



Year 2 mini beast hunt:

Year 2 went to Palewell Common to look for mini beasts as part of their science investigation into microhabitats. The children had lots of fun exploring the area, whilst ensuring that no habitat or mini beast was harmed in the process.



Assemblies this week:

We were fortunate to enjoy assemblies this week from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association to talk to us about Ramadan and Eid.



Also this week, the Wellbeing Ambassadors spoke to all the children in assembly about the importance of 'belonging' as part of Children's Mental Health week. The students discussed the importance of how we can help each other feel connected by listening, teamwork, friendship, respect and how small acts of kindness can go a long way to help someone feel special. If you would like further guidance and activities to go alongside this themed week, please [click here](#).



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Lunar New Year:

We hope that our families who celebrate the Lunar New Year, have a joyful time celebrating with their family and friends. May the Year of the Horse bring good fortune to you and your family.



Book Donations:

The PTA is currently collecting books in advance of World Book Day. We would love any good-condition books that are ready for a new home. These donations will bolster our school libraries, ensure every pupil takes home a free book on World Book Day, and supply our second-hand book sale on Friday afternoon, March 6th. Please bring donations to the main office next week. Thank you!



Vet visit for Reception:

A big thank you to Vet Phoebe from East Sheen Vets, for popping into our Reception classes at the end of last week. She taught us all about the important work vets do caring for pets! We loved asking her questions and getting to pass around some of the everyday items she uses to help sick and injured animals. Reception have had a wonderful half term learning all about 'people who help us' and the different jobs they have.

Helping Hands:

Congratulations to F in 5M for being our Helping Hands winner this week. This is for being a fantastic role model and being kind, considerate and thoughtful at all times.

Sports Star:

Well done to L in 2SB for being our Sports Star this week, for showing excellent dodging skills and a positive attitude in PE lessons.



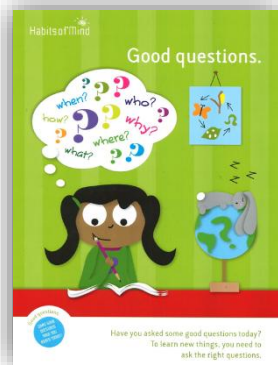


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Thinking Schools

The two Habits of Mind we are focusing on this half term are:



Attendance:

School target: 97% Last week: 96% Classes above target: 9

RD	92.3%	1B	96.6%	2N	95.4%	3G	97.9%	4D	95.8%	5B	98%	6B	93.3%
RG	98.3%	1D	89%	2S	99.3%	3K	97.9%	4F	94.4%	5C	97.3%	6C	95.7%
RM	93.1%	1L	99.3%	2SB	95.6%	3S	97.2%	4H	96.9%	5M	94.7%	6T	98.5%

Notices and reminders:

The RA Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. If your child is interested in this opportunity, please see the information previously sent by Miss Hutchings or follow this link to apply: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>. The submission deadline is Wednesday 4th of March.

Richmond Music Trust are pleased to announce that they have two upcoming events for piano/keyboard students! Please see below further information on each day. To sign your child up for Keyboard Day or Harpsichord Day, please visit the links to our website, provided below.

- [Keyboard Day - Sunday 1st March](#) For pianists in Years 3-7, beginner to Grade 3+ (although we recommend having at least two terms of playing experience). This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to play joint pieces, learn new skills and make friends!



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- [Harpischord Day - Sunday 15th March](https://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/site/ensembles-and-courses/courses/rmt-harpischord-day/) For players Grade 3+, this is an exciting opportunity to explore the harpsichord, guided by an early music expert. Please visit our website for further information:
<https://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/site/ensembles-and-courses/courses/rmt-harpischord-day/>)

Barnes Music Festival are looking for 60 children to perform in Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde opera. For more information, please [click here](#).

For more information about a **FREE** upcoming **half term camp on Feb 16th & 17th** hosted at Rosslyn Park for children aged 7-14, please [click here](#).

Speak Like A Native are opening a **NEW** Spanish holiday camp! For more information, please [click here](#).

For more information about the forthcoming half-term holiday Mother Nature Science (MNS) Camp – Science Whizz! – please [click here](#). **Young Writers Competition**

Well done to all children who entered the Young Writers Competition which took place before Christmas. The competition organisers will have contacted any successful applicants directly. If your child has received any accolades, we would love to hear about it. Please email info@eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk with any updates.
