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A great year for East Sheen!

We have always been incredibly proud of our results at East Sheen Primary School, and were pleased to receive our provisional data for last academic year (2025/26) this week. Once again, East Sheen performed higher than national averages, and Richmond – the highest performing borough nationally – averages in all measures: The Early Years Profile, Phonics Screening Check, Y4 Multiplication Check and Y6 KS2 SATs. We are immensely proud of our pupils and staff, and particularly pleased to be able to celebrate some of the highest progress scores in the country for reading, writing and mathematics. This comes after two years of missing progress data due to disruption from Covid, so we are delighted that children continue to thrive in the curriculum.

Ofsted

These results, our excellent pupils and our enrichment offer, support us in demonstrating sustained high standards at the school, in a year when we anticipate having our next routine Ofsted inspection (4 years goes quickly!). Ahead of our inspection, it is important to note significant changes to the way that schools are inspected. The old grades (Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement, and Inadequate) have been replaced by a new report card, which is designed to be more constructive in directing areas where schools can continue to develop. Schools will be inspected in a greater number of evaluation areas, with the 'expected standard' being awarded for schools that are delivering a consistently high standard of education for all pupils. Areas of particular strength are highlighted as 'strong' and areas where there is work being done to improve standards are graded as 'needs attention'. Parents can find out more about inspections in this video, and in this letter from the local authority, which all schools have been asked to share.



PGL Liddington:

Year 6 pupils have been outstanding during their residential trip to PGL Liddington this week. They worked well as a team, encouraged each other and had so much fun. **A huge thanks** to the wonderful adults who volunteered and gave up their time to make the trip possible – without their generosity, these residential trips couldn't happen!







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Habits of Mind Learning Walk:

It was lovely to visit classes across the school this week and see our children using their 'Habits of Mind'. This Thinking School tool supports children to become highly proficient thinkers, and was visible across the school: Reception and Year 1 using their senses as they explored the topic of autumn and Year 1 visited the bonfire; Year 2 asking good questions as they went on a local area walk to create their own local maps; Year 3 finding 'wow' moments in their reading-for-pleasure time; Years 4 and 5 being clear and using their prior knowledge when exploring properties of materials and making electrical circuits; and Year 6 thinking together in their team-building activities. What a collection of excellent thinkers this Thinking School has!







Helping Hands:

Congratulations to Z in 1B who wins the Helping Hands Cup this week. He is consistently showing kindness to others, and tries his best in all his learning tasks. Well done!





Bumped Head Wristbands

To help make it clearer when a child has bumped their head, they will now be given a wrist band to wear. This is to ensure that club leaders are aware of any head injuries in the day. There will be no change to parents and carers receiving a notification on Evolve, but you may notice your child is wearing a wrist band if they have banged their head.

Request for parental expertise! Our PTA shed roof is bowing in the middle and potentially needs some reinforcement to prevent leaks. We would love if any handy parents might be willing to take a look and help us determine the best solution. Please email pta@espspta.org if you can help!

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St Paul's String Afternoon

On Saturday 31st October, St Paul's School is running a String Afternoon for violinists, violists, cellists and double bass players whose standard is Grade 3 or above. More information is provided in this brochure.

Barnes Common Autumn Fayre



A message from our Outdoor Learning Partners at Barnes Common: Join us for a community event filled with fun activities for everyone!

To celebrate Apple Day and all things Autumn, we invite you to join us for our annual Autumn Fayre, a community event for all.

We've planned a day full of fun! Saturday 17th October, 10:00, Vine Road. Information here.

Thinking Schools

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





Attendance:

School target: 97% **Last week: 96.6%** **Classes above target: 7**

RG	96.4%	1B	93.2%	2D	100%	3G	95.9%	4DM	100%	5B	97.9%	6B	98.3%
RM	96.4%	1D	97.3%	2N	96.6%	3K	96.3%	4F	95.7%	5C	92%	6C	92.9%
RT	95.6%	1L	99%	2SB	96.7%	3S	96%	4H	96.1%	5M	96.8%	6T	99%