



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 6

13th October 2023

Next week is an important week for parents and carers as we are hosting the first consultation meetings of the year. These are essential meetings and will help to give all parents and carers an idea of how children have settled over the course of the half term and an indication of the progress the children are making with their learning. These meetings will hopefully help all adults work together to support the children in being their best with their learning. I hope that everyone has secured a slot and I look forward to seeing you at these meetings next week.

Also shared with you next week will be the annual parent survey where you will be able to give your views about the school, its provision and voice any comments that you would like to make. Please look out for this email.



2G enjoying their story this week



Building a dominoes fortress at ASC



2S collaborated for Feel Good Week

This week, we have been reflecting on everything we have to be thankful for. The annual Harvest Festival activities that take place are a good way to show compassion and consideration towards others. Children have enjoyed singing harvest songs, decorating their classroom doors and listening to assemblies that have hopefully made them think. Thank you to everyone that has donated food items in the past few days. We will share these with Manna – the local food bank next week. These are challenging economic times and we appreciate everything you have given.

Continuing the theme of being thankful – last Saturday's Welcome Back Party organised by the PTA was a real triumph. Everyone who attended appeared to have a great time and there were loads of volunteers from the community to make this event a success. Thank you to everyone that made this possible, thank you to all who attended and a special thank you to Tajinder and Gurcharan for whom this was their last event as co-chairs.

From 'good bye' to 'hello': this week we welcomed Miss Neal to the team and she is settling in well within the Reception team. Last week we also said hello to Mr Blasigh, our new site manager. He is already making a positive impression and enjoying making a difference to the school on both bases. Welcome to them both.

During this term, the children in Year 1 will learn about toys of the past and how these compare to their own modern-day toys. As part of this history unit, a historian from Chertsey Museum will be coming into school to run a workshop with the children and will show them toys that are over 100 years old.

SEND Handbook for Parents and Carers

SEND

To help increase awareness of the support and services available for children with Additional Needs and Disabilities, Surrey County Council and the AND Partnership have produced a new handbook for parents and carers. The guide, which can be downloaded or requested in hard copy, is a helpful source of all the SEND support and services in Surrey. It clearly sets out the different routes to support, with the aim of helping families access the right support at the right time for their child. <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/parents-and-carers/help-and-support/and-guide>

Harvest Festival

Whole School



Thank you to all who generously donated to our food collection for Manna Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival. Your generosity is much appreciated! In class, children were learning the connection between harvest and generosity. They displayed their learning by decorating a door in their Year Group. The newly elected Head Prefects helped judge the harvest door decorating competition. Congratulations to Year 1 (left) and Year 3 (right) who won in their respective Key Stage competitions. The children are looking forward to their special green time as their reward!



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Whole School

Thank you to all of those who kindly donated cakes and came along to our MacMillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see so many of you. Thanks to all who donated - we managed to send an amazing £100 to the charity which they are sure to put to very good use.

Stay, Play & Learn Sessions

Nursery, Reception & Year 1

Reception and Nursery Stay, Play & Learn Sessions along with Year 1 Stay & Learn Sessions are now available for parents and carers to book via the following links.

Due to space we are restricted to 10 adults per session and ask only one parent per child to book a session and where possible to arrange alternative childcare for younger sessions.

All details including dates and times can be found via the Dates for your diary section below and by clicking the following links and accessed via the 'book tickets' section.

Reception

[RD - book sessions link](#)
[RTA - book sessions link](#)
[RM - book sessions link](#)

Year 1

[1H - book sessions link](#)
[1R - book sessions link](#)
[1L - book sessions link](#)

Nursery

[Hedgehogs - book sessions link](#)
[Rabbits - book sessions link](#)

Club4 programme

Whole School

If your child is eligible for FSM they may also be eligible for an exclusive place on the Club4 programme. For the main school holidays, all eligible children at school in Surrey have the chance to secure a free place at one of over 100 day camps running across the County. Some camps are commercially run and open to all, while others are exclusive to Club4 families. Dates and timings vary but all camps offer a mix of enriching activities such as arts and crafts alongside physical activity games to keep young people safe, entertained and active. All Club4 camps will provide eligible children with one or more quality meals. Alongside camp places, there are also resources, activities and ideas to keep the children busy and active available online at <https://www.activesurrey.com/community/club4/parents>

Space Talk

Year 5

Year 5 took part in a Space workshop as part of World Space Week. The children listened to STEM ambassador Katherine, a former Chief Executive of the UK Space Agency talk about why she cares so much for space. She explained how agencies around the world are ensuring that, much like our natural environment, the space environment is protected from damage such as space junk. Katherine shared her wealth of knowledge about what is new in space; including things like asteroid mines and Solar Power plants that are orbiting Earth.

Feel Good Week

Whole School



This week, we have been celebrating Feeling Good Week 2023. This year, the theme is 'I can ... so we can ...'. Across the school, we have been learning teamwork skills and have been practicing using our individual skills and talents to complete a group goal - Year 2 worked together to successfully build towers and learnt how each person in the group is important, as shown by 2S.

Volunteering with Riverbridge

Whole School

Our next Safeguarding Training session will take place at Park Avenue on Wednesday 8th November at 9am. This session is open to new volunteers and any parents that have started the volunteer process and are yet to attend the Safeguarding training. If you are able to attend please complete the following [Google Form found here](#) stating your availability. As always, we are very grateful to anyone that is able to give up their free time in order to make school trips and events possible.

Children in Need: Weds 15th November

Whole School

Children are invited to wear a spotty item of clothing to school on Wednesday 15th November with their usual school uniform in support of Children in Need. Look out for the QR code to make it easy for you to donate in a future newsletter.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

Reception – Year 6

A reminder that the cut-off date to give permission for your child to be given a nasal flu immunisation by the NHS school nurses is 31st October. Please note that as the school is only facilitating the administering of the nasal flu immunisation all questions regarding this should be directed to the Immunisation Team using the contact details on the letter which can be found on the school website.

PAB Field

Years 2 - 6

As the weather is changing there will be times when we need to change our plans for the use of the field at Park Avenue. There is a card system in place which, because of the good weather, has been on green the whole term!

Green - The field is open to everyone

Yellow - The field is open but you must change your shoes

Red - The field is closed

If children wish to use the field they will be required to have a pair of alternative shoes/wellies/trainers in school to change into at lunchtimes on occasions where the yellow card is displayed. Thank you for your support with this.

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>

PTA

Whole School

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



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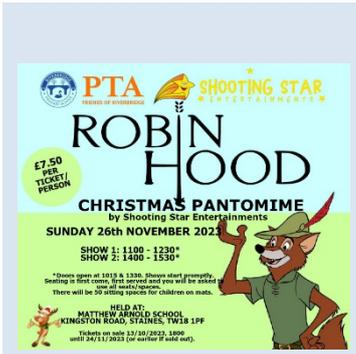
Welcome Back Party raises over £3,600!

Last weekend's Welcome Back Party was a great night. We'd like to say a big thank you to all those who helped to make it happen, including:

- All our volunteers and cake bakers
- Di Henderson
- Frost Partnership
- Cake Box Staines
- Total Pyro

- Natural Meats

We'd also like to thank all the school community who turned out to share the fun and fireworks. Together we raised an incredible £3,683 for Riverbridge school - money that will go towards resources, facilities and extra activities and events to support the children's learning.



Come to our Robin Hood Panto - Sunday 26th November

Join us for Robin Hood, this year's fun-filled family panto, courtesy of Shooting Star Entertainment.

There will be 2 performances at Matthew Arnold School on Sunday 26th November at 11am and 2pm. See full details in the attached flyer.

Tickets are £7.50 per person (2 years old and under free) and there will also be toy and snack stalls available.

Buy your tickets from 6pm on Friday 13th October at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge.

Family and friends welcome!

Join our 50/50 Club monthly draw by 16th October

Don't forget to return your 50/50 Club entry form to school by Monday 16th October, along with £10 cash or cheque made payable to Riverbridge PTA. 50/50 Club 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.

Extra sessions added for Autumn family photo shoots

There are still some sessions left for our Autumn photo shoots with Memory Cake Photography. The fantastic photo shoots for Riverbridge families will take place in Commercial Road Park for a booking fee of only £5. After the shoot you will receive a link 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

Welcome to Ricardo

We'd like to welcome Ricardo Bernardino who has joined the PTA team as a treasurer, working alongside Sandra Mukandi. Thanks Ricardo for stepping up!

If you would like to lend time in whatever way you can to the PTA, please contact us at the email address below.

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA or get in touch at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Gold Leaves

Whole School

Well done and thank you to the children below for making such positive choices and effort over the course of the week.

Keep it up!

Omar SH	Hareshna K	Rihaansh P
Arenna M	Ivy-Mae M	Phoenix KF
Mariia K	Elizabeth D (1H)	Danielle M
Shrinay B	Indiana F	Lucas B
Bianca U	Dusty S	Jaxon S
Jacob M	Adam B	Maahi K
Tomasz J	Poppy K	Harshvardhan Y
Poppy H	Romy K	Igor R
Val S	Adheena A	Yeswanth K
Nithin R	Keia-Rayne F	Tom CS
Bella S	Gracie B	Sasha S
Isaanvi A	Thomas D	William K

Freddie K
Richie S
Jasper Y
Jake S
Surhabi R
Jack S
Peter T
Kenzie D
Charraine H

Micheal A
Harper-Marie L
Valenkey F
Pearl T
Stamatina G
Quinn M
Skyla A
Reece R
Vaishnavi P

Zeenia D
Maaïke B
Hudson M
Nicole M
Margarida N
Danielle H
Zara A
Maya B

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

It has been great to see so many of the children in Hedgehogs and Rabbits classes making such a great effort this week too.

Well done everyone!

Ahmed-Sultan BG

Anthony S

Amahira M

Ryan S

Luke D

House Competition

Whole School

The children's challenge last week was to be spotted using their manners – in particular making sure to say please and thank you throughout the day and throughout the week too.

The 'Ps and Qs' Award was won by Water House with 81 points. Fire came second with 65 points and Air third with 64 points.

The updated scores are below and it couldn't be closer!



**30
Points**



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Points**



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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:

If you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life – what would it be and why?

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend.

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2023

Tues 17 th October	Parent Consultations
Weds 18 th October	Parent Consultations
Thurs 19 th October	Parent Consultations
Fri 20 th October	Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required please click here

Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct 2023

Autumn Half Term

Mon 30 th October	Inset day 3
Tues 31 st October	Children return to school
Tues 31 st 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 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 1 – 6
Tues 7 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 1 – 6
Weds 8 th November	Volunteers Safeguarding Training Session
Thurs 9 th November	Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Morning – booking required please click here
Mon 13 th – Weds 15 th November	Reception Stay, Play & Learn sessions
Weds 15 th November	Children in Need – wear a spotty item
Thurs 16 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photos – more details to follow
Fri 17 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photos – more details to follow
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th November	Nursery Stay, Play & Learn sessions
Sun 26 th November	PTA pantomime
Mon 27 th – Tues 28 th November	Year 1 Stay & Learn sessions
Tues 28 th November	Individual and Sibling School Photos – more details to follow
Tues 28 th November	Verulamium trip- Year 4 - link to the letter can be found here
Weds 29 th November	Butser Farm Trip - Year 3 link to the letter can be found here
Tues 19 th December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Tues 19 th December	No After School Club

Weds 20th Dec – Weds 3rd Jan 2024

Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2024

Thurs 4 th January	Children return to school
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Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb 2024

Spring Half Term

Mon 19 th February	Children return to school
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Fri 8th March – Sun 10th March

Bowles Residential – Year 5 [link to the letter can be found here](#)

Thurs 28th March

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

Thurs 28th March

No After School Club

Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April 2024

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15th April

Children return to school

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2024

Summer Half Term

Mon 3rd June

Children return to school

Fri 19th July

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

Fri 19th July

No After School Club

Mon 22nd July

Inset day 4

Tues 23rd July

Inset day 5



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**Preloved uniform
- can you help?**

Our **volunteer team** needs **more members** to help sort, wash, iron and package uniform to sell and raise funds for the PTA.

We all take **what we can, when we can**, with **no deadline to return**.

Everyone is busy (with their own washing piles!) so it **does not need to be a huge commitment**; even just once a term would be a huge help.

Speak to the office to be included in the Whatsapp group.

Thank you!



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SHOOTING STAR
ENTERTAINMENTS

ROBIN HOOD

**£7.50
PER
TICKET/
PERSON**

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

by Shooting Star Entertainments

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2023

SHOW 1: 1100 - 1230*
SHOW 2: 1400 - 1530*

*Doors open at 1015 & 1330. Shows start promptly.
Seating is first come, first served and you will be asked to
use all seats/spaces.
There will be 50 sitting spaces for children on mats.



**HELD AT:
MATTHEW ARNOLD SCHOOL
KINGSTON ROAD, STAINES, TW18 1PF**

Tickets on sale 13/10/2023, 1800
until 24/11/2023 (or earlier if sold out).



This event is open to all
(children, adults, friends & family)

Tickets are **LIMITED**. Buy your panto tickets now at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

- CHILDREN 2 YEARS OLD & UNDER ARE FREE
BUT **MUST BE SEATED ON LAPS** (AGES 3+ MUST PURCHASE A
TICKET) -

- CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT -
- VOLUNTEERS WILL NEED A TICKET TO SEE THE PANTO -

**TOYS &
SNACKS
AVAILABLE
TO
PURCHASE.
CASH ONLY**

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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



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NORTH SURREY ENSEMBLES OPEN REHEARSALS

**Come and experience playing in
a band or orchestra!**

We are inviting string, guitar & percussion players from Grade 1 standard to come along and join in for the morning and find out what it feels like to play in a group.

Junior Strings

Senior Strings

**Percussion &
Rhythm Crew**

Junior Guitar

Saturday 14 October

Sessions between 9 - 11am

Check website for times

Strodes College, Egham TW20 9DR

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