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Message from The Leadership Team

This week, we have enjoyed hearing the children's thoughtful responses to our Question of the Week: ***What makes a great teacher?*** Their ideas were insightful, honest and inspiring, and we will certainly do our best to live up to their high expectations!

On Thursday, we also celebrated **National Poetry Day** and hope you might enjoy sharing a favourite poem or two with your children over the weekend.

October marks **Black History Month**, and we look forward to learning about the achievements and contributions of many inspiring individuals who have shaped our history. While this month provides a special opportunity to celebrate these stories, they are also woven throughout our curriculum across the year.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

The Senior Leadership Team 🌻

Newsletter - 2nd October 2026



Attendance Matters



Well Done to

Y1 Blue Class: 99.4%

Y2 Scarlet - 98.8%

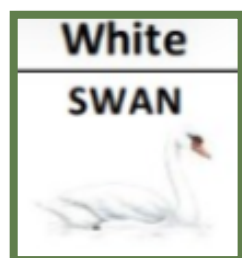
Class 3J: 99.4%

Class 4M - 99%

Class 5P: 98.4%

Attendance percentage this week!

*We have our
Winners!!!*

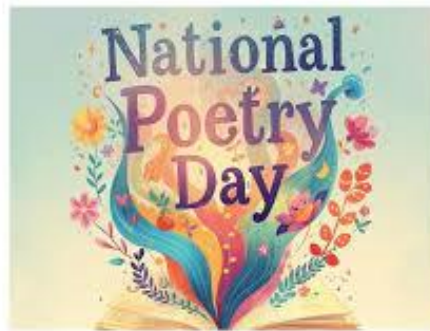


Well Done!!

??????? Question of The Week: ??????

What makes a great teacher?

A great opportunity for you to chat with your child about this question!
How do they feel about their own teacher? What qualities should they have?



It was National Poetry Day on 1st of October with the theme **'Wonder'**.

See the link to learn more about poetry.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/national-poetry-day-resources/>



KS1 Choir

We have made a really good start to choir this term and are really enjoying learning new songs and also learning about how singing in a choir is all about working as a team and singing together as well as having fun and enjoying singing.

There is no cost for choir and children are able to just come along at 8.30 on a Friday morning. In particular we would love for some more Y2's to join us.

We would like to give a little performance of this ½ term's songs on Friday 23rd October at 8.40 - 8.50am.

When we return after the ½ term break we will be starting to think about our next performance which will be at the School's Christmas Fair/Market.

If you have any questions regarding choir, please speak to Mrs Burton.



On **Friday 9th October**, our school will be taking part in Hello Yellow to raise awareness of mental health. The event, organised by YoungMinds, helps children to explore and understand their feelings, learn how to talk about them and know who they can turn to for support.

We will be taking part by encouraging the children to wear something yellow to school to accessorise their school uniform. Perhaps a pair of socks, a hair band, a yellow hat, a yellow sticker... We will also be exploring the importance of Mental health in assemblies during the week and doing different activities in classes to raise awareness.

If you would like to support the work done by YoungMinds, you can make a donation on our Young Minds Fundraising Page

We would also like to share some of the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice.

These include:

- Online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent)
- A phonenumber service for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health: 0808 802 5544 (Open 9.30am-4pm)
- As well as an online chat and email service (www.youngminds.org.uk/parentshelpline)

Thank you so much for your support.



Reminders

Richmond Volleyball Club

Sign up for Coach Mike's - Richmond Volleyball Club in the Autumn term is now open!

[Year 5&6 Volleyball Club - sign-up form – Fill in form](#)

Richmond Volleyball's popular weekly Volleyball Club will run on **Wednesday mornings 8:00am-8:50am in the Junior School Hall.**

This club is extremely popular and spaces are limited, so please make sure you sign-up quickly to avoid disappointment.

Snacks – Please remember healthy snacks should be fruit and veg. We are increasingly seeing iced gems and mini cheddar, cereal bars that contain nuts and seeds (we are a nut free school).

Trainers – We have noticed a lot of children were wearing trainers as school shoes these are not part of our uniform unless is for their PE days. <https://trafalgarfederation.org.uk/Parents/Uniform/>

Clubs – Pick Up Times - We are fortunate to be able to offer such a wide range of lovely after-school clubs, and we're very grateful to the staff who generously give their time to run them. We kindly ask that parents check their child's club finish time, and ensure children are collected promptly. This helps sessions end calmly and smoothly for everyone. Thank you so much for your continued support.

