and class reps have been busy organising year group discos.

It is with relief that we can report that Covid cases remain very low and there is an optimism that the Summer Term will be well and truly back to normal. There are many exciting events planned, including the PTA Summer Festival – which sounds fantastic fun, and we look forward to the community coming together on these occasions. Keep an eye on the school calendar, <https://www.eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1> our weekly newsletter and regular parentmail letters for more information.

Best wishes,

The Headship Team



Environmental Strategy

Our strategy to become an 'environmentally intelligent' school continues to evolve and year groups have been developing their ownership of an environmental issue. If you have been in and around school you will have seen posters in each year group declaring their interest as 'Guardians of ...' For example, Reception are 'Guardians of Endangered Animals'. Our pupils' interest and awareness of environmental issues reaffirms our choice of strategy and we are very proud of the responsible stance they adopt with regard to the future of the planet.

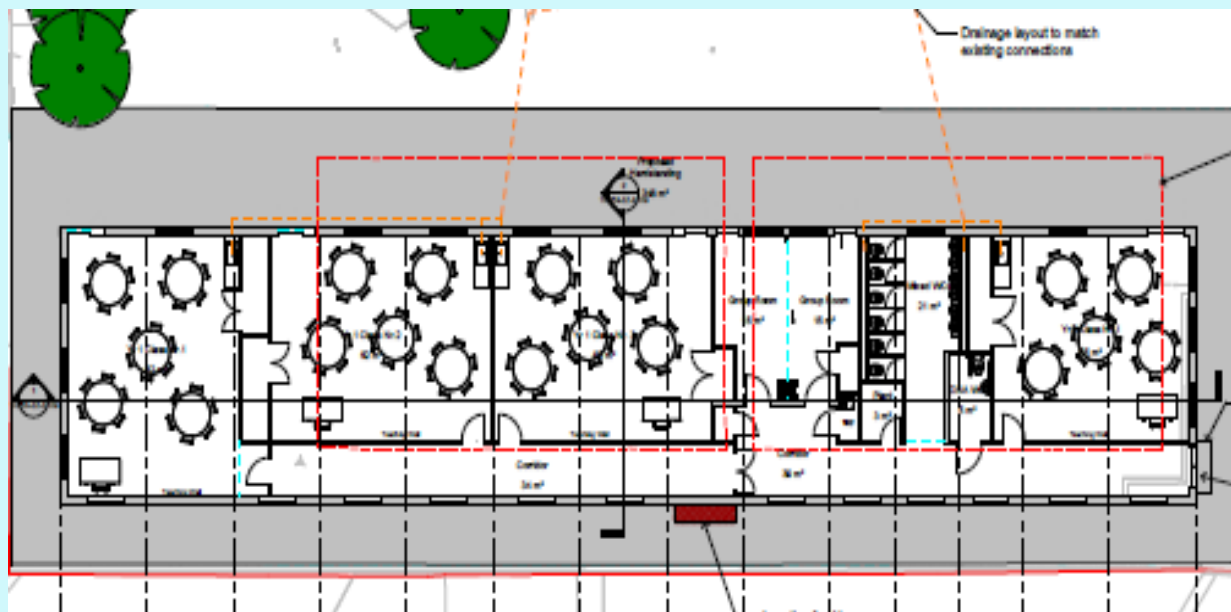
As 'Guardians of Sustainable Fashion', Year 5 honed their persuasive writing skills to challenge a fashion retailer on the sustainability of their manufacturing practices.

In the Spring Term, Year 3 have studied the rainforest and impressed with their understanding of the environmental impact of deforestation.



Build Update

In January, we advised that plans were underway to replace the cedar block classrooms. Plans have been submitted for four new classrooms and 2 small intervention rooms that can be opened up to create one larger space. The project is currently out to tender. We anticipate that the old buildings will be demolished over the summer holidays and the new build will commence. We look forward to working with the contractor once appointed and will share timeline details when agreed. We have lots of experience in managing building works and will ensure that disruption is minimised but are excited about this opportunity to upgrade this final area of the school



This year we have made changes to the delivery of the French curriculum and are really pleased with the impact. French has been introduced to the KS1 timetable on Wednesday mornings with Monsieur Shaw and Reception will be introduced to new French vocabulary in the Summer Term. In KS2 lessons are now weekly for 45 minutes rather than 60 mins fortnightly.

KS1 Pupil voice, 'I love learning a new language'

KS1 Pupil voice, 'I can speak French on my holidays'

Over the years, a recurring demand from the Pupil Leadership Team has been improvements to toilet facilities. Fortunately, with funding from the PTA, we were able to refurbish the two main blocks and other areas have been upgraded as part of building projects leaving only the Year 4 area needing attention. But this is soon about to change!

We are very pleased that the Local Authority has approved a request for funding to refurbish these toilets too. The design includes a total reconfiguration of the space which will provide more toilets and transform a very tired facility into a fresh, modern space.

We anticipate that the project will be completed over the summer holidays.

