

FOOTNOTE FROM MR THOMPSON

Our 'Do Something Different' day on the Friday before half-term was a big hit with the children. They enjoyed learning about bees and how they make honey, and looking at related artefacts; they had fun playing the "Rubbish Challenge" game, learning about the importance of recycling; and they put lots of thought and effort into designing their "Bags for Life" which should have been take home by now. Some of the older children also watched DVD's about 'The Planet'. As well as all of this, possibly the highlight of the day was the "Richmond Park Collection" which was set up in the hall. A whole host of natural objects from the park, along with additional artefacts and other information, were on show and the children were fascinated. As the person presenting this exhibition, Susanna Ramsey, commented, "The children were all so careful with the collection and so attentive. It was great."

Many thanks to Mrs. Collier for the massive amount of work which went into setting up this very special day, which has clearly made a great impact on the children as you can tell from some of their comments:

Reception:	"I liked the feathers from the birds"	Aisling Davis
Year 1	"I liked it when we got to touch all the bones"	Francesca Pool
Year 2	"My favourite thing was all the skeletons – I didn't know deer had so many bones."	Jack Stenning
Year 3	"It was really exciting – every activity."	Esme Hemmings
Year 4	"The game was really good to play and it taught you about how to recycle things."	Sam Weston
Year 5	"I liked the bit when the lady showed us the animals' bones."	Jake Nunes
Year 6	"We learned the difference between a wasp's sting and a bee's sting."	Isabella Cloke

Mrs. Collier has unfortunately broken her leg. Of course, we all wish her a speedy recovery. Many thanks to Miss Berlyn, who has taken the class this week and will continue to do so next week.

Our 'A' and 'B' football teams were each in action twice this week.

On Tuesday we played against Collis, with the 'A's winning 4-3 (goal scorers Matthew, Luke McKenzie-2 and Ronan), and the 'B's losing 4-1 (goal scorer Luke Frankenberger).

Then on Wednesday the 'B's lost 5-1 (goal scorer Kit McKay) to St. John the Baptist, but the 'A's won 3-1 (goal scorers Matthew, Kitt Walcott, and Luke).

These great results for the 'A's mean that we have topped our qualifying group (no mean feat given that our four opponents are much larger schools), and so have reached the quarter finals of the Richmond Borough competition. We will keep you posted as to who meet in the last 8, and how we get on.

Have a great weekend.