Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing Together; Achieving Together"

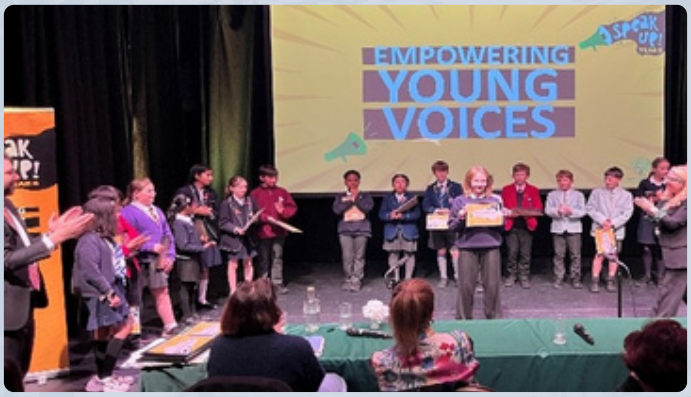
NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been really proud of our children this week. On Tuesday evening I had the privilege of watching two of our Year 6 children, Olivia and Bachir, perform their speeches at the '**Speak Up**' competition at Wimbledon High School where they competed against 18 children from local schools. They were spectacular! I was so impressed with how much passion they spoke with and their incredible confidence.





It has also been such a pleasure to watch so many of our children perform in the **Lion King** this week. They have all worked so hard to prepare for such a fantastic performance. They had learned their lines incredibly well, the acting and dancing were fabulous and the singing was beautiful! A huge thank you to *Miss Smith, Miss McAvoy, Mr Innes, Mr Coats and Mrs Chapman* for all their work, week after week, preparing the children for this. For those of you who were able to attend, you will have seen the amazing background scenery - thank you to *Mrs Tugwell* and the artists who worked such long hours to create such masterpieces.
This really was a whole school effort - behind the scenes, staff supported children with learning their lines, created props and costumes with the children, supervised children during the evenings and were responsible for the most incredible face paint designs on the night!

Thank you also to our PTA who once again supported this event, providing refreshments, cakes and raffle prizes.

Following my request for parents to put themselves forward for the role of '**parent governor**', I am delighted to let you know that Donna Magor has been re-elected into this role. We look forward to continuing to work with her in this role.

You will have received a letter and sponsorship form recently about our upcoming '**Fun Fundraising**' event on Friday, 17th April. All proceeds will go towards our whole school trip to **West Wittering**. Please ensure that any sponsorship money is brought into school by **Friday, 25th April**. Thank you for your support!

We have arranged for photographers to come into school on **Wednesday, 22nd April** to take **class photos**. Please ensure that children are wearing smart school uniform that day, thank you.

As we come to the end of a busy term, I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing break over the Easter holidays and we look forward to seeing the children back in school again on **Monday, 13th April.**

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

CHILD NEGLECT

What is Neglect?
Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs. It is the most common form of child abuse and often builds gradually, making it difficult to identify.

Prevalence
Neglect contributes to 39% of serious safeguarding cases, 5% of child deaths, and 14.4% of serious harm incidents. Over half of child protection plans involve neglect and 1 in 10 children experience it.

Types of Neglect
Physical, Emotional, Medical, Educational/Developmental and Adolescent neglect.

Why It Is Difficult to Identify
Concerns often accumulate slowly, professionals may become accustomed to the child's circumstances, and neglect can be overshadowed by other issues.

Indicators of Neglect
- **Physical**: hunger, poor hygiene, dental issues, tiredness, inappropriate clothing, untreated health issues.
- **Behavioural**: social withdrawal, low self-esteem, lateness, stealing, destructive behaviour.

Children at Higher Risk
Children experiencing poverty, parental mental health issues, substance misuse, domestic abuse, disabilities, or inadequate supervision.

What Staff Should Do
Maintain curiosity, communicate openly, record concerns chronologically, use early help routes, signpost support services and take continuous action until the child is safe.

Working with Parents and Carers
Use a child-centred, culturally aware approach, communicate clearly, involve families in decisions and provide accessible signposting and support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Monday 13th		**Autism week** **Children return to school**
Wednesday 15th		ASC Easter party
Friday 17th		Fun Fundraising sponsored event
Tuesday 21st		Years 3 & 4 'Learn to ride' cycling course (until 24th April)
Wednesday 22nd		**Class photos**

MAY

Friday 1st	2.45 p.m.	Year 2 class assembly Year 4 Anglo Saxons/Viking workshop
Monday 4th		**Bank Holiday – school closed**
Wednesday 6th	10 a.m. 2.45 p.m.	Year 6 – 'Grease' at APA Year 3 curriculum share with parents
Monday 11th		**Year 6 - SATS week**
Wednesday 13th	9.15 a.m.	Nursery parent share session
Thursday 14th	2.45 p.m.	Year 5 curriculum share with parents
Friday 15th		Year 6 end of SATS trip
Monday 18th	2.45 p.m.	Year 4 curriculum share with parents
Wednesday 20th		ASC party
Thursday 21st	2.45 p.m.	Year 6 Book share with parents
Friday 22nd	1.10 p.m. 1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	Reception Book share with parents Base children leave – Break up for Half term holidays Mainstream children leave – Break up for Half term holidays
Monday 25th – Friday 29th		**Half term – school closed**

JUNE

Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th		**Year 6 residential trip to Blackland Farm**
Wednesday 3rd		**Year 6 Day trip to Blackland Farm**
Monday 15th		Wellbeing week
Friday 19th		Year 1 class assembly – **parents invited**
Wednesday 24th		Battle of the Books competition

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

Wednesday 1st	11.30 a.m.	Year 4 brass concert at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton Year 5 taster day at APA
Friday 3rd	2.45 p.m.	Eco-Warriors at Stamford Bridge Cherry class assembly – **parent invited**
Monday 6th		Year 5 cycling proficiency
Tuesday 7th		Mainstream and selected Base classes Sports Day at Roehampton playing fields
Wednesday 8th		Nursery and selected Base classes Sports Day at school
Thursday 9th		Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
Friday 10th	2.30 p.m. 2.45 p.m.	Base summer event Street Band perform at Heathmere school Apple class assembly – **parent invited**
Wednesday 15th		ASC summer party
Friday 17th	1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	**Base children leave – Break up for Summer holidays** **Mainstream children leave – Break up for Summer holidays**

INSETS & HALF TERM DATES

- Monday 20th July 2026 - INSET Day
- Monday 25th – Friday 29thMay 2026 - Summer Half Term

TERM DATES

Scan this QR code for the **term dates** for **this year** and **next academic year.**

Or click here

PARENTS MENU

Scan this QR code to go straight to the **Parents Menu** on our school website.

Or click here

PUTNEY BOAT TRAIL

As part of Putney's Easter Celebrations between 14th March and 12th April, our Base children have decorated a boat, which is one of twelve boats 'hidden' in local Putney businesses.

Our boat is currently on display in 'Kids Stuff' at Putney Exchange, and it can also be viewed on their **website**. **Do pop along and see if you can spot it!**

Positively Putney BID

Granard Primary School

Our boat was designed by children in our 'Cedar' ASD Base from Reception to Year 5. We were inspired by our favourite things in Putney: the buses, tubes and trains; and the people in our school who are all different!



CODING CLUB

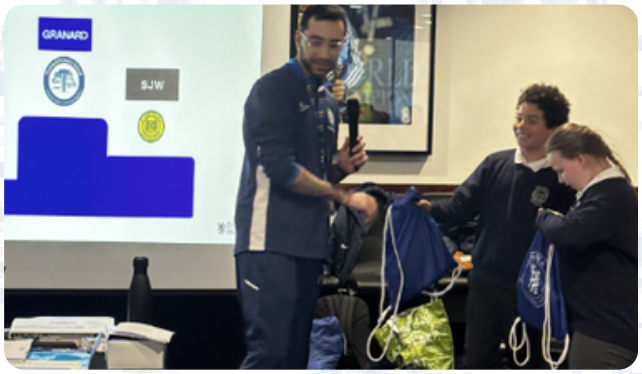
Well done to the **Coding Club** for a very successful trip to Stamford Bridge, home to World Champions Chelsea Football Club.

The students were praised for their excellent behaviour and attitude.





Congratulations to Adriana and Mohamed-Karim, who beat 17 other teams to win the competition and received Chelsea gifts as their prize.





SPORTS AT GRANARD

CHELSEA CLUB VISIT

We went to a Chelsea Women's match last Wednesday. We were chosen by Chelsea to be mascots as we showed all the values of Granard during our PE lessons and listened well to the coaches.
We saw the football players and also we saw the mascot in a costume. We went into the tube where all the players came out. I (Rudi) went out with Sandy Baltimore and I felt nervous because it was in front of so many people. I (Emily) went out with Kiera Walsh who was the captain and I felt excited and a bit shy because they were also going to sign my shirt. Then we got a Chelsea shirt and the football players signed it and we got to keep it!

~Emily & Rudi 3G~



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Well done to our girls' football team for taking part in weekly matches for the PPSSA tournament against local schools.
They turned up weekly making Granard proud for consistently showing determination, resilience and respect. Well done girls!



ASH CLASS

Ash Class went to Deen City Farm in Merton last Wednesday. The sun was shining and the weather was ideal for a farm visit.

The children fed some big farm animals and stroked some smaller animals. Immy thought the rabbits were very soft and Arlo reminded everyone to touch the guinea pigs gently. Hannah was delighted to see the chickens and everyone thought the horse riding was the best part of the trip.

Everyone had a great time on the trip.



3G MURPHY

We went on a trip to Kew Gardens. First, we went inside a place called the rainforest and we saw lots of different trees and fruits.

A fact we learnt was that bamboo is stronger than steel! We also got to see it from a really high height! Then before lunch we went to the tree top walk way and we were so so high we could see so much of London. After lunch we went to the park to play and then we went home.

I found the trip pretty good because I enjoyed looking at the different trees but it was very tiring being on my feet all day.

~Roel 3GB~



RM ROSEN

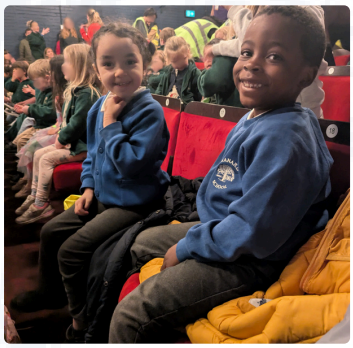
Reception had a fantastic trip to the Polka Theatre. They enjoyed getting two buses there and looking out the window to see the common and horses passing by!

Once at the theatre, they sat in the special theatre seats ready to watch '*We're going on a bear hunt*'. It was such a special performance using incredible puppets, props and songs. August said his favourite part was when the *family traipsed through the thick oozy mud* and the characters made silly sounds and Ayman said he loved seeing the bear who was very cute.

The children were so well behaved and we are very proud of how they represented our school. Thank you to all the wonderful parents and volunteers for helping us with our trip.





APPLE CLASS

This week, Apple Class have been trying out virtual reality headsets to look at rainforest animals!







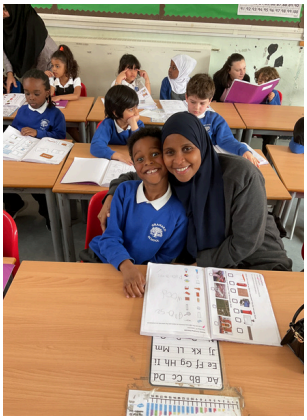

1A MCKEE

We were delighted to welcome our Year 1 parents into school recently to share in the children's learning. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to see first-hand the hard work, enthusiasm and progress the children have been making.

The pupils were incredibly proud to showcase their work and it was clear to see the confidence they are developing in their learning. From reading and writing to creative activities, they thoroughly enjoyed sharing their achievements and explaining what they have been doing in class.

We would like to thank all the parents who were able to attend.








NURSERY

On Tuesday afternoon, some of us visited the residents of Ashmead Care Home.

We were so proud of the children; their behaviour whilst walking to and from the care home was excellent and they all did fantastic singing, dancing and listening whilst we were there.

The residents really enjoyed our visit and were very happy to receive the Spring cards we had made for them.



2S FOREMAN

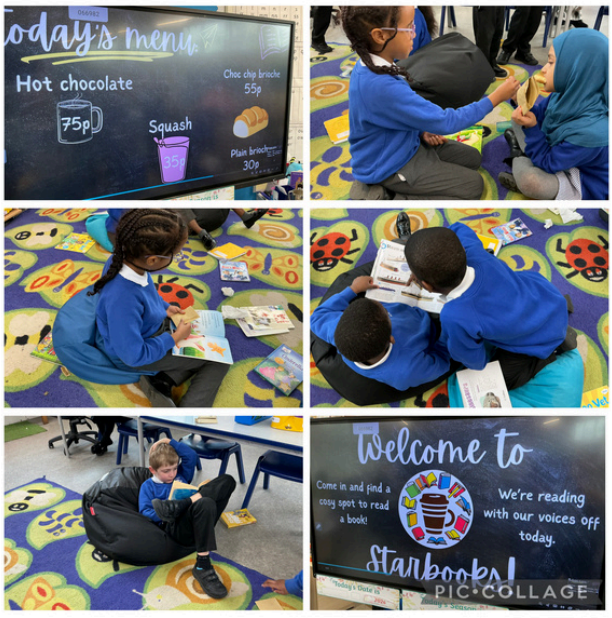
Welcome to Starbooks

To finish off Book Week, 2S arrived at school and headed to our cafe, 'Starbooks'.

The children were each given some money so that they could purchase a brioche and/or a drink. It was a great way for the children to practise their money skills and work out what change they would receive.

They were then able to find a cosy spot to enjoy their snack and drink whilst reading a book.

It was so good, they've asked to do it again!



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have loved learning about Easter and decorating their own Easter baskets. We hope that the Easter Bunny will come and visit us!



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

NHS
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

Managing Big Feelings in Small People:

Tantrums and aggression, how to respond

Young children can experience very strong feelings and can feel overwhelmed by these.

As parents/carers it can be very hard to know how to respond to these (often very noisy and agressive) outbursts of feelings.

This webinar aims to help Early Years parents to understand what is behind tantrums and give some ideas as to how to support your child as well as manage your own feelings around them.



DATE / TIME

Monday 20th April
800-9.00pm

Scan the QR code or click here

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by clicking here

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Friday 24th April
12.00-1.00pm

Scan the QR code or click here

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Parent/Carer Webinars

Primary Summer Term Schedule

Scan the QR code to sign up to any of these free local NHS webinars for Primary parents & carers

We also provide free 1:1 early support for parents of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties, or support children's everyday challenging behaviours.
Speak to your school to find out more.

Encouraging Healthy Habits in Children with Autism

29TH APR 12.00PM–1.30PM

11TH MAY 7.00PM–8.30PM

Supporting Primary School Children with Toileting Problems

12TH MAY 1.30PM–3.00PM

Understanding and Managing Screen Time for Primary School Children

10TH JUN 7.00PM–8.00PM

11TH JUN 1.00PM–2.00PM

Respectful Open Collaborative Compassionate Consistent



Getting Ready For Nursery School

Wandsworth

Do you have a 3-year-old child who will be starting Nursery School or Class in September 2026?

Wandsworth Family Hubs and Children's Centres are running a programme from April and July 2026 especially for you!

Your child will have opportunities to play with quality resources, make friends, share a healthy snack, develop their independence, and experience a simple nursery school type routine.
You will have the chance to get support and advice from the Early Years Practitioners, Speech & Language therapists, Educational Psychologists, Health Professionals, SEND advisors and Teachers.

Priority is for children not yet in a nursery
Parent/Carer attends with their child

For more information please contact:

Battersea Family Hub and Children's Centres
Phone:02088718585 Email: BatterseaCCs@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

RoehamptonFamily Hub and Children's Centres
Phone: 02088716655 Email: roehamptonchildrenscentres@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Tooting Family Hub and Children's Centres
Phone: 020 8871 7415 Email: tootinghub@wandsworth.gov.uk




Eid Party
Come and join the Eid Party
with your children on
Monday, 30th, from 10-12pm
• Food • Activities
Face painting
and much more!
Looking forward to seeing you!
Roehampton Family Hub
166 Roehampton Lane,
SW15 4HR

EGGTASTIC EASTER EVENT

Join us for a book themed scavenger hunt and Easter crafting

11.00 – 12 noon Under 5's
12.30 – 13.30 Over 5's
If you have children in both age groups, please come at 11.00

11.00 – 2.00 Meet HTA the design team and find out what's planned for your estate



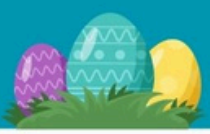
SATURDAY
28 MARCH
11AM - 2PM



In the Library

Face Painting

Refreshments provided



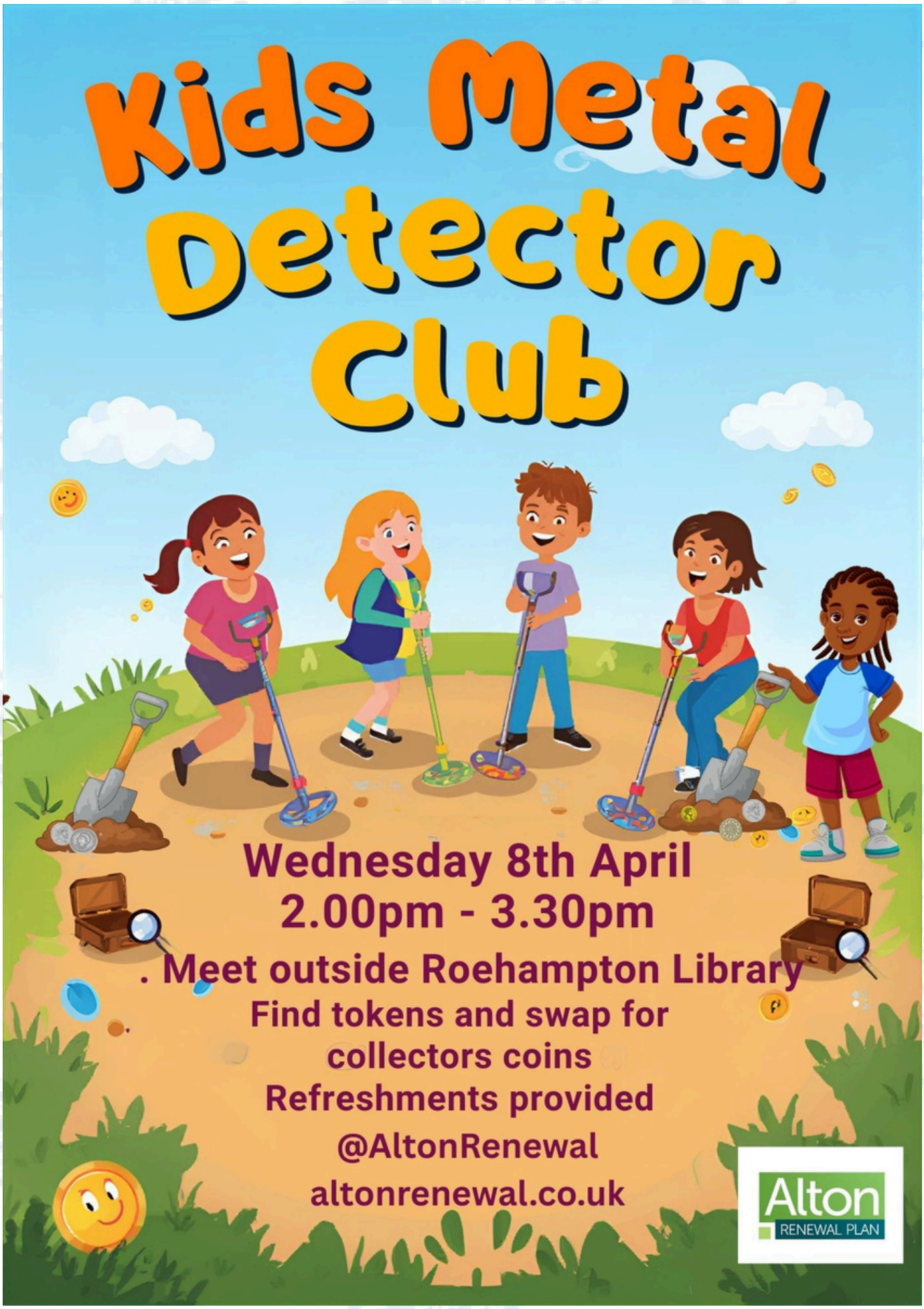
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Wandsworth Libraries

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Kids Metal Detector Club
Wednesday 8th April
2.00pm - 3.30pm
. Meet outside Roehampton Library
Find tokens and swap for collectors coins
Refreshments provided
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altonrenewal.co.uk
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RENEWAL PLAN

YOUR INVITATION TO ENTER THE WIMBLEDON FAMILY BALLOT

Since 2023, the Wimbledon Family Ballot has been working to provide more local children and families with the opportunity to experience The Championships.
In our biggest year yet, we have reserved 1,000 tickets, inviting families from 40
local primary schools to enjoy world-class tennis and a special day out.
Through the Family Ballot, families can apply to purchase up to five tickets for No.1 Court on Finals Weekend. Guests are typically restricted to two tickets, so this is a unique opportunity and not to be missed!

HOW THE BALLOT WORKS:

- Families can enter **here**.
- Using the link, families will need to sign up to MyWimbledon to submit their application.
- Please note, this website and the Family Ballot will only be live until 11.59pm on Monday 6 April 2026. All entries must be made within this window.
- Successful families will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the No.1 Court on Finals Weekend (Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Each ticket will be £40 in price.
- Families must be able to provide proof of attendance to show that their child attends one of the selected schools.
  The full name of the school must be included in the application, as abbreviations will not be accepted.
- Unfortunately, ballot entry does not guarantee tickets.
- The initiative is designed to help more children to enjoy The Championships, so children (aged 5-16) must be part of the visiting group.
- As the tickets are for our No.1 Court, families are unable to bring children under the age of 5.
- Full Ticket Terms and Conditions for the Family Ballot can be found **here**.



Please get in touch with families@aeltc.com if you have any questions.