

As the temperature soared this week the children have enjoyed the weather and having lessons outdoors. We also have lots to look forward to in the coming weeks. (Please see the diary dates at the end).

Nature School

Have you noticed the stunning white and pink blossom around at the moment? We have explored it at Forest School and learned that in ancient cultures there was a festival at this time of year called 'Beltane' - a May day festival to give thanks to the sun for the harvest to come - celebrating the time before summer when fruits and crops begin to grow and ripen. We have been enjoying other traditions like Maypole dancing which was a lot of fun - it took some skill to get untangled along the way!



The recent windy days and showers have given the children the chance to feel the strength of the wind, watching it playing with the meadow grasses and understanding how it can be controlled or used for different purposes.

We are looking forward to more adventures as the seasons change and the children's connection with nature develops.

Ash Class Trip to the Thames Barrier

Ash Class were blessed with some amazing weather for their class trip to the Thames Barrier on Wednesday 18th May.



Before our visit we thought about some of the questions we would like answered and Wendy, our brilliant guide, seemed to answer them all. We learnt when and why it was built to prevent London flooding when certain weather patterns and conditions meet with a Spring tide. Did you know the barrier has an underground tunnel which goes right under the barrier to the North side of the Thames?



We were surprised at the size of the barrier and discovered the gates are different sizes, which we saw measured in double-decker buses! Sometimes, ships have crashed into the barrier but because it has a resilient structure, so far no damage has been done.



There was also a tunnel which mapped to Thames River from its mouth all the way back to its source showing many of the places it flows through and also how the river level rises above sea level after Teddington.

It was a fabulous day, which we all thoroughly enjoyed and we would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Pearce and Mrs Reeves for helping to keep us all safe.

Mrs Budgen and Ash Class

Saplings Class

Recently Saplings have been very fortunate to have a special visitor. Nina's Mummy came in to tell us all about how she grew up in Zimbabwe. We loved her traditional outfit! She taught us a song and we used a variety of instruments she had brought with her, made from beautiful seed pods, to play alongside. We learnt lots of things about her beautiful country.

A very big thank you for taking the time to come in and for the very generous gift of the instruments!





This year we are happy to tell you that we are finally able to have a talent show on 7th July. We will be showcasing the many talents that the children here have, from singing to comedy. I am even hoping for some instrument players this year to spice up our normal repertoire. If you having any budding talents in your household encourage them to perform.

The show will start a little earlier than the norm at 4.45pm as we can only have the hall until 7.15pm and we have to be cleared up and gone by then. Everyone who has already signed up is looking forward to the show.

Arriving Late to School

Please could I remind everyone that school starts at 8.50am. There have been a number of children who have been arriving after the playground gate is shut. If you do arrive after 8.50am, your child will need to be brought into the office foyer by the responsible adult and signed in by them. This is for the safety of your own child, as if the office staff have had to step away from the office your child will be left unsupervised.

Ide Hill Awards

Saplings	Alice R - you have been working very hard this term and always have a go even when you find it tricky! Remember that with your determination you will do a great job! Zach M - you have learnt all your tricky red words! Well done Zach - we are very proud of you and your reading this week.
Elms	Lucas – for amazing progress with your reading. You have made such an effort to read without always sounding out. Annie – for settling in so well to you new class. We are loving having you in Elms.
Beech	
Willows	Lana - for working so hard when learning about fraction of number and for asking for help when she needs it. Annabelle - for using the methods we work on in maths successfully to help her with her independent learning. Seth - for his enthusiasm, ideas and knowledge of fairytales that he is eager to use in his own twisted fairytale.
Hazel	Darcie - for her kindness to everyone in our school community and for her hard work in class. Summer - for her excellent debating skills and for being such a god friend.
Ash	Brea – for her growth mindset and improved confidence in maths. Grace L – for her growth mindset in her approach to challenging maths. The whole class – for their excellent responses and behaviour on our school trip. They all made me incredibly proud!
Oaks	Alex – for her consistent positivity in class. Zachary – for his excellent knowledge of tectonic plates.



William E
Lucas H
Aryssa H
Sophie v d B
Zach M
Freya F
Kit R
Sidney S
Finn H

Brody N
Matthew H
Jayden B
Wilbur M
Evie F
Madeline M
Max O'K
Pollyanna S
Jackson C

Diary Dates

Monday 20 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 21 st June	Class and individual photos
Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 6 trip to Thorpe Park
Friday 24 th June	Year 6 trip to Carrotty Wood
Saturday 25 th June	PTA Summer Fair
Thursday 30 th June	Year 3 and 4 trip to The Clink Museum
Friday 1 st July	Sports Day
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 5 trip to Hever Castle for Triathlon Event
Thursday 7 th July	Talent Show
Friday 8 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 11 th July	Transition Day
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 6 Leavers Play
Thursday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers Play
Thursday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term



Ide Hill Scout Group
is looking for Volunteers.

We need support
in all three Sections.

BEAVERS

(6-8 yo)

cubs

(8-10 yo)

SCOUTS

(10-14 yo)

If you are someone

- Who enjoys interacting with young people.
- Who could organise craft activities.
- Who enjoys playing games.
- Who is patient and caring.
- Who would be willing to come along to a meeting or two to see what we do.

We would love to hear from you.

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