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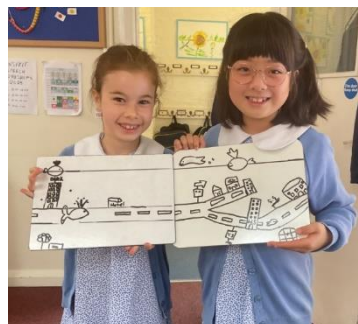
Preparatory School

Year 3 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 8

What have we explored this week?

In English, we have continued the process of boxing up our class innovation of a portal story, and the children have now begun boxing up their own. We have been impressed with the creativity and imagination that the children have shown, and we can't wait to read the final pieces!

In Maths, we have continued with our topic of time, looking at how to calculate the duration of events, by using the start and end times. This is a tricky topic and one which the children will continue to revisit throughout school!



3J loved making trifle this week! The recipe is attached to the bottom of this letter should you wish to make more at home.

Games this week was a sunnier affair and thankfully we didn't have to contend with the wickets being blown over in the wind! The crisps league continued with a ferocious, spicy flavour! There are a few sporting events approaching towards the end of term, which we look forward to welcoming you to.

We are delighted to share a video slideshow of our trip to New Barn. Please note that this video is not viewable to the public, but only through this link: <https://youtu.be/BFrlmWJ-30o>

3PW enjoyed painting silhouettes during their Enrichment lessons. They first used a variety of different watercolours to make a vibrant sunset and then choose their own animals to add to their shadowy landscape.



Things to Remember

- The Swimming Gala is on **Monday 23rd June** at 1pm at Fulham Pools. Children can be collected from the pool at 3pm or can come back to school with the class.
- House Cricket is on **Tuesday 24th June** 1:30pm to 3pm at King's House.
- You are invited to the **Sanskrit Speech competition** on Thursday 26th June in the Assembly Hall on the second floor. Please sign up here if you would like to attend: <https://forms.office.com/e/huGQFu7dxn>

Part 1: 9am to approximately 9.50am for Nursery, Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3

Part 2: 10.20am to approximately 11.10am for Years 4, 5 and 6

Part 3: 11.15am to approximately 11.55am for Years 7, 8 and 9

You are welcome to attend one, two, or all three parts, but are asked to remain in the Assembly Hall until the end of the part you are attending. Refreshments will be served from approximately 9.50am to 10.20am.

- Sports Day is on **Friday 27th June** at Linford Christie Stadium (W12 0DF). Please bring your child straight to the venue for registration at 8:30am. The event will finish at 12pm and all children need to be collected from the venue.
- Moving Up Morning is on **Monday 30th June**. Children will find out who their new teacher for September will be and will spend time with them in their new classrooms. Parents will receive details on the same day.

- Speech Day is on **Thursday 3rd July** at the Royal Geographical Society. Please bring your child straight to the venue for registration at 9:30am. The event will finish at approximately 11:30am and all children need to be collected from the venue.
- For this weekend's **English homework**, the children have been asked to complete a comprehension activity. Some of the children have been asked to continue working in the *English Reading CGP* book (orange and white). They have been asked to complete the **second question set**, based on the text (Alice in Wonderland) which can be found on pages 34-35. They should answer **question set 2 on pages 38-39**. Other children have been given an alternative to ensure that all the children have a homework that is tailored to suit them.
- 3J parents are warmly invited to attend our class assembly on **Tuesday 17th June** at 8:30am in the Gym. The children have been given a couple of lines to practise for our assembly. We would be grateful if you could assist them in familiarising with their words ready for their assembly.
- Please note that if you wish to pick-up your child directly from Kings House from Games on Tuesdays, please do so **at 2:45pm**.
- Year 3 are swimming this half-term. If you would like to collect them directly from the pool, please do so at **3:00pm**.
- We are pleased to announce that our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in the *First Maths Challenge* this term. This national challenge provides an excellent introduction to the more advanced *Primary Maths Challenge*, which pupils can participate in during Year 5 and Year 6. The challenge will take place between **Monday 16th June and Friday 27th June**. Although participation is voluntary, we strongly encourage all pupils to take part, as it offers a valuable opportunity to develop problem-solving skills and mathematical thinking. To prepare, we highly recommend that pupils have a go at the past papers available on the official website: [First Maths Challenge Past Papers](#). All children who participate will receive a certificate in recognition of their effort and enthusiasm.
- **Summer Sunflower Growing Competition**
Every child in Nursery to Year 6 has received a sunflower seed. Please may you help your child plant their seed and remind them to water it during the summer holiday. When the sunflower is at its prime, please take a photo of it and upload this to ClassDojo. Judging of the photos (only) will take place the first week back in September. Happy growing!
 - ★ 1st Place Winners: Gold Green Thumb certificate & 200HPs
 - ★ 2nd Place Winners: Silver Green Thumb certificate & 100HPs

★ 3rd Place Winners: Bronze Green Thumb certificate & 50HPs

- Year 3 are progressing well in **Sanskrit**. At present, for any homework set they are asked to continue systematically with the exercises in their text-books. These exercises allow them to practise what they have been learning in class. They should not spend more than 15 minutes on homework. Parents do not need to help at all. If pupils are finding it difficult, they should have a go and then put it away. The Sanskrit teacher will help the next day. The most important thing is for them to enjoy what they are doing, and to bring their book back to school!
- Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) forms part of their weekly homework schedule on a Tuesday and a Thursday. **TTRS should be played in Garage Mode only** for 2 x 5-10-minute sessions. If you have any questions about our online platforms, please do get in touch via the school-office. Login details for this platform and others have been stuck in their spelling books.
- Please listen to your child **read aloud** as much as possible - ideally on a daily basis - and fill in the yellow reading record. *Oxford Reading Buddy* login details are stuck in their spelling books.



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Strawberry Swirl Trifle

Trifles are an old English pudding made in layers of sponge, jelly, custard, cream and fruit. Our one is just as yummy but much quicker to make and healthier too!

Makes 1 kiddy pud



Ingredients:

2 sponge fingers	2 tsp honey
¼ orange (for juice)	1 heaped tbsp toasted oats
¼ banana, sliced	½ tbsp pumpkin seeds
30ml double cream	About 5-6 strawberries
2 tbsp Greek yoghurt	A few blueberries

Method:

1. Break up sponge fingers and push them down to the bottom of the pot.
2. Squeeze on the orange juice and leave it for a few minutes to soak into the sponge fingers.
3. Whisk the cream until it's floppy-firm, then stir in yoghurt & HALF (1 tsp) honey.
4. Squish 2-3 of the strawberries into the cream and stir them in to make pink swirly bits.
5. Now that the orange juice has made the sponge fingers soft, squish them down to make a compact layer.
6. Put 4-5 slices of banana on top of the sponge fingers, then carefully spoon the strawberry cream on top.
7. Give it a few firm bangs on the table to make sure there are no air bubbles.
8. In a little bowl mix the toasted oats with the pumpkin seeds and rest of the honey, then carefully spoon this on top of the cream.
9. Cut the remaining strawberries into pieces and finish off your splendid trifle with them and a few blueberries.

It's a T'riffic Trifle!!!!