

National Space Centre Trip – Date Change!

The National Space Centre have told us that they mistakenly overbooked their facilities for our planned trip. They have, however, planned a very detailed programme for us on Wednesday 11th November.

Please would parents/carers ensure that the signed permission slips are returned to school **by 22nd October?**

Girls' Football

The Girls' Football Team headed over to Teddington School on Tuesday 13th October to play their second league fixture of the year. With 16 forms to select a team from, Teddington proved tough opponents and were very skilful and physical. Despite this, our girls dug in well against them, and acclimatised to the physical nature of the game as it progressed and conceded no goals in the second half.

Captain Harriet Foster did a shift in goal for her team and pulled off some excellent saves in the first half, claiming Most Valuable Player. Despite sustaining an ankle injury late on in the match, Nyah Patel played superbly in defence, cutting out many attacks. While the score line ended 5-0 to Teddington, it was a much improved performance from the previous week which the girls can be proud of.

Forthcoming Events

23 October Inset Day

26 – 30 October: Half Term

11 November National Space Centre

7 December 'Spirit of Christmas'

Boys' Rugby

On Friday 9th we went to the annual Rugby League Champions Tournament. We had a very successful tournament, despite the majority of the players having never played Rugby League before. From our 5 matches, we won 2, drew 1 and lost 1.

Overall we finished third in the competition, having only lost to the eventual winners. Notable performances came from Monty Hartwell-Birch and Ben Saunders for excellent running with the ball, Karim Sabbagh for running straight and gaining territory and Ciaran Spelman for making an immediate impact as scrum-half.

The whole team can be very satisfied with their performance and are looking forward to winning it next year!

Team Practices

A reminder to all team players that it is important to attend all training sessions to ensure they develop together as a team.

PE Lessons after half term

Students continue with the same PE activity on Monday 2nd November and will swap between Rugby and Swimming on Monday 9th November.

Fixtures

20 October: Girls' Football (Aw) v Twick. Academy

12 November: Boys' Football 'C': (Hm) v The Mall (NB change of date)

16 November: Girls' Table Tennis Tournament (NB another change of date)

Parents' Workshop

On Thursday evening 50 parents attended our first ever Parent Workshop event with sessions on eSafety, Target Setting and Literacy. Feedback from the event was positive. A number of resources were shared with parents and we will make these available online soon for those who couldn't attend. If you have other suggestions for workshops on aspects of school life then please do let us know.

STEM Club

During assembly this week, students were given a talk by scientists from NPL. The topic of the assembly was 'Time' and was very thought-provoking. Who knew that counting seconds using 'Mississippi' would be more accurate than counting using 'Hippopotamus'?!

Students learnt about the importance of accuracy and precision in everyday life, particularly with reference to time. They also learnt about SI units and excitedly became the owners of the yellow 'SI-bots', which are used to represent the second, the unit of measurement for time! Using the SI-bots, the scientists at NPL have challenged students to get creative and enter their video-clip competition. Leaflets for the competition are available from school. More information about the competition, and other opportunities for students and their families, can be found by logging on to the NPL website (www.NPL.co.uk, select the 'Educate + Explore' tab).

Good luck to all students taking part! We look forward to seeing their video clips soon! We would like to thank our NPL scientists for sharing with us their thoughts on 'Time' and for sharing the other fantastic opportunities and events at NPL.

PTA First Meeting

An initial meeting took place this week to organise the school's PTA. 12 interested parents got together to make some important initial decision and a formal AGM will take at 7pm on Monday 2nd November at school. This meeting will include election of key positions. All welcome to attend.

Big Bang

BIG BANG – the history of the universe in 60 minutes
by Simon Singh

Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.30pm

**Venue: The Theatre, RACC,
Doors Open at 7pm**



Bestselling author and local resident Simon Singh discusses "Big Bang", his popular account of civilisation's greatest scientific discovery. What is the Big Bang model, who came up with the idea and what is the evidence to support it? This accessible talk will include references to Led Zeppelin, the Teletubbies and electrocuted gherkins. Examining notions of history and time (in the most extreme manner possible), this event is being sponsored by the Museum of Richmond as part of the Richmond Literature Festival.

Tickets are £10 or £5 for students and can be purchased [online](#) or by phoning on 0208 332 1141.

ROAD SAFETY

We are all really enthusiastic about getting to school quickly, especially when Table Tennis is beckoning! Please would everyone remember, when crossing the road at the pedestrian crossings outside the school, that we should ALWAYS wait for the **GREEN MAN** to appear before crossing.

REMEMBER THE GREEN CROSS CODE!



A special mention to MICHAEL KENYON of 7EM for being an outstanding citizen and helping a lady with arthritis to cross the busy junctions after school on Wednesday.

Parent Governor Elections

Five nominations have been received. Candidate statements will be sent by email to all parents and ballot papers will be distributed next week.

Schools' bike safety competition



Enter Richmond Council's bike safety competition before 23 October 2015 to win a bike worth £500!

We are challenging students to showcase the importance of keeping your bike safe from thieves by:

- Creating a short video (up to 2 min) or
- Creating an animation (up to 2 min) or
- Designing a digital poster

Prizes:

- **1st prize** - The design will be featured on the Council website and social media accounts. The winner will receive a bike worth up to £500 from Moore's Cycles. If a team wins, they will receive £500 worth of vouchers.
- **2nd prize** - The individual or a team will receive £150 voucher from Moore's Cycles.
- **3rd prize** - The individual or a team will receive £50 voucher from Moore's Cycles.

If your class wishes to enter, please email gabriele.grudzinskaite@richmond.gov.uk or call 020 8487 5218 to be sent a competition pack with more information. For more information visit: www.richmond.gov.uk/bike_crime | Poster

Teddington and Turing Velo

Paperwork has now been sent to British Cycling to get our cycling club officially recognised.

Hopefully this process will not take too long. In the meantime, here is a sneak peak of the logo.



The Mayor's Christmas Card competition

Richmond's Mayor is searching for budding artists to design his annual Christmas cards. Two young people will have their designs turned into real cards which will be the official Mayor's Christmas cards for this year.

The overall winners will be invited to have tea with the Mayor in the Mayor's parlour and will receive some art prizes. The competition is open to children aged of 5-11 and 12-16 who live or go to school in the borough.

The design theme is Christmas in Richmond upon Thames and entries must be submitted on A5 paper, either landscape or portrait. The card should be creative, but glitter, or any other protruding items, should not be used. There will be a prize for the winners of each age category.

Designs should be submitted to: Michelle Davies, Mayor's Office, York House, Twickenham, TW1 3AA by Friday 30 October 2015.

Textiles Club

Our textiles club is going from strength to strength under the guidance of Ms Peters. Whilst the club meet formally once a week, the students are so keen that they hold their own meetings at lunchtime!



GET INTO GEAR AND MAKE **BIKE CRIME** A THING OF THE PAST.



**BUDDING ARTISTS (AGED 11-17)
ARE BEING ASKED TO HELP THE LOCAL
POLICE AND COUNCIL IN THE
FIGHT AGAINST BICYCLE CRIME.**

To be in with a chance to **WIN a bike worth up to
£500 from Moore's Cycles** all you need to do
is **create:**

- ▶ **digital poster**
- ▶ **animation (up to 2 minutes long)**
- ▶ **video (up to 2 minutes long)**

on how to keep your bike safe from thieves

Competition runs between 2 September to 23 October 2015. For more information about how to take part and submit your video, go to: www.richmond.gov.uk/bike_crime
Rules do apply so please check out the website first!

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