

RICHMOND NEWS

End of the Year! | Look into Learning! | Good Bye and Good Luck!



Dear Children, Parents, Carers & Friends

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year!

It's at this time of the year that I like to reflect on the positive changes that have happened this year, and reflect on the successes.

Our school development points have been to develop reading and writing across the school. Lots of work has been done in this area by leaders, staff, parents and carers and of course, the children themselves. Our mantra of, 'Reading is fun and Reading makes you clever!' is on the tip of all the children's tongues and this is now starting to impact on the children's outcomes. Our phonics results this year showed a 20% increase on the previous years!

Children have been reading more at home and this will continue to be a big focus next year, as we will be working with the LEAD English Hub. Thank you to all the parents and carers for making this a priority at home.

Children's writing is becoming more fluent and more sustained; the number of children in my office each week who are genuinely proud of their writing is increasing so fast I will need a bigger office!

In maths, children continue to work hard and learning facts and times tables, so important for good progress!

Next year, we will continue to push hard to improve the learning of the children and meeting our motto, 'Learning Together for a Better Future: we are the Richmond Family.

Now that we are at the end, I need to say goodbye to valued members of staff: Mrs Chapman, Mrs Hazard and Mrs Worthington are all moving on to pastures new. They will be very missed by the Richmond team and the children that they work with.

As I end my first year as Headteacher at the Richmond School, I would like to send a personal thank you to the whole community for the kind words of thanks and incredible support over the last academic year. Thank you for sharing your opinions via our parent surveys. Working together so positively only strengthens us as a school community and we will continue to build on this in the new term. Thank you too to the Governors of the school for the hours of voluntary work done in keeping the school running and thank you to the PFA and local businesses for all the hard work and financial contributions.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

...Mrs Ross and the Team

IMPORTANT DATES NEXT TERM

September 2023

Monday 4th September – Return to School

October 2023

Friday 20th October – break up for half term

November 2023

Monday 6th November – Return to school

December 2023

Wednesday 20th December – last day for children

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory and should be 99%+. **Unfortunately we are only at 93% as a school! Next year, attendance will be a real focus for the school - make sure your child is here to learn!**

Class Attendance for this TERM is:

RR- 94%

RS - 92%

1R - 91%

1S - 93%

2R- 94%

2S - 95%

3R - 94%

3S - 92%

4R- 92%

4S - 95%

5R -95%

5S - 95%

6R - 90%

6S - 90%

The school recognises the fact that regular attendance and academic success go 'hand in hand'. Parents and carers are responsible in law for ensuring the regular and punctual attendance of their children. The Richmond School aim is to maintain an excellent level of attendance

We are always striving to improve though and I would ask all parents and carers to encourage their children to attend as often as possible.

We regret that term time holidays will not be authorised and may result in a fine.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Goodbye Year 6!

We say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6's. They are truly Year 6's to be proud of. They have struggled through the challenges of the last couple of years, and, with the support of an amazing team of parents and staff, have achieved so much. Year 6 have become independent, determined, kind and caring individuals. Anyone who watched them interact with the younger children on Sports' Day saw just a small example of how thoughtful and encouraging they can be. They are ready for secondary school and we know they will do so well there.

Good Luck Year 6! We will miss you!

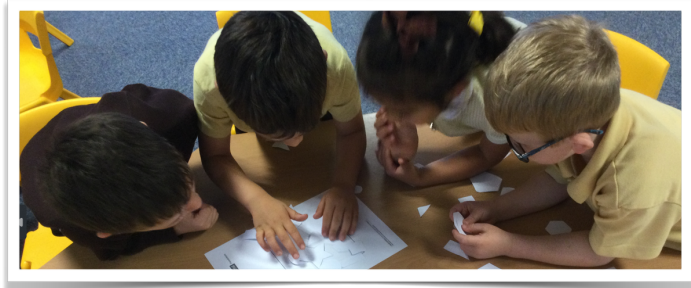
We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Chapman. Mrs Chapman has been a teacher for at the Richmond school for 6 years. She has also given much to the school through her work managing the RE curriculum. Mrs Chapman, good luck at your new school – we wish you well.

Mrs Worthington is also leaving – after 8 years with us– though we expect to still see lots of her through her commitment to the PFA. Mrs Worthington has not only taught across the school for years, but she has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the school with her team. Without their efforts, we would not have luxuries such as the pirate ship and football goals. Her cheerful outlook will certainly be missed in the staffroom.

Mrs Hazard has been a Teaching Assistant in the school for 16 years. Her contributions to the school are endless. She has been the marketing manager – repeatedly getting us in the local newspaper and even being mistaken for the Deputy Head when she appeared on Look North. Mrs Hazard has managed our social media accounts and wrap around care as well as making sure that we all have enough stationery. She has worked closely with the Rotary Club and other local businesses to secure funding and donations for the school. The list is endless! I know that you will join me in thanking her for the hours of support that she has provided for children and families. We wish her luck as she moves forward and hope that she will be back to visit.

Look into Learning!

Reception



This term Reception have enjoyed their 'Land Ahoy' topic. They have dressed as pirates sailing off on adventures, they have been on treasure hunts and they have been making their own pirate hats by folding paper. They have been writing super sentences describing different pirates and they've also created their own pirate dance. In maths, all of the adults have been very impressed with the group work that we have seen. The children are able to listen to one another and make suggestions. Well done!

Year 2

This term the children have been working super hard in preparation for their transition to KS2.

They have been working on being amazing writers and revising everything they have learnt this in year in maths, the children have shown what super mathematicians they are.

We have explored plants in science this term and discovered that cress seems to grow even without soil and sunlight! The children have thoroughly enjoyed carrying out this investigation.

This week, Mrs. Harness decided to plan a beach themed afternoon for a well-deserved treat for the hard-working children in class 2R. It has been a pleasure to be their teacher this year!

Term Dates

2023/24

TERM 1: 2023/24

Monday 4th September 2023 until
Friday 20th October 2023

TERM 2: 2023/2024

Monday 6th November 2023 until
Wednesday 20th December 2023

TERM 3: 2023/2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 until
Friday 9th February 2024

TERM 4: 2023/2024

Monday 19th February 2024 until
Thursday 28th March 2024

TERM 5: 2023/2024

Monday 15th April 2024 until
Friday 24th May 2024

TERM 6: 2023/2024

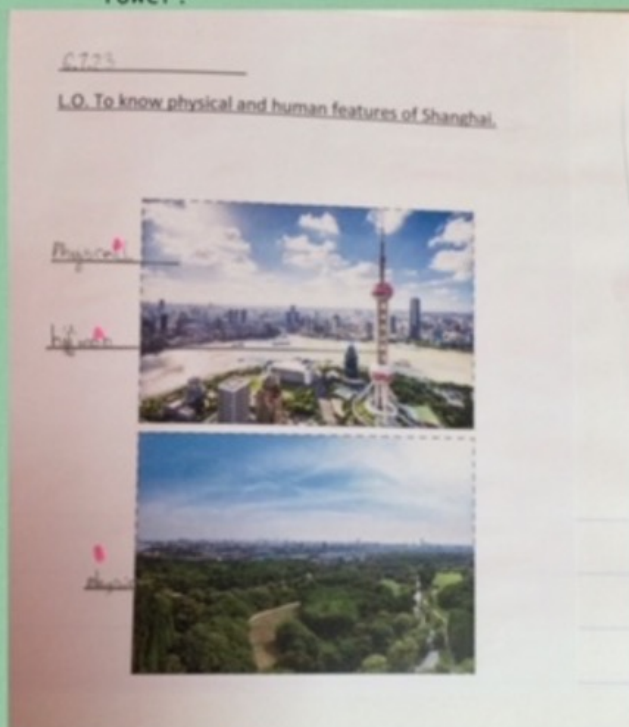
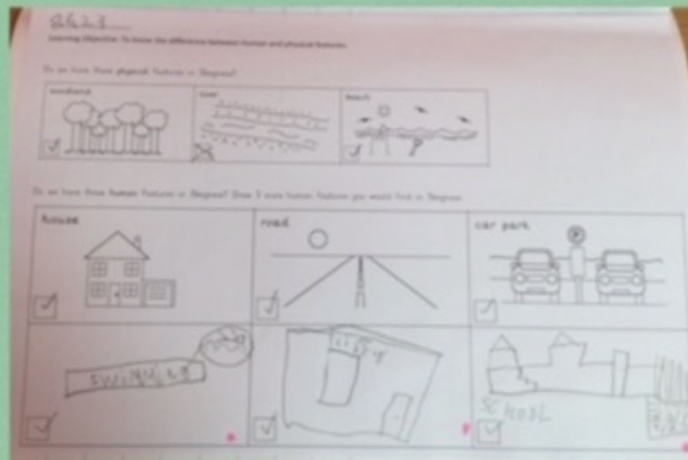
Monday 3rd June 2024 until
Friday



Year 1



The children enjoyed making the Clock Tower.



In Year 1, we have been learning about physical and human features in Geography. The children have identified these on maps and photographs.



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After an introduction to the history and culture of steel drum playing, the children have spent the term learning various pieces of music which they performed at an end of term concert. It all sounded great!



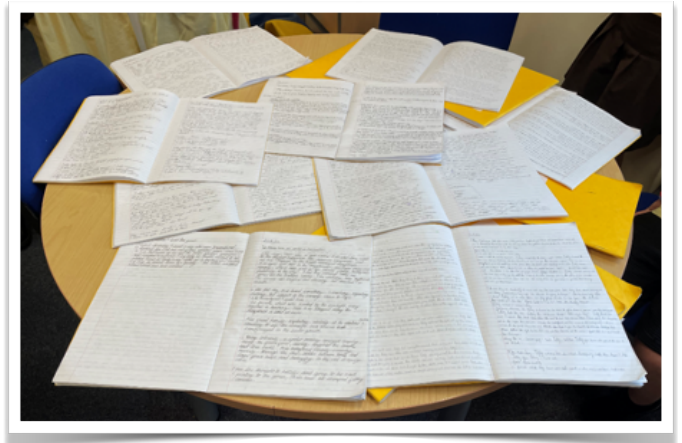
Year 5

Year 5 have been working terribly hard this year. They have been focusing on mastering the basic skills in English and Maths and you wouldn't believe the progress that they have made!

This term, Year 5 have been lucky enough to take part in Bikeability – teaching them to keep safe on the roads. Year 5 have also been making kites as part of DT. They completed a TASC wheel and used a variety of tools and equipment. They will be printing our seaside designs on the kite

Year 6

This term, Year 6 have worked incredibly hard as well as played hard, with some new fan favourites of the pirate game. The children have created some amazing writing, including narratives about 'The Piano' and explanation texts for Wallace and Grommit's cracking contraptions - it's worth a look on YouTube. Not only that, but the Year 6 students produced and distributed quizzes for our EYFS students based on their knowledge of the 'Superpotato', which was enjoyed by all. To celebrate the end of the year, the Year 6 students have been



treated to a range of activities, including a trip to Twin Lakes theme park, ice cream (courtesy of the PFA), pizzas and doughnuts (donated by local companies), and inflatables. All of the students have visited their new secondary schools, and we wish them a smooth transition and the best of luck in the future.

Here are some photos of the EYFS and Year 6 children playing the superpotato games together.



Have a lovely holiday!

Community Support



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Arguing better is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.

Register at this address www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england or scan the QR code

• **Arguing better** is designed for parents who want to learn healthy ways to deal with stress and conflict.

• The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.

• You can do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.

• The course will take about 40 minutes to complete, so it's best to give yourself enough time and space to reflect.

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Debt and relationships

Debt and money troubles are one of the biggest causes of relationship stress, and the rising cost of living could mean this becomes a greater issue for many families.

We have a collection of real-life animated stories and debt support articles, focusing on how people find themselves in debt, the impact it has on relationships, and why it's good to talk about it.

You can find this material in your OnePlusOne parent resource alongside **Me, You and Baby Too**, **Arguing Better**, and **Getting It Right for Children**.

To access the support, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.

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Alongside the animated stories, there are sections covering:

- What to do if you're in debt and haven't told your partner
- What to do if you think your partner is in debt and hasn't told you

Each section contains helpful advice and tips to help people prepare for conversations about debt so they can move on together.

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Me, You and Baby too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it's also one of the biggest changes you and your partner are likely to go through. You'll both be tired and stressed, and you may argue more.

Me, You and Baby Too is a free online course that can help you navigate these changes and keep moving forward together.

You will learn:

- What your baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.

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• **Me, You and Baby Too** is designed for new and expectant parents.

• The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.

• You can do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.

• The course will take about 40 minutes to complete, so it's best to give yourself enough time and space to reflect.

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Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

Getting it right for children is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

You will learn:

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.

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• **Getting it right for children** is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.

• The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.

• You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.

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