



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 4

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

It's been another busy week! We have noticed a rise in the number of coughs and colds in the children and we are mindful that this is certainly the season for minor illnesses. As a reminder, unless the children are really unwell, coming to school can still take place. If we notice a child is too unwell to be at school we would always contact parents or carers and ask them to collect. We will be reminding the children (and staff) next week about the basic hygiene that we need to ensure is taking place throughout the school day (washing hands carefully, catching a sneeze in a tissue and covering our mouths when we cough [amongst others!]).

We obviously want children to be in school as much as possible for them to be successful in their learning. Thank you in advance.



**Wraparound Care created their family homes during craft time**



**Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament**



**3P enjoying their learning**

This week saw the first of the Parenting Puzzle sessions that a number of parents have signed up for. As many of you already know, Lyn and Jane (our excellent Home School Link Workers) regularly offer useful advice to support parents with the challenges often faced with bringing up children. Their role is to help share this advice which in turn helps enable parents to feel more confident using it on a daily basis. We are mindful that for some children there can be more challenges to negotiate than others.

It is important that we also empower children to be able to cope with some of the challenges that they face each day. The majority of these are often minor problems that do not require an extreme response. I have noticed that there have been some occasions when a minor 'glitch' in the day can cause an extreme reaction. To help make sense of what we mean, please look at the attachment to this week's Review.

Each month, there will be a different visual shared with you all. Hopefully this month's might help your child to understand the size of a problem and also help you as parents and carers model the correct response when problems occur – big or small.

Can I also remind you that the school website has a range of useful information including policies and procedures. These are always available for you to refer to throughout your time at Riverbridge. [School policies available to view here.](#)

## Harvest Festival 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

Whole School

As a school we have many exciting events to help the children think about the importance of generosity during the Harvest Festival. During assemblies, the children will be learning about how the harvest is celebrated in different cultures and religions around the world and in singing assemblies, they will be learning harvest songs. In class, the children will be working together with the other classes in their year group to compete in the Harvest Door Decorating Competition. The winning door will be announced in the newsletter, and the winning year group will be treated to special green time. We look forward to sharing some of the student's lovely learning on Google Classroom.

In addition to our learning about Harvest, we will be running a food drive for Manna Food Bank. If you wish to donate, please bring non-perishable food in to class from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Any donations are always much appreciated. Thank you for your support with this.

## Parent Consultation Meetings 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Whole School

On the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding Parent Consultation meetings for all parents from Nursery through to Year 6. These are an important opportunity for you to meet with your class teacher to find out about how your children have settled into this academic year and to find out about their learning. These appointments will be available to book via your Scopay account on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 6pm. If you have not yet registered for Scopay please contact the school office.

4V parents will receive further communication regarding this as their meetings will take place after half term.

## Online Forms

Whole School

Please can we remind parents of the Online Forms section of our website, found under the Parent section and Online Forms or via [here](#), where you can report your child's illness absence and notification of medical appointment along with many other useful things.

## Trim Trails

Whole School

Children are not permitted to use the trim trail on their way out of school at either base. This is to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Football

Year 5 & 6



The Year 5 and 6 boys headed to their first tournament of the year last week. They did really well and showed excellent sportsmanship, especially Quinn M who was selected for the Sportmanship award for Riverbridge. The boys played hard in the rain and are looking forward to their next games!

## AIP Superhero Menu

Reception – Year 6

For children who usually have packed lunch, the deadline to order from the Superhero menu has now passed and the children will need to bring a packed lunch as usual. If your child usually has school dinners, they will be able to order their choice in the usual ways either with their class teacher, or by pre-ordering at home via your Scopay account.

## ASC Collection Point

Whole School

With safeguarding in mind, parents are asked to wait outside the school office when collecting children from After School Club. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Trousers

Whole School

Please can we remind parents that PE jogging bottoms need to navy only and school trousers are grey. A link to our uniform list can be found on our website [here](#).

## Cardboard Donations

Whole School

Year 5 will be creating litter pickers as part of a DT project next week. If you have any thick cardboard – the like that comes with Amazon deliveries (not cereal boxes) - that you can donate by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October it would be gratefully appreciated by the Year 5 team. Thank you.

## Enrichment Clubs – Outstanding places

Year 1 - 6

We currently have some spaces available for the following Enrichment Clubs for this term. To register your child's interest please email the school office: [office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk). All information can be found in the original Enrichment Clubs letter that was sent out.

KGB (Knowle Green Base)

PAB (Park Avenue Base)

Year 1 Film Club - Thursdays

Years 2-4 Tag Rugby - Tuesdays

Years 4-6 Hockey – Tuesdays

Years 4-6 Girls Football – Thursdays

## Change Of Details

Whole School

To inform the office of a change of telephone numbers, please email the school office via [office.riverbrige@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office.riverbrige@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk). Changes of address can be submitted via the Change of Contact Details form found on our website under Parents section and Online Forms or [here](#).

## Wraparound Care Menu

Reception – Year 6

The children may have noticed there has been a change to the Wraparound Care menu on offer. The Breakfast Club team have been trialling a wholesome menu which includes choices of fruit, yogurt, toast, bagels, jam, marmite, cereals and juice for breakfast. Occasionally there will also be waffles, as a treat.

In the After-School Club plain biscuits and juice have been introduced at the start of the session, and for those children booked into the full session, chicken sandwiches have been added as a choice to the usual ham, cheese and tuna sandwich filling options. All sandwiches are served with fresh crudites and fruit.

## Outside Achievements

Whole School

Windsor Wasps had their first victory of the season in the Under 7 Surrey Sunday League. Alonso V led the team by showing a great positive attitude, supporting his teammates and scoring two fantastic goals. Well done Alonso!

On Sunday Seren B was awarded Cub of the Year for 6<sup>th</sup> Staines Scouts at their annual Family Day. Congratulations to Seren for all her hard work and willingness to give everything a try.

## Vacancies

Whole School

### Darley Dene School is recruiting:

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1369455>

### Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and caring individual who can assist in providing a stimulating and creative environment for children attending the After School Club (Monday to Friday, 3:10pm to 6pm).

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-team-member-1371443>

Walton Oak Primary School is looking to recruit a caring and enthusiastic person to join our Breakfast Club team. The right candidate will be willing to engage children in exciting play that makes them feel welcome and settled in our Breakfast Club (Monday to Friday, 7:25am to 8:35am). For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-team-member-1371436>

## PTA

Whole School

Riverbridge PTA is our school's fundraising community.  
Everyone's welcome to get involved.



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### Volunteers for Welcome Back Party needed!

We are in urgent need of volunteers to help out at the PTA Welcome Back Party on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Can you do a 45 minute slot helping out on one of the stalls, or help us out with setting up and packing away?

The timings we need to fill are:

- Setting up: 3.30pm to 5pm

- Stall volunteers: 5pm to 5.45pm, 5.45pm to 6.30pm or 6.30pm to 7.15pm
- Tidying up: 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Volunteering is a great way to get to know more people in the school community. We know it's not always possible to commit to volunteering for a whole event which is why we're providing time slots so you can help out for a while and still have plenty of time to enjoy the party!

If you can spare the time, please email [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) or tick the volunteer option when buying tickets at [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge) where tickets are still on sale.

### **Cake Donations**

Are you able to bake or donate any cakes, cupcakes, tray bakes, biscuits or other sweet treat for our Welcome Back party? All nut-free donations, shop brought or homemade, would be gratefully received by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at the school office. If you can help, please email at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

### **Join our 50/50 Club monthly draw**

50/50 Club is Riverbridge PTA's monthly lottery – it costs £10 to join for the year and runs for 9 months between October and June, with a double rollover at Christmas.

You'll get a number that goes into the draw at the end of each month, with a chance to win a cash prize. Half the money raised goes towards the prize fund and half goes towards school resources.

To join 50/50 Club, complete the form that came home in book bags or print the form at the end of this newsletter and return it via your child's class by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, with £10 cash or a £10 cheque payable to Riverbridge PTA. Good luck!

### **Book a family photo shoot this Autumn**

We are once again teaming up with Memory Cake Photography to offer fantastic photo shoots for Riverbridge families a booking fee of only £5. The shoots, run by professional photographer and Riverbridge parent Kelly Anne Smith, are available on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

All shoots will take place in Commercial Road Park, taking full advantage of the autumnal colours, and will last 30 minutes. After the shoot you will receive a link via email to an online gallery of images from where you can make a purchase from a range of packages (minimum spend is £45). To book a shoot for your family, go to [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge)

### **Do you love numbers?**

Do you want to help the PTA but can't always attend meetings or events? Riverbridge PTA is looking for volunteers to manage the online banking, make online payments and do the monthly reconciliation. This is a flexible role that can be done remotely and can be managed around other commitments. If you are interested and would like to discuss the role further, please email [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

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## **Gold Leaves**

## **Whole School**

Thank you to all the children below who have made such a superb effort this week.

They can certainly be proud of themselves!

Kabir S	Jovana J	Swaylee J
Swara P	Navya G	Fern W
Finlay M	Isla G	Muhammad Hadi R
Freya AB	Wren C	Evelyn S
Jaydn D	Jack-Nicholas FS	Sree Pranavi A
Indie C	Yug M	Arjun S
Aaniya T	Roman S	Aiden S
Matilda M	Blythe F	Evie-Rose H
Lizzie D	Molly RW	Ayla M
Frankie L	Evan C	Bertie L

Pranathi V  
Evie R  
Roland A  
Gracie B  
Laila S  
Yosra K  
David R  
Lyla G  
Zahra S

Coen M  
Alonso V  
Sienna F  
Joseph W  
Harrison F  
Brandon T  
Riley-Jay K  
Ivy W  
Matilda C

Jackson B  
Matilda P  
Angela B  
Jack D  
Noah F  
Alex A  
Mia H  
Chloe G

## Rainbow Awards

## Nursery

Well done to those children below in Hedgehogs and Rabbits for their positive choices, too!

Mila MN

Zac B

Savannah F

Jaxon H

Krithik M

## House Competition

## Whole School

There will be a new competition taking place next week.

The current scores therefore remain the same:



**20  
Points**



**15  
Points**



**10  
Points**

## Oracy Project – Question of the Week!

## Whole School

This week's 'Question of the Week' is...

## Oracy Project – Question of the Week!



This week's talk question is:

**What made you smile recently?**

Wishing you all a very positive weekend

**Paul Grimwood**

**Headteacher**

## Dates for the diary...

### Autumn Term 2023

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October

Bristol Residential Trip – Year 6 [link to the letter here](#)

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October

Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October

w/c Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> October

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Fri 13<sup>th</sup> October

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> October

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> October

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October

Morning – booking required [please click here](#)

**AIP Superhero Menu**

Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open  
Morning – booking required [please click here](#)

PTA Welcome Back Party

**Harvest Festival donations to class**

Year 6 school nurse height and weight checks

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Morning – booking required [please click here](#)

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Parent Consultations

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**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023**

**Autumn Half Term**

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October

Inset day 3

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October

Children return to school

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October

Deadline to complete the e-consent for the  
Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 1 – 6 [a link to  
the letter can be found here](#)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November

Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 1 – 6

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> November

Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 1 – 6

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> November

Volunteers Safeguarding Training Session

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> November

Individual and Sibling School Photos – more  
details to follow

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November

Individual and Sibling School Photos – more  
details to follow

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> November

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details to follow

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB,  
1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December

No After School Club

**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024**

**Christmas Holidays**

**Spring Term 2024**

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January

Children return to school

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**

**Spring Half Term**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February

Children return to school

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB,  
1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March

No After School Club

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Easter Holidays**

**Summer Term 2024**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April

Children return to school

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

**Summer Half Term**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Children return to school

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB,  
1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July

No After School Club

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Inset day 4

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Inset day 5

# How Big is my Problem?

Remember – the size of your reaction must come from looking at the size of the problem!



## Tiny

- These problems are easy to fix and you can usually ignore them.
- E.g.: Not having your favourite cereal, pencil breaking in class, you didn't get to answer a question.
- **You should: Be a flexible thinker – Ignore or fix the problem – Stay calm.**



## Small

- Normally you can fix these problems on your own. No one gets hurt.
- E.g.: Not being first in the line, having to wait or take turns, you forgot to do your home learning.
- **You should: Fix the problem–Be a flexible thinker–Use soft voices. Stay calm.**



## Medium

- These problems might affect not only you but others as well. Feelings hurt.
- E.g.: Working with someone you don't like, having a consequence, not knowing who is picking you up one day.
- **You should: Tell an adult–Use talking voice–Take 3 deep breaths–Stay calm.**



## Big

- Big problems can be overwhelming and can't be solved alone. Can last a while.
- E.g.: A physical argument with a friend, people being deliberately unkind, you are not having enough food to eat at home or at school.
- **You should: Tell an adult – Talk to someone about how you feel – Stay calm.**



## Emergency

- These are very serious problems that can take a long time to fix.
- E.g.: Emergency situations or danger, a car accident, a fire at your home, bad weather damaging your house.
- **You should: Listen to an adult – Follow direction - Stay calm.**

**THINK: How big should your reaction really be?**



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Telephone .....

Email .....

Child's name .....

Child's class .....

Once processed you will be informed of your number by return of this form.

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**AGES 3+**





# PUMPKIN POWER

**RECYCLE YOUR PUMPKINS**

after Halloween

using our food waste recycling service

# Did you know that your pumpkin could generate power?



In Spelthorne we recycle food waste to generate electricity and make fertiliser.

**Every year about 8 million pumpkins are thrown away after Halloween** – that's a lot of electricity that could have been generated!

**To recycle your pumpkin** after Halloween put it out with your food waste bin on your collection day, it doesn't need to be bagged up, just put it on top of the bin.

If you don't yet use our food waste recycling service, don't worry, you can still put your pumpkin out on top of your normal bin and we will collect and recycle it.

Why not think about giving food recycling a go? It's a free collection that goes every week and we even give you the bins for free too!

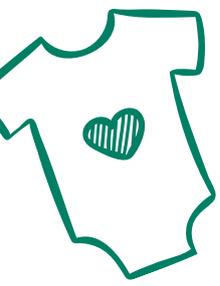
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# Sell at the NCT Nearly New Sale



- Have you got lots of baby & children's items you no longer need or use?
- Would you like to make some extra money?
- Would you like to support a local charity?



Register now to sell at the next NCT Nearly New Sale on  
Saturday 4th November!

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How does it work?

1. Register as a seller: [linktr.ee/NCTSAE](https://linktr.ee/NCTSAE)
2. Label the items you want to sell, you choose the prices
3. Drop everything off on the morning of the sale
4. We will organise all of the items into categories and sizes and sell them for you
5. After the sale, collect any unsold items
6. Approximately 3 weeks after the sale you will receive your money directly into your bank account



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