



A Day at the Palace

ON Thursday, Year 5 went to Hampton Court Palace as part of their learning about the Tudors. They were led around the palace by one of the costumed presenters, who told them all about the different people in King Henry's court and where they ranked within the hierarchy of the great palace. Some of the children were even employed for jobs such as pastry chef, maid of honour and toilet cleaner! The highlight of the day for many was the trip to the UK's oldest surviving hedge maze - thankfully, they all found their way out.



Dates for the diary

- 11th February—
Safer Internet Day including workshop for parents at 2.30pm
- 12th February—
Year 3 Egyptian Day
- **13th February—
YEAR 3
SWIMMING
TODAY**
- 14th February—
**INSET DAY—
SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 17TH—21ST
February **HALF
TERM HOLIDAY
SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 24th February—
Children return to school
- 24th February—**NO
AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS THIS
WEEK**
- 27th February—
Parent/Teacher Consultations 2–7.30pm **SCHOOL
CLOSES AT
1.30PM**

Welcome to ACE Father Julius

WE are sure you will all join us in extending a warm welcome to ACE to Father Julius who is the new Vicar at St Hilda's Church. We enjoyed his visit to our school this week and finding out a little bit more about him.

He was born in Nigeria and after qualifying as a Lawyer travelled to work in Germany and France.

Father Julius always knew that God was calling him to serve so he relocated to the UK and studied Theology at Durham University before becoming the Vicar at All Saints Church in Ilkeston in Derbyshire. He has now travelled down the country to be with us in Ashford!

When he is not being a Vicar, Father Julius likes to keep fit by running and going to the gym. He also likes to hang out with his friends. Look out for him around Ashford and don't forget to say hello!



Round the Track

LAST week, a team of 18 children from Years 5 and 6 headed off to the new Eclipse leisure centre in Staines to take part in a Sports Hall Athletics Competition. Organised by Active Surrey, this was the first time we had entered and it was great fun! It was a team competition, with at least 2 children required to participate in every event, which were split into track and field. As well as traditional events like sprint relays and long jump, there were also more unusual events, including an obstacle relay, vertical jump and speed bounce. ACE finished in a respectable 5th place out of 8 schools. Mrs Stevenson and Mr MacKinney were extremely proud of the children's enthusiasm and teamwork. We would like to thank Promise Coaching, Mrs Bullen and Mrs Franks for their help transporting children to and from the event.





Our value for this half term is compassion



IN worship this week we thought about having the courage to care and used the bible story from Exodus 2 : 1-10 . This story tells of Miriam and how she saved her baby brother Moses from the Pharaoh by putting him in a basket in the river and waiting for the Pharaoh’s daughter to arrive for her daily wash in the river. The bible tells us that the pharaoh’s daughter felt sorry for the baby and took him back to the palace where she adopted him as her own. Miriam saw it all happen and ran home to tell her Mum. Moses grew up in the palace as a Prince which is right where God would have wanted him. In the future God would use him to rescue the Hebrew slaves and bring them out of Europe.



Safer Internet Day

TUESDAY 11th February is Safer Internet Day and our children will be learning how to be safe when using the internet. Not only the children—we would like to invite all parents and carers to our keeping children safe online presentation at 2.30pm.

Online safety is a whole community issue and this presentation is designed to improve your knowledge and understanding of the risks your child may face online. It also provides practical strategies and advice to help you support your child online and will signpost you to further resources and reporting sites which may be of use.



Led by Mr Dodman – Computing lead.

Book Recommendation



THIS weeks book recommendations are from Ella and Oliver from Tiger class. Ella recommends a Usborne book called Looking after your Mental Health. She says that it helps her with her feelings. Oliver likes the Breakfast Club

Adventures by Marcus Rashford and says that his Mum wants to read it after him.

Iris and Ruby from Buffalo class like Dog Man by Dav Piker, Iris says it is animated and funny. Ruby likes the author Harriet Muncaster who writes about the adventures of Isadora.



House Points:



Foxall
722

Howard
643

Lockington
648

Mann
623

Ace Attendance Winners of the Week

The class with the best attendance this week is...

INFANTS: Tigers—98.1%

JUNIORS: Meerkats—95.5%

Our attendance target is 96% Whole school this week 94.8%

ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	Name	Reason
Koala	Johnny A	For trying hard to make good learning choices
	Louis S	For persevering when writing
Kangaroo	Bryan A	For trying hard to learn to write his name
	Henry G	For great improvement in using different expressions when reading
Tiger	Robin B	For his 'I can' attitude in phonics and guided reading
	Charlie W	For his enthusiasm during our mastering number session
Panda	Irha K	For her enthusiasm and creativity during our dance lesson
	Esme R	For writing a detailed description of Beegu
Zebra	Rosie D	For completing whole part models maths independently
	Kyle J	For concentrating and trying his best in handwriting
Giraffe	Henry M	For always challenging himself in all his learning
	Mia S	For creating a beautiful and detailed fact file about bears
Lemur	Louie H	For his attitude and effort towards learning across all subjects
	Alice S	For her amazing effort in demonstrating gymnastics to the class
Meerkat	Faith P	For working independently to complete some tricky additions
	George S	For his excellent explanation of why the Ancient Egyptian empire came to an end
Rhino	Avé	For wonderful use of tint and shade in her 3D picture
	Finn D	For his positive and enthusiastic attitude
Elephant	Isla R	For making excellent progress learning her times tables
	Evie B	For her interest and enthusiasm in her reading
Llama	Ronnie WH	For his independence and engagement in his learning about the Tudors
	Miriam D	For a fantastic poster to advertise Hampton Court Palace
Buffalo	Yousif M	For being a fantastic role model with his behaviour for learning and consideration for others
	Jude C	For his writing in English this week
Panther	Freya CS	For always upholding our school rules and being an outstanding role model
	Chloe BDA	For always being kind and compassionate to others
Leopard	Jack P	For excellent maths learning this week
	Aoife M	For always trying to be the best that she can be