



## Year 2 at Kew from Mrs Montague

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On Wednesday, Year 2 went to Kew Gardens to become plant scientists. The boys had a great day exploring the different green houses and learning about the different plants that are grown in each. We had a fantastic outdoor learning session about the parts of a plant and seed dispersal through wind or animals. The boys became 'squirrels' hiding their 'acorns' to show how animals disperse seeds but sometimes forget their locations allowing for a new tree to grow. The boys then had a chance to do some observational drawing, looking at pollen through a microscope and discussing the importance of pollinators. We were very lucky to stay dry for most of the day- fantastic learning Year 2!





## Cricket from Mr P

Amazing to set the cricket season alight with a full set of fixtures for all year groups this week. On Wednesday 5 teams managed to dodge the heavy downpours and play fixtures with our 1st XI starting their campaign brilliantly with a very close victory over Twickenham Prep. The 2nd and 3rd teams also played Twickenham with both falling just short. With so little training time going into the matches, there were a lot of lessons learnt. Our U11 A team also started the season superbly with a win over St Philips, while the B team, despite some super individual performances, narrowly lost.

Reports from the U10 and U9 fixtures today will be in next week's newsletter. Good luck boys!

THS Blue caps - we do ask that if at all possible boys wear the THS blue cap for cricket fixtures as firstly it looks much smarter and is part of the sports kit for cricket but also protects the boys if/when the sun finally comes out. I know many boys/parents have said the caps on sale don't fit but with a Velcro fixing at the back where size can be adjusted, I believe they will fit 99% of the boys. An alternative wide brimmed cricket hat can also be worn.

Meanwhile, Mr Mullan has been delighted with the turnout on Thursday mornings for the weekly cross-country run in Richmond Park. There is no better way to start the day than running through beautiful nature - we are so lucky to have such a magnificent resource on our doorstep.





Mel Burgess and Cathy Sutton would like to thank all the Junior School parents who managed to stop for a coffee this morning.

Whilst the focus was on encouraging everyone to 'get involved' in THS, they were also in the position to pass on the news that they (Mel and Cathy) will be stepping down at the end of this term. The school has been so lucky to have had FOTH led by these special ladies for the last two years and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. Imogen Hill, Annie Shulman and Kim Algie will be running the FOTH committee from September and we look forward to many more FOTH events in the future, further cementing the unique community we have here.

Whilst on the topic of succession, attendees had the opportunity to meet Neill Lunnon – the new Headmaster in September. We appreciate that not everyone was able to spare the time on a Friday morning to meet Neill, so we are extending the invitation to Junior School parents to attend an informal drinks evening scheduled for 15th June (6pm). We hope to see as many of you as possible.

**Junior  
disco!**

**19TH MAY 2023**  
**3.30-5PM**

**THS OLD HALL**

**TICKETS £12.50**  
**INCLUDES HOT DOG,**  
**CHIPS AND ICE LOLLY**

**VISIT [WWW.FOTH.ORG.UK](http://WWW.FOTH.ORG.UK)**

**Senior School  
MOVIE NIGHT**

**JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN**

**5 - 7.30 PM IN THS NEW HALL**

18th May 23 | Ticket £12.50  
*Bring your own beanbag!*

**FILM, HOTDOG, CHIPS AND POPCORN**

**PURCHASE AT [WWW.FOTH.ORG.UK](http://WWW.FOTH.ORG.UK)**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mental Health Awareness Week: activities in form and PSHE time

Walk to School Week

Senior school house music heats in music lessons.

### Tuesday 16th

- 10am: Y2-8 - School Food catering road show - New Hall  
'Healthy Eating - Healthy Mind'
- 10.30am: New reception class stay and play

### Wednesday 17th

- 10.30: School Council meeting
- 12.30: Y5 Hampton Maths Wizard
- 2.30: 1st(H)/2nd(A)/3rd(A) v Kingswood
- 2.30: U11 A/B v Twickenham Prep (A)

### Thursday 18th

- 10am: Senior School house music finals assembly
- 1.30-3.30: Year 2 scooter workshop - playground  
**Please bring scooters and any safety equipment they usually wear**
- 3.30: Year 8 Skern Lodge, Post CE & CE briefing - Lunch hall
- 4.05: Extra homework club **for boys who can't go home before film night**
- 5-7.30pm: FOTH film night for senior school boys - New Hall

### Friday 19th

- All day: Year 1 Trip to Science museum
- 2.30: U10 A/B v St Philips (A)
- 2.30: U9 A/B v Twickenham Prep (H)
- 3.30-5pm: JS Disco

## Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster