

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year from all Addison Staff

I would like to express my gratitude to the staff for their dedication, support and professionalism and deep desire to do the right thing for the pupils under our care.



Every staff member has worked extremely hard: to create positive displays; keep books well marked with feedback; build positive relationships with children, and enhance pupils' experiences. You continue to demonstrate unwavering resilience in coping with every obstacle and challenge placed in your path in the service of the children and communities our school serves, thank you.

I would also like to express my gratitude to parents and families for your contribution to school – Families especially have played a part in making this a lovely place for children to learn and for adults to work.

This term there has been: visitor assemblies; an amazing Y5 production of, 'The Lion King'; numerous curriculum trips; the Y6 residential to the Isle of Wight; tennis; swimming; and competitive sports.



This week we had the Christmas Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk.



Thank you also to Cameron, our local vicar, for delivering the Christmas assembly. Cameron talked about the significance of advent and Christmas in the Christian calendar.

We realise that the curriculum experience has been amended but we will always strive to

enhance our curriculum offer and provide a range of meaningful experiences for our pupils.

Happy Christmas and Happy end of term everyone. I hope that you and your family are safe and well. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 7th January 2025!

Spring 2025

January (Perseverance)

- 6th Inset Day (no pupils)
- 7th Pupils return to school
- 16th Topaz assembly
- 30th Jan – 7th Feb. National Story-telling week
- 30th Pearl class assembly

February (Percy Perseverance/Ollie Honest)

- 11th Safer Internet day

HALF TERM – Mon. 17th – Fri. 21st Feb.

March (Ollie Honest)

- 6th World Book Day
- 8th – 17th British Science Wk
- 13th Sapphire assembly
- 24th Assessment week
- 25th & 26th Parent Consultations
- 30th Eid al-Fitr

Easter break 7th – 22nd April

April

- 22nd Inset day (no pupils)
- 23rd Back to School
- 23rd Saint George's Day

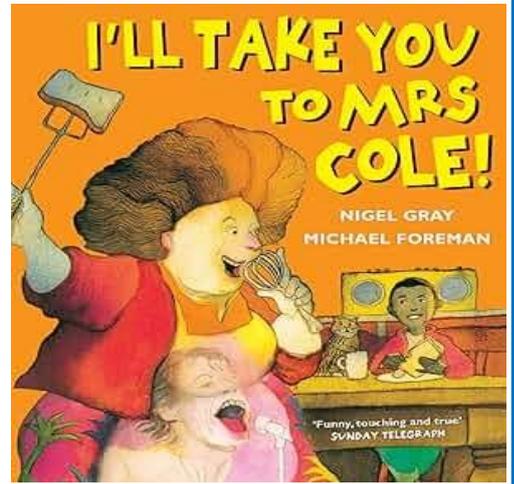
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Ruby Class

Year 3 have been busy this half term. We wrote exciting poems based on the story 'I'll take you to Mrs Cole' and used the features to rhyme the stanzas. Whilst we wrote these in English, in Geography we learned about settlement and land use in the UK. We loved identifying the UK on a map before comparing the human and physical features of Middlesex and Cumbria. It was so interesting to see how they differed. PSHE was useful where we learned about how we can be responsible with money. We recognised how people earn money and the importance of saving money for certain things, particularly when we grow up. We have particularly enjoyed our Science topic where we identified different rocks and fossils. We also looked at different soils and wrote about them. It was fascinating! After saying goodbye to Mrs Gillespie and wishing her good luck, we are ending the half term with R.E Day and Computer Day. Once we have experienced these, we will be ready for a restful break after another productive half term!



Topaz Class

Year 4 have had an amazing term! I am incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication that students have shown this term. They have tackled challenges with determination and achieved great success. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow and thrive.

In English, we have been focusing on a book called *Varjak Paw*. The children were really engaged with the story and thoroughly enjoyed reading it. They created some incredibly imaginative narrative pieces, writing from the first person perspective of the main character, Varjak Paw!



In Science, Topaz class have been learning all about electrical circuits. They have been amazing problem solvers, tackling electrical challenges with great skill. Through hands-on experiments, the children have deepened their understanding of how circuits work, showing great progress and enthusiasm in their learning!

This term, we've been on two exciting trips that the children thoroughly enjoyed. We visited Fulham Palace and the Natural History Museum, where we took part in educational workshops to enhance our understanding of our previous topic on the Romans and our current study of Earthquakes and Volcanoes. It was a fantastic way to bring our learning to life!

We were thrilled to have the amazing opportunity to be invited to Kensington Town Hall to take part in a Christmas concert. Topaz class worked hard practising the actions and lyrics, and they performed wonderfully at the event. The children absolutely loved the experience, and it was heart warming to see their excitement and joy on stage!

Pearl Class

Year 5 have had a fantastic half-term filled with enriching learning experiences and achievements. In Maths, pupils have strengthened their understanding of equivalent fractions, mastering how to add and subtract them with growing confidence. In English, they developed their writing skills by creating engaging newspaper reports about Greta Thunberg's climate strike in Bristol. Geography lessons focused on the Water Cycle, exploring topics like the urban water cycle, the causes and effects of flooding, and water pollution. A memorable highlight was the visit from a guest speaker from WaterAid, who provided fascinating insights about water usage in Cambodia and practical tips for reducing water waste, leaving a lasting impression on the pupils.



We are thrilled to celebrate Ali's impressive progress this term. He has shown significant improvement in his handwriting, presentation, and reasoning skills in Maths, demonstrating the Addison value of perseverance.

The term's highlight was undoubtedly Year 5's incredible performance of The Lion King. The children worked tirelessly, and their hard work culminated in an astounding production that showcased their immense talent and teamwork. This term has been both inspiring and rewarding, and we are immensely proud of all that Year 5 has achieved.

Amber Class

As the autumn term draws to an end, we are thrilled to share some of the fantastic learning and experiences Year Six pupils have enjoyed over the past months. In our English lessons, we explored narrative writing, focusing on descriptive language and character development. Pupils created their own imaginative stories, showcasing their expanding vocabulary and creativity.



Meanwhile in maths, students worked hard on mastering fractions and decimals. Through engaging problem-solving tasks students developed their confidence in using these skills to tackle real-world challenges. We're proud of the perseverance they have shown in this topic.

In science, the topic of 'Light' has illuminated our classroom. Pupils explored how light travels, the importance of reflection and refraction, and even investigated shadows and how they change. Hands-on experiments brought this fascinating topic to life, sparking curiosity and critical thinking.

Beyond the classroom, students have been busy developing new skills in swimming and cricket, with many showing great improvement in their teamwork and techniques. The term ended on a high note with our magical Christmas Carol Concert, where Year Six performed beautifully, filling the hall with festive cheer.

We are so proud of the enthusiasm and effort the children have shown this term, and we look forward to an exciting spring term ahead!

Music

This half-term has been a truly exciting, inspiring, and creatively enriching one for Music! Pupils from Nursery through to Year 6 have been fully engaged in music-making, performing, and exploring a wide range of musical styles. Among the highlights were Year 4's outstanding performance at the Tri-Borough Music Hub Singing Festival at Kensington Town Hall, our heart-warming school Christmas concert where every pupil shared their joyful singing, and the impressive Year 5 Rhythm Studio concert, where pupils showcased their songs and original compositions.



Our EYFS pupils had a fantastic term, building confidence in their singing abilities and blending movement with music. Year 1 explored pulse and pitch through their voices and percussion instruments, while Year 2 delved into the concept of duration and began composing their own rhythmic phrases. Year 3 continued to refine their performance skills, and Year 4 dedicated themselves to learning the songs and Makaton signs for their special Christmas concert. Year 5 had an exciting term at the Rhythm Studios, perfecting their performances and compositions, which were wonderfully presented to both parents and peers. Across the board, all year groups have embraced a wide variety of musical genres and developed their ability to use musical language to thoughtfully appraise the music they studied.



Christmas Winter Fair

This was organised by Miss Simmons and Mrs Gillespie and raised a whopping £968.56. This wonderful event was made more special by the participation of many families and friends – thank you everyone for attending.

