



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 3

19th January 2024

Communication is always a thorny issue in schools. For some parents and carers, there is too much, for some, not enough. Others might refer to the timeliness of what is shared. All of these points are valid and we are keen to ensure we are doing the right thing. It is worthwhile offering a reminder of the different ways in which you can communicate with the school and the order in which you might raise a concern.

Please make sure that any email communication is through the school office. They will initially acknowledge the message that day and ensure that this is shared with the most relevant person.

If you have communicated via email – or requested someone to contact you – please be patient. Members of staff might not always be able to respond straightaway but will do so within an appropriate timescale.

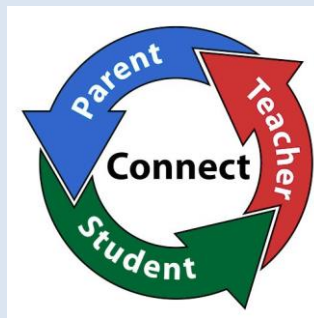
I would also note that for some members of staff, particularly senior leaders, it is not possible for them to 'drop everything' and be available to talk or meet straightaway. Again – please be reassured that communication will happen but a degree of flexibility is necessary.

I refer back to the school's website page 'Partnership with Parents' which states;

'Please do not let minor problems become major ones. Come in and talk to us and together we can usually sort things out. Please see your child's class teacher initially as soon as possible to discuss your concern. If more help is needed in addressing the concern the relevant year group leader, our Deputy or our Headteacher are always happy to meet with parents to discuss issues'.



Autumn term's Art Club trying out the school's new cameras



Parent Consultation Meetings bookings open today



Science with Year 3

It was good to be part of the PTA meeting this week and start to put together the plans for the remainder of the year. Whilst there have been a few new faces taking part in PTA events recently, we still need more volunteers. If one of your 'New Year resolutions' was to give a bit back to the community, why not come along and volunteer at one of the many events that are in the pipeline for the rest of the year. You will certainly enjoy the experience.

The weather looks like it is warming in the days to come but if it still remains cold – a plea to all parents and carers - please make sure that all items of winter clothing are named –

this includes hats, scarves, gloves and coats. There are lots of these that are not being reunited with children and this is an easy problem to solve. Thank you in advance.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Whole School

On 6th, 7th and 8th of February we will be holding our Spring term parent consultation meetings. These will run in the same format as they did in the Autumn term and will be held in the Park Avenue Base school hall between 1:30pm and 7:30pm. These will be available to book on Scopay from 6pm today.

The Big Ambition Survey

Whole School

Over 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated so far in The Big Ambition making it one of the largest surveys of its kind! This is the final push to hear from even more children before the survey closes, it is so important that every child in England has an opportunity to tell policy makers what they want and need ahead of the General Election. Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Dress Up For Digits Day

Whole School

On Friday 2nd February we are inviting children Dress Up for Digits to raise money for the NSPCC. On this day children can come to school wearing a piece of clothing with a number on it - for example a football shirt, a t-shirt with a number or a playing card to name a few. Alternatively, you can choose to wear the colour green. Hedgehogs will be taking part on Monday 5th February

Enrichment Clubs

Reception – Year 6

Enrichment Clubs have now started. Please can we ask you to login to your Scopay account over the weekend and clear your balance if you have not done so already.

We do still have a few spaces available in the following clubs. If your child is interested in taking part, please email the office by 9am Monday morning via office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk. The dates for Enrichment Clubs are included in the Dates for the diary section below and all information found in the letter that was emailed at the end of term or on our website [here](#).

KGB

Multisports Year 1
Multisports Reception

PAB

Cricket Years 5/6
Dodgeball Years 5/6
Girls' Football Years 4/5/6
Mindfulness Years 4/5
Netball Years 5/6
Tag Rugby Years 2/3/4
Football 2/3/4
Football 5/6

Missing Scooters

Reception & Year 1



KGB are having a clear out of their playground. If one of the scooters shown opposite are yours, please take them home before they are removed next week. They can be found in the scooter and bike store in the main playground.

Book Amnesty

Whole School

Please can we ask you to check over the weekend for any library books at home and return them to school on Monday with your child. Many thanks for your support with this.

SATs Meeting

Year 6

Year 6 parents are invited to a meeting in the PAB hall at 6pm on Wednesday 31st January for a meeting about the End of Key Stage Assessments. This will be an opportunity for the Year 6 team to share what the assessments will look like and also a chance to ask any questions that you may have. We hope to see you there.

Half Term Camps

Whole School

Sports Focus' booking form for their February Half Term Camp at Matthew Arnold is now live at the link below - <https://forms.gle/B8yWXd1LFn8AyxBA7>.

Science

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed examining rock samples and learning about how rocks are formed during their science lesson. The children enjoyed making igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks using chocolate!



Vacancies

Whole School

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone 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 see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1396659>

PTA

Whole School

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



PTA
FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE

Save your unwanted clothes for our Bag2School collection

We're holding a Bag2School collection at school on Tuesday 30th January at 9am. So please start checking through your cupboards for any unwanted clothes and keep them aside, so you can bring them to school on the day. Bag2School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing. They pay the total weight collected, with the money going towards the PTA's fundraising target.

Bags can include clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. But please no uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric. Donations can not be left outside the office at either base any earlier than 9am on Tuesday 30th January.

Thank you to everyone who joined this week's PTA meeting.

We had a good meeting this week and started planning out an exciting range of events and fundraising activities for the rest of the school year. Some old favourites will be back, along with hopefully some new ones, too. Watch this space!

Can you help us to sort and wash pre-loved uniform?

With the help of the PTA, Riverbridge runs a scheme to collect, sort, wash and package donated second-hand uniform. We're looking for helpers who can spare some time to support this - you can give as much or as little time as you are able to. Please speak to the school office if you are able to help, or email us at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

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

Very well done to all the children listed below for their super efforts this week. They can all be proud of themselves for getting a gold leaf this week!

Mia B	Daniella A	Roshan P
Rihaansh P	Willow RW	Finlay M
Sofia S	Iris E	Wren C
Dexter P	Dom B	Isla G
Jimmie R	Jack FS	Rosa B
Yug M	Pippa A	Frey A

Kiyara S
David A
Mila B
Ayla M
Logan R
Tom CS
Ismael SH
Nefeli G
Leah C
Nicole M
Dominique N

Anshika S
Mehar K
Romy K
Jocelyn P
Hussain H
Aadil U
Nicole M
Skylar K
Ishaani J
Jetson L
Quinn M

Tommy L
Harry J
Cara O
Katie N
Delylah SM
Ahmad R
Ronnie S
Jesmitha B
Alice C
Shraddha M
Rose N

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

The children below can be equally proud to have reached the rainbow this week.

Well done everyone!

Emma N
Yanis C

Preston O
George W

Anthony S
Finley-James S

House Competition

Whole School

The results of this term's Uniform Challenge were shared in the assembly on Monday. It was not particularly close as Water house were the runaway winners!

They received 78 points. In joint second were Air and Fire with 66 points.

The updated 'scores on the doors' are below:



**112.5
Points**



**100
Points**



**137.5
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:

**If you could have anyone as your
'talk partner' for the day – who would
you choose, and why?**

Have a great weekend.

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Spring Term 2024

Tues 23 rd January	Staines Synagogue visit – Year 5
Tues 30 th January	PTA Bag2School donations – 9am outside the office at KGB or PAB
Weds 31 st January	SATs parents' information meeting
Thurs 1 st February	Bowles parents' information meeting – 6pm PAB
Thurs 1 st February	Pastoral Coffee Morning at KGB 8.45am – 10am
Fri 2 nd February	Dress Up For Digits Day – donations to NSPCC
Mon 5 th February	Dress Up For Digits Day – donations to NSPCC - Hedgehogs
Tues 6 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings at PAB hall
Tues 6 th February	No Enrichment Clubs
Weds 7 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings at PAB hall
Weds 7 th February	No Enrichment Clubs
Thurs 8 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings at PAB hall
Thurs 8 th February	No Enrichment Clubs

Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb 2024

Spring Half Term

Mon 19 th February	Children return to school
Thurs 22 nd February	World Thinking Day – children are welcome to wear their Guiding and Scouting uniform if they'd like to
Fri 23 rd February	Year 3 Sleepover
w/c Mon 26 th February	Stay, Play & Learn sessions Reception – more details to follow
w/c Mon 4 th March	Stay, Play & Learn sessions Nursery – more details to follow
Mon 4 th March	World Book Day Hedgehogs – more details to follow
Tues 5 th March	Duck eggs arrive Reception & Nursery – more details to follow
Weds 6 th March	Pastoral Coffee Morning at KGB 8.45am – 10am
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day – more details to follow
Fri 8 th March – Sun 10 th March	Bowles Residential – Year 5 link to the letter can be found here

Fri 8th – 17th March
w/c Mon 11th March

British Science Week

Family Learning Year 1 – more details to follow

Weds 20th March

Woolley Firs Trip Reception – [link to the letter here](#)

Thurs 21st March

Woolley Firs Trip Reception – [link to the letter here](#)

Fri 22nd March

Enrichment Clubs end

Mon 25th March

Freshwater Theatre Ancient Egypt workshop
Year 3 – more details to follow

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

Weds 22nd – Fri 24th May

Rise Up Residential – Year 4 [link to the letter can be found here](#)

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