



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 14

8th December 2023

This was a dramatic week at Riverbridge!

Over the course of the five days there have been 11 separate performances from Nursery all the way up to Year 6. It has been a privilege to be able to see the enjoyment that the children have showed whilst performing to the packed audiences. I noticed some very clear speaking, heard excellent singing and saw beaming smiles galore. Thank you to the children for being their best this week.

I also want to share my thanks for all the support that the school staff put into these shows. They don't happen overnight and always involve a lot of hard work. I know that the children are thankful for being given these opportunities.

Finally – thank you to all the parents and carers for coming to support and help make this week such a memorable one.



Year 1 Stay and Learn Sessions



Hedgehogs' Christmas performance



Avid readers in 5R

Next week is the final full week of term but there is still lots of learning taking place and events to look forward to. The PTA continue to entertain the children with discos for the older children and a visit from Crazy Hazy for the youngest. I am sure these will be enjoyed by all!

As we approach the end of term children at PAB will be able to share their learning with parents next Friday -look out for the children's invitations to this, coming home in bookbags next week.

Also taking place next Friday, I am meeting with a representative from Spelthorne Council regarding traffic and speed issues around the school. Obviously, the safety of children and visitors is paramount for us all and I hope to raise some of the concerns that get shared with the school. I am hopeful to share feedback with you all – should I be able to – in due course.

There are, of course, times when parents and carers feel strongly about issues of road safety. I am sure that the Council would be keen to hear your views directly!

A final reminder regarding the start of the school day. The gates on both sites **open at 8.40am** and **close at 9.00am**. Can I ask that all parents and carers are aiming for the earlier time as this will mean you will certainly reach the gates before they close. There is an increasing number of children arriving after the registers have closed which we need to avoid for the rest of the term – and certainly as we start 2024. Thank you in advance!

Christmas Performance Costume Donations

Nursery – Year 3

If you would like to donate your child's Christmas costume from their performance this year, they would be gratefully received. We hope to create a collection of costumes that can be borrowed for next year's performances in exchange for a donation to the PTA. Please give any costume donations to your child's class teacher next week. Thank you in advance for your support.

Family Learning

Year 1



Last week, Year 1 had a great time during Family Learning! Parents had the opportunity to see how phonics is taught in Year 1 and then took part in some reading and writing themed activities with the children. Thank you to all of the parents who came - the children really appreciated it!

Christmas Performances at Staines Congregational Church

Year 4, 5 & 6

This week, Years 4, 5 and 6 treated the Riverbridge community to three beautiful carol concert performances at the Staines Congregational Church. We hope all those who attended enjoyed the shows - the Year 4, 5 and 6 teams are all ever so proud of the children's efforts!

Christmas Eve In The Toy Shop

Year 1

Year 1 put on two amazing performances of 'Christmas Eve in the Toy Shop'. The children worked really hard to remember all of their lines and to remember all of the dance moves and actions for every single song! A last-minute understudy even stepped in unbeknown to the audience! Thank you for all the parental support with learning lines and preparing amazing costumes!



Christmas I'm Gonna Shine Performance

Year 2 & 3



Well done to the children in Years 2 and 3 for putting on such an amazing Christmas performance this week! The children told the story of 'I'm Gonna Shine!' about the star that guided the characters in the nativity to the stable. The children made the Year 2 and 3 team all so proud with their brilliant acting, singing and dancing!

A Wiggly Nativity Performance

Reception

The children in Reception enjoyed performing their play 'A Wiggly Nativity'. The children worked hard to learn new songs and actions and really loved sharing it with their friends and family. The Reception team are very proud of them and thank you for all of your support.

PTA Funding

Year 5

5R really enjoyed reading on the new bean bags brought from the PTA budget. Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work and continued support.

Absences

Whole School

Please can we remind parents that reporting your child as absence from school needs to be done before 9am. We do have a 24hour online form you can complete which is found under the Online Forms section in the Parents Section of our website, or [here](#). Alternatively you can call the 24hour answerphone and leave a message.

Check end of term jobs

As the end of term is approaching, we wanted to let parents know we will only be sending medication that is held at school and that will soon be expiring home with children.

Vacancies

Whole School

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

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 as a Teaching Assistant. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1386465>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390677>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1389220>

PTA

Whole School

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



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Last 2 days to buy tickets for disco parties

If you want to get a ticket for your child to go to next week's disco parties, you need to buy one by 8pm on Sunday 10th December. Tickets cost £4.50 from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge. The disco parties will be at Park Avenue base on:

- Years 1, 2 and 3: Monday 11th December, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Years 4, 5 and 6: Tuesday 12th December, 5.30pm - 7.00pm

As always, as well as dancing there will be stalls and refreshments, so make sure your child has a small amount of change for spending money with them!

Crazy Hazy Festive Fun for nursery and reception children

For our Nursery and Reception children, we're holding a Festive Fun show with local children's entertainer Crazy Hazy. Show dates are:

- Hedgehogs and Reception: Tuesday 12th December
- Rabbits and Reception: Wednesday 13th December

These shows are always great fun! They will be during school hours but if you want your child to attend, you need to buy a ticket from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge by 8pm on Sunday 10th December. Tickets cost £3.50 each.

Watch the PTA Christmas Raffle draw live on Facebook

If you've bought any tickets for this year's Christmas raffle, we wish you the best of luck! You can watch the draw take place live on our Facebook page at 3pm on Sunday 10th December. We'll be in touch with all the winners soon afterwards.

Shop for Christmas and raise money for Riverbridge

Did you know you can raise donations for Riverbridge PTA simply by doing your Christmas shopping with easyfundraising? If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely free. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your Christmas shopping - at no extra cost to you!

Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. Go to:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/riverbridgepta/V1KY3I/at/TSX8RX7z/RTND2/facebook/>

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

The gold trees on both bases are heavy with leaves and all the children below can be proud of the efforts they have made this week.

I am sure that they will continue to 'be their best' next week, too!

Thank you everyone!

Eviram A

Mrittika M

Amayra A

Freya A

Rowan S

Alice T

DJ C-B
Elizabeth D (1H)
Naynika N
Alex V
Lora D
Maahi K
Jeffrey J
Callista L
Janhvi S
Coen M
Olive Y
Eeshan P
Keia F
Florence U
Ahmad B
Ava R
Madeleine W
Natalie H
Seren B
Chloe G
Charlee-Mae GF
Avnee P

Sebastian C (RTA)
Mayank S
Rosa B
Indie WK
Romilly O
Luca J
Tina A
Ayla M
Arjun M
Harry V
Beth M
Georgia L
Miguel DSF
Jack J
Diya S
Constantin E
Leah C
Ethan K
Niko Z
Dominique N
Ezra B
Sienna I

Gio J
Sree Pranavi A
Aya C
Henry B
Anshika S
Matilda M
Yogith K
Leo AJ
Molly G
Zain S
Aarohi G
Jonas V
William K
Amelie P
Ioana K
Kallum G
Maisy G
Kai K
Rose N
Divena K
Parth O

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to everyone in Hedgehogs and Rabbits for the great choices made this week. Keep it up for the rest of 2023!

Aarohi C

Rayan O

Andre GS

Sapphire OB

House Competition

Whole School

On Monday I shared the results from last week's Kindness Champions competition.

This was the opportunity for the children to be spotted being kind and considerate towards others.

Water House were the winners with 75 points. Air came second with Fire in third.

Well done to all who continue to show their caring side on a daily basis.

The updated scores are below:



**90
Points**



**80
Points**



**100
Points**

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

Oracy Project – Question of the Week!



This week's talk question is:

**If you could visit one place on Earth –
where would you choose to go,
and why?**

Have a great weekend!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2023

Mon 11 th December	PTA Christmas Disco – Years 1-3
Tues 12 th December	PTA Christmas Disco – Years 4-6
Tues 12 th December	PTA Christmas Party – Reception & Nursery
Weds 13 th December	PTA Christmas Party – Reception & Nursery
Weds 13 th December	Christmas lunch
Weds 13 th December	Christmas jumper day or wear a festive item
Fri 15 th December	Open Classrooms 3.10pm – Years 2-6 more details to follow
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
Thurs 11 th January	Prospective Reception 2024 intake Open Afternoon – booking required via the link here

Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb 2024

Spring Half Term

Mon 19 th February	Children return to school
Fri 8 th March – Sun 10 th March	Bowles Residential – Year 5 link to the letter can be found here
Thurs 28 th March	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Thurs 28 th 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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DISCO PARTY



**ENTRY
£4.50
ONLY**

TICKET COVERS ENTRANCE FEE, COST OF DJ & DANCING GAMES

DISCOS ARE BACK!

Scan the QR Code (below) or buy your tickets at:

www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

There will be stalls (Gifts, glow sticks, toys and more), refreshments & snacks so **SPENDING MONEY** is advised for children (at carer/parent discretion, we normally advise a minimum of £3-5).

DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASES IS SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER 2023 at 2000
THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023

Park Avenue Base (Years 1, 2 & 3): 1730 - 1830

TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2023

Park Avenue Base (Years 4, 5 & 6): 1730 - 1900



Children must be collected. They will NOT be allowed to go home alone.

www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge



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FESTIVE FUN WITH CRAZY HAZY

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2023
Hedgehogs & Reception

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2023
Rabbits & Reception

***BOTH SHOWS DURING SCHOOL HOURS**
RECEPTION SPLIT TBC*

TICKET INCLUDES:
A FUN & FESTIVE CHILDREN'S SHOW BY CRAZY HAZY
TICKETS ON SALE (£3.50 only) NOW at:
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Festive Family Craft Morning

Tuesday 19 December, 10.30am - 12 noon
Staines Community Centre, Thames Street,
Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 4EA

For 5-11 year olds and their parents, grandparents or great grandparents. Come along and make a festive craft with your child or grandchild which you can then take home and enjoy. Sessions will be designed and led by experienced staff from the Spelthorne Resource Centre.

Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

Email to book your place
stainescommunitycentre@spelthorne.gov.uk

Free

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PARENTING PUZZLE WORKSHOP

at Echelford Primary School

The Parenting Puzzle Programme, will look at lots of different topics, including:

Understanding why children behave as they do

Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Exploring different approaches to discipline

Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children

Learning the importance of looking after ourselves.

SAVE YOUR SPOT!

by emailing

office.echelford@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

or calling the school office.

This 10 week Course will be running on

Wednesday mornings at 9.15 until

11.15am on the

following dates:

- 10th, 17th, 24th and

31st January 2024,

- 7th, 21st and 28th February 2024,

- 6th, 13th and 20th March 2024.



Spelthorne Resource Centre

Staines Park,
Commercial Road,
TW18 2QJ



Saturday Craft Club

Our Saturday Morning Craft Club provides children aged 5-9 years with the opportunity to take part in art and craft activities, learn new skills and have fun. With guidance from staff the children will be able to make and create their own art and craft masterpieces.

Dates:

Saturday 6 January 2024 - Saturday 10 February 2024 (6 sessions in total)

Times:

Sessions run on Saturday mornings during school term. Sessions are at 10am-11am and last one hour.

Cost:

£4.80 per session or £28.80 for the term. Fees are payable in advance at the beginning of each half term and must be pre-booked as spaces are limited.

Location:

The Resource Centre is situated in Staines Park, Commercial Road, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 2QJ.

Booking:

Sessions must be pre-booked. To book, please visit www.spelthorne.gov.uk/craftclub





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Staines Park,
Commercial Road,
TW18 2QJ



Winter art open day

Saturday 16 December, 10am - 2pm

£1 per child (50p for siblings). No booking necessary.

For families with children aged 4-11 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Space is offered on a first come, first served basis, so you may be required to wait. Due to limited space and fire safety procedures in the Resource Centre we politely ask people not to come with a pushchair or buggy.

Spelthorne Resource Centre: 01784 461769

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www.spelthorne.gov.uk/resourcecentre



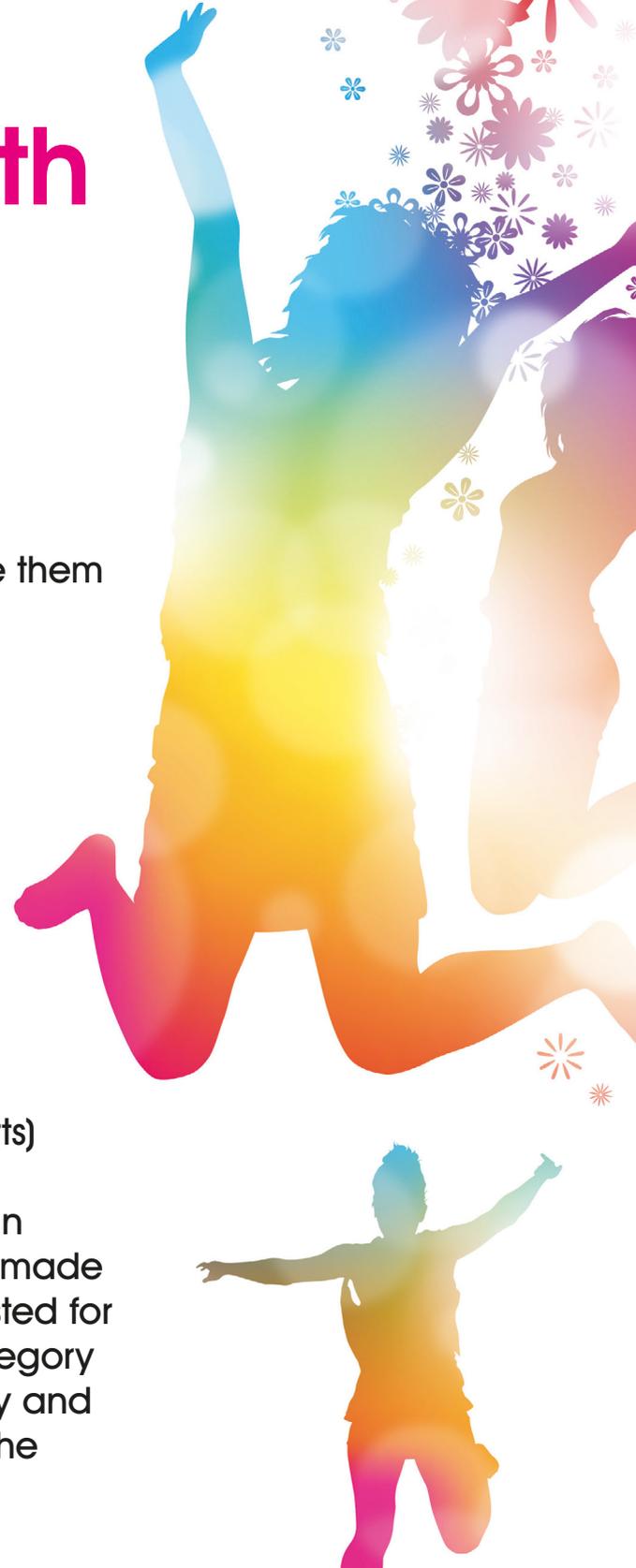
Spelthorne Youth Awards 2024

Do you know a special young person aged between 5 and 19 years, living or receiving education within Spelthorne, who deserves recognition? If so, you may wish to nominate them for a Spelthorne Youth Award.

We are looking for nominations for the following categories:

- outstanding academic achievement
- personal achievement
- community spirit
- triumph over adversity
- sports achievement
- unselfishness, kindness and bravery
- arts achievement (including performing arts)

Anyone can nominate a young person for an award. All young people nominated will be made aware of their nominations and then short listed for an award. The top nominees from each category will be invited to a special awards ceremony and presented with a certificate and prize from the Mayor of Spelthorne.



Further information and nominations can be made online at www.spelthorne.gov.uk/youthawards

The deadline for nominations this year is **Friday 9 February 2024.**

