



East Sheen Primary School

Newsletter Friday 9th October



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Our new KS1 and KS2 libraries are open!

It has been a very exciting week at East Sheen Primary School, as we officially opened our brand-new KS1 and KS2 libraries.

Staff and pupils are absolutely thrilled with these beautiful spaces, which have been designed to be inviting, comfortable places where children can browse, read and discover the wonderful books on offer. As a school, we have always championed reading for pleasure and recognise the enormous benefits that come from children developing a genuine love of reading.



One of the greatest joys of reading is talking about books, and it has been wonderful to see both

libraries already becoming a hub of book recommendations and lively book talk, with children and staff sharing their favourite reads and discovering new authors together.



Every child enjoys a 30-minute library session each week, giving them dedicated time to browse the shelves, change their books and enjoy reading alongside their peers. The KS2 library is also open to families on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school, thanks to our fantastic team of parent volunteers.

A huge thank you to the PTA and the staff members who were involved in the design and development of these wonderful spaces. Most importantly, thank you to our parent community for helping to raise the funds that have made this project possible. We are delighted to see the libraries already inspiring a love of reading across the school and know they will be enjoyed by children for many years to come.



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A big thank you too, to everyone involved in the formal opening by MP for Richmond Park, Sarah Olney. A special thank you to Marc Haydon and Natalie Lloyd-Griffiths for their wonderful photos of the spaces.





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Egyptian Day:

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic Egyptian Day this week, immersing themselves in the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. They learnt about the importance of the River Nile, took part in Egyptian-themed PE lessons where they practised traditional dances, and showcased their learning in a wonderful assembly performance.

The children impressed everyone with their enthusiasm, knowledge and creativity throughout the day.



Christmas cards:

If you would like to view, and purchase, your child's Christmas card design this year, please [click here](#). You will need to add your child's design code, found on the order form provided. If you have any questions about this, please see your child's class teacher or contact Miss Hutchings through the school office.



Helping Hands:



Congratulations to A in 4H for being our Helping Hands winner this week, for being a consistently kind, considerate, hard-working and conscientious student.



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Sports Star:

Well done N in Y3 for being our Sports Star this week for being very focused in her PE lessons and demonstrating excellent gymnastic skills.



Richmond Mencap Activities:

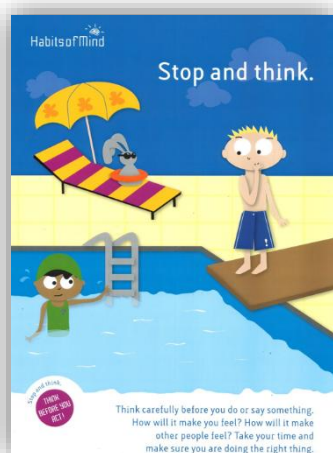
Mencap would like to invite Children and Young People with Special Needs and Learning disabilities to participate in our activities from October 2026 to January 2027. The activities are for a very small group, and they are allocating the spaces on a first come first serve basis. For more information, and to sign up, please [click here](#).

Family Support Worker:

Please come and meet our wonderful Family Support Worker, Belinda, on Friday 16th October, between 9-11am. Belinda works closely with families to offer practical guidance, a listening ear, and support tailored to individual circumstances. Her role is to help strengthen the partnership between home and school so that every child can thrive. For more information about her drop-in sessions, [please click here](#).

Thinking Schools

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





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Attendance:

School target: 97%

Last week: 96.2%

Classes above target: 9

RG	90.4%	1B	97.1%	2D	98%	3G	95.9%	4DM	97.7%	5B	96.1%	6B	94%
RM	96%	1D	94.7%	2N	95.3%	3K	97.8%	4F	95.7%	5C	94.8%	6C	93.5%
RT	96.4%	1L	97.2%	2SB	97%	3S	98.3%	4H	99.6%	5M	94.8%	6T	98%

Notices and reminders:

