



Interfaith Week:

This week, children have been taking part in Interfaith Week, learning about different beliefs, cultures and traditions. They have discussed kindness, understanding others and what is important to them, as well as celebrating what we all share as a community. Some children also created bunting to represent different beliefs and religions.



Earth Day:



On Wednesday 22nd April, we celebrated Earth Day. In assembly children reflected on how important our home, Planet Earth, is and thought of small (but impactful) ways we can look after it.

The children have been enjoying the Hertford allotment this week by observing the pondlife, tending to the plants and planting new sunflowers.

How cool is this butterfly and bee watering station?



Reception cycling:

Reception have enjoyed their bicycle training this week, learning to safely ride and stop, and demonstrating some of their Habits of Mind brilliantly: listening, finding humour and thinking flexibly.





SPARK Book Awards!

You may remember the poetry competition launched at the end of February, and we are delighted to announce that Asa in Reception has won the EYFS category with his poem, *Rocks*. Huge congratulations to Asa, and a big well done to everyone who entered. The standard was incredibly high, and we know SPARK had a very difficult time choosing the winners!



Author visits:

This week, the school took part in four Q&A sessions with the authors shortlisted in the SPARK Book Awards.

EYFS and KS1 listened to Saira Shah speak about her book, *Super Nani and Captain Yaz*.

Year 1 listened to Bethan Woolvin speak about her book, *These are my Rocks*.

Year 3 and 4 listened to Abiola Bello speak about her book *Wild Magic*

Year 5 and Year 6 listened to Jenny Pearson speak about her book *Shrapnel Boys*.

The students had the opportunity to ask the authors questions live during the sessions, as seen pictured here.





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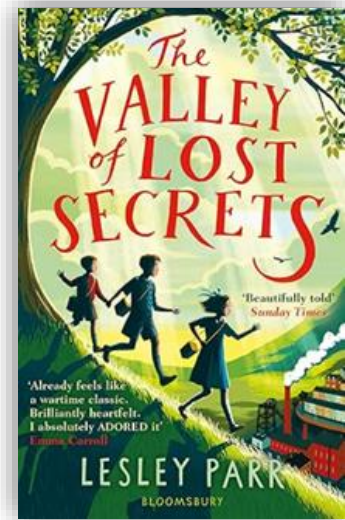
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Great news! The next instalment of *Buzz's Book Club* is now available to watch [here](#). This week's recommended read is a former Spark

winner, *The Valley of Lost Secrets* by Lesley Parr.

If you are curious about World War II, evacuees, adventure and mystery, this will be a book for you. It is particularly well suited to upper KS2 children, but will also appeal to confident and enthusiastic readers in Years 3 and 4.



Helping Hands:

Congratulations to C in 4D for being our Helping Hands winner this week, for consistently being kind and helpful to all the children and adults in the school. A special thank you from Miss May for helping her settle back in to the ESPS community.



Sports Star:

Well done S in 1D for being our Sports Star this week for showing great agility and persistence during his running performances in P.E.

Class photographs:

We will be taking whole class photographs on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th April. Please send your child in with a clean cardigan or jumper to wear for the photograph.

Tuesday – Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6

Wednesday - Year 2 & Year 4





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Attendance:

School target: 97%

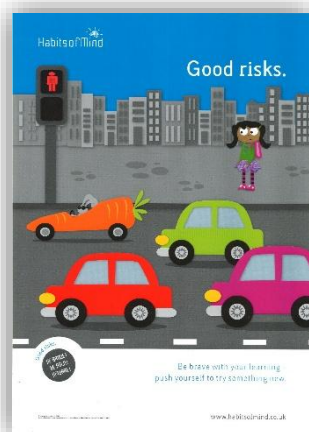
Last week: 95.6%

Classes above target: 6

RD	94.6%	1B	95.3%	2N	95.8%	3G	92.1%	4D	98.3%	5B	97.3%	6B	95.6%
RG	93.3%	1D	96.2%	2S	93.9%	3K	97.1%	4F	96.5%	5C	98.3%	6C	94.6%
RM	93.4%	1L	97.7%	2SB	96.9%	3S	95%	4H	97.1%	5M	94.8%	6T	94%

Thinking Schools

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



Notices and reminders:

Please join us at the annual family football festival at **Lift Richmond Park Academy**, on Saturday 25th April. Full event details are available on your **NSSport account** under *Bookings*. Adults who wish to take part can also register on the day. There will be entertainment and refreshments available throughout the day, so feel free to bring along family and friends. You're also welcome to bring blankets and your own refreshments to relax and enjoy the event.

Bookings for the **NSFC+** youth football programme at Lift Richmond Park for May Half Term which is now open to pupils in Years 5-10. The **NSFC+ Extra Time** wraparound care for ESPS students, pupils



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in Years 5 and 6, for just £2 extra is also available (08:00-08:45 drop-off and 16.15-18.00 pick-up from ESPS). Advance booking is required at nssport1.co.uk. For more information, please [click here](#).

For information about difference courses and services being offered by the Mental Health Support Team, including a self-referral form, [please click here](#).

Space2grieve - free year-round bereavement support for families

Local bereavement charity, space2grieve is on hand, during both term time and school holidays, to provide free bereavement support for families living in the borough of Richmond.

When a significant person in a child's life has died, parents and carers can feel overwhelmed and uncertain how best to support their children as often they are grieving themselves. In a Parenting Through Grief session, our experienced specialist bereavement supporters provide parents and carers with a space to talk it through, as well as key information and resources, so that they feel better equipped to help their grieving children. For children and young people, support is in the form of one-on-one sessions either in school or at our welcoming space at the ETNA Community Centre in Twickenham. The sessions are free, and available via self-referral. For further information, please [click here](#) or visit space2grieve.org.uk

We have four dates for the summer term school nurse drop-in sessions: Thursday 30th April, Thursday 21st May, Thursday 18th June and Thursday 9th July. The clinic is designed to support parents/carers who would like advice about concerns they have about their child, such as: bedwetting, food anxiety, toileting issues, bedtime routines or teeth-brushing (please note this is not for a mental health referral). To allow this to work smoothly, please click on the link below. We will then contact you and arrange a suitable time for you to join the school nurse between 9-11am.

[School nurse self referral form: summer term 2025-26 – Fill in form](#)

Thank you to everyone who has already shared their views through our parent survey. It can be completed [here](#) until Tuesday 28th April.
