



Dear Parents

Year 4 started the new academic year with a great team building trip to Wimbledon Watersports. They were blessed with a lovely sunny day and the lake was sparkling. After being taught the essentials of water safety and fitted with their life jackets they took to the water. Learning balance was fun in their two-person Kiwi canoes; learning to paddle and playing games, moving to the front and giving it an Eskimo kiss! Later they tried Canadian canoes, which take four people and are less stable, so the children had to work hard as a team to control their vessel. The day ended with a customary splash in the lake.



Mrs Byers led assembly this morning and her reflection related to the constitutional changes we are experiencing. She spoke about the Queen and the things the children and their families had been doing at this special time. Mrs Mohammed has auditioned and selected the members of Chamber Choir and they sang *Believe*, with the inspiring message that we can do anything we want to if we can just believe in ourselves. Courage is one of our school values and we always encourage the children to think about what they love to do and look for ways to stretch themselves, growing in skills and confidence along the way.

Our Artist of the week is Edie in Pre-Kindergarten for her expressive self-portrait. There are colourful pictures from some of her classmates here too. The other art in today's newsletter is from Kindergarten who painted dramatic portraits using black paint.



### Bank Holiday

This is a reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday and so we will not be in school. I hope that you will be able to spend time as a family on Monday to reflect on the life and achievements of Queen Elizabeth II and mark this day of national significance in your own way.



### Jeans for Genes Day: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Aahna, our Charities and Communities Captain, spoke with the children in assembly this morning about our upcoming charitable drive in support of Jeans for Genes Day next Friday. Children are invited to come to school in mufti, preferably wearing an item of denim. The Early Years' children can come in their superheroes or princess outfits if they prefer. Please bring in a small donation towards the charity. This prefect role was specifically created for Aahna, who has been an incredible advocate for charitable endeavours over her time at Broomfield. We look forward to hearing more from her as she encourages us to have generous hearts and build community in school and beyond.

## Flu Vaccinations: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Kindergarten to Year 6

The Richmond Schools Immunisation Team are coming to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to administer the flu vaccine to children in Kindergarten to Year 6. The vaccination is delivered in a nasal spray and can be very effective in protecting children from this unpleasant illness. There is no charge for this service. A letter about the vaccination programme is attached to this newsletter.

For your child to receive the vaccination in school you **must complete the online consent form by 28<sup>th</sup> September** using [this link](#), which is also given in the letter. Any child not registered by the deadline will not be vaccinated. If you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, please still complete the form giving your reasons. This helps with future planning and to improve the service. The letter also includes a link to an information leaflet which gives more details about the vaccine.

Pre-Kindergarten children can receive the vaccine but this has to be arranged with your GP as nursery age children are not part of the schools programme.

## Junior Christmas Plays: 9.30am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December (change of timing)

Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be performing their school plays at 9.30am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This is a slight change to the time given in the Dates List, as we had originally planned for an afternoon show. It would be great if the parents of children in these classes could arrange time out of work to join us and celebrate the children's acting and musical prowess. The plays are full of songs as well as acting and, not surprisingly, our little actors are utterly adorable. So please don't miss the opportunity to see your children take to the stage and let them see you appreciate their effort and talent. We ask parents to stay for all four class performances, so that everyone has the chance of performing to a big audience. It will usually take around an hour to 75 minutes in total.

## Collecting children from Clubs and After School Care

Please bear with our Clubs Leaders in these early weeks of the new academic year. We are getting used to new children and learning who their parents and carers are. While the class teachers will already know you, our clubs team or specialist teachers may not and we are careful not to dismiss a child to someone we don't recognise. If the team need to contact the office to be certain about releasing a child, please know that we do it with the best of intentions. If your child is being collected by someone we don't know, please email the office on [office@broomfieldhouse.com](mailto:office@broomfieldhouse.com) and attach a photograph of them and ask them to bring a form of photo ID. Our staff will check this before allowing a child to leave with anyone other than parents.



## School Photographs: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Our school photographers will be in on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to take individual and sibling photographs, so please send your children into school wearing their full school uniform. If your child has a PE lesson that day they must come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit to school to change into. Year 6 children will have their photos taken at 8am so they don't miss academic learning time at this stage in the 11+ process. Please make sure they are in school on time and bring their sibling too so these photos can be taken before school starts.

Our wonderful PTA team will support the process by assisting the teachers to smooth hair and straighten ties etc. If your children use hair clips or hairbands please make sure these are red.

The photographers are back on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October for class and group photos.

## Netball Club on Tuesdays Years 3 and 4

At present we only have five children in the Tuesday Netball Club which is aimed at children in Years 3 and 4. This is not a big enough group to effectively play netball and learn all the passing and movement skills, so we would be delighted if a few more children would like to sign up. Please email Mrs Crocker if your child may be interested on [admin@broomfieldhouse.com](mailto:admin@broomfieldhouse.com). It is a terrific way to keep fit, improve hand/eye coordination and develop good motor skills.

## Music Lessons

Anyone considering individual musical instrument lessons for their children in Year 1 and above should contact our new Music Teacher, Mrs Mohammed, on [rmohammed@broomfieldhouse.com](mailto:rmohammed@broomfieldhouse.com). The children can take a trial session to see how they may like it and the PTA have an instrument library, so you may be able to borrow an instrument for a few weeks. We offer strings, woodwind, brass, piano, guitar, ukulele and the recorder.



The peripatetic music teachers come into school on various days and the lessons are 30 minutes long. Younger pupils will miss part of a curriculum lesson, as we reserve any slots before and after school and at break and lunch time for the older children. Younger children will be paired with another music student to alternate their music sessions, so they don't miss the same lesson each week.

## Sports News

Our Sports Star of the week is Sam in Year 5 for his excellent defending in football practice this week. Well done Sam, a great start at Broomfield and Rose House will be very pleased to welcome a terrific sportsman into their midst!

**Year 4:** Mr Pache has arranged for matches against Kew Green Prep during Games on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Football will take place at Old Deer Park, 187 Kew Rd, Richmond TW9 2AZ and netball at Westerly Ware, 88A Kew Green, Richmond TW9 3AP. Year 4 parents are welcome to join us to cheer the teams on and play will commence at 2.15pm.

## Year Group News

**Year 5:** Please would Year 5 parents see the attached letter about the new website, *Language Gym*, which Mrs Ali is introducing to support the children's learning in Spanish. The letter explains how to log into the site to access Spanish activities and she hopes the children might like to set this up at home.



Please see below for upcoming opportunities offered exclusively to Dukes Club members. If you are interested you can sign up here: [www.thedukesclub.com/](http://www.thedukesclub.com/). More details are given in the links below.

### Complimentary guided tour of The National Gallery with Candida Cave

Join Candida Cave, the founding Principal of Hampstead Fine Arts College, for a guided tour of The National Gallery's collection of [16th century Venetian paintings](#). Explore the effect of light, colour and subject matter and understand the influence it had on 17th century art.

### Free in-person workshops with the world-famous Ambassador Theatre Group

Calling all aspiring playwrights and budding actors aged 6-12. Dukes Club offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for pupils to spend a day in London with leading stage professionals to learn how to ['Write your first musical'](#) or create your very own ['Play in a day'](#). There is limited availability so book soon if keen.

### Annabel Karmel hosts live online event for parents (Early Years focus)

The UK's No. 1 children's cookery author and a world-leading nutrition expert, Annabel Karmel, will join the Dukes Club next week for a live session on cooking with children and a [positive approach to nutrition](#). Book now to understand the best way to help a fussy-eater and join the Q&A session for personalised advice.

### Polite Person

Here are the children recognised in our assembly this morning as the Polite People of the Week. Congratulations on your lovely manners, you are reflecting the school's values so beautifully.

Class	Polite Person	Class	Polite Person
Pre-Kindergarten	Edie	Year 3	Alexis
Kindergarten	Jazu	Year 4	Midge
Year 1	Edith	Year 5	Beatrice
Year 2	Camila	Year 6	Levi

### The Week Ahead 12-16<sup>th</sup> September

Day	Activity	Notes
Monday	Bank Holiday	No school on this special day
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Year 4: Football and Netball matches v Kew Green Prep	Parents welcome, ODP or Westerly Ware at 2.15pm
Thursday		
Friday	Jeans for Genes Day	Children to wear an item of denim and make a small donation to the charity

Have a lovely long weekend and I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday.

Yours faithfully

*Susie Byers*

Mrs Susie Byers  
Headteacher

