



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 4

26th January 2024

Attached to this week's Riverbridge Review is a useful leaflet discussing the importance of attendance. As you will all be aware, it is the school's duty of care to challenge attendance and work with parents and carers in securing improvements. There will have been letters sent out to some families this week and next which again will stress the importance for children being in school each day and arriving on time.

Can I ask that you all take time to read each page – it would be worthwhile 'book-marking' this for future reference too.

There has been a lot going on – as ever – this week. On Monday Miss Heffernan, the school's English leader reviewed some of the reading provision within the school. This was a positive morning and great to see. One aspect that we discussed was how we could encourage children to read a wide range of different books. You will recall that last year, staff shared their book recommendations in a section in the Review. It would be good to bring this back – this time hearing the suggestions of both the children at Riverbridge and adults within the parent/carer community.

The Google Form below can be used to share your reading recommendations:

<https://forms.gle/aN6636mBDtkTpSdt5>

I look forward to reading the recommendations – and starting a new column at some point next half term. Thank you in advance.



2G enjoying maths



See our Attendance Guide attached



Year 1 looked after Bog Baby

Being safe on-line is an on-going challenge for both children and adults. I have had a number of conversations this week with children reminding them that their 'digital footprint' is an important consideration. In simple terms – if you would not say something out loud, why would you type it? The challenge for parents and carers is a significant one and we are always looking at ways in which we can support you regarding this. Eduthing (our IT supplier) has shared details of a webinar that they are hosting on Tuesday 6th February called 'Navigating the Digital Landscape'.

This looks like a really useful and interactive opportunity to discuss how best to keep children safe online. The flyer is attached – do consider booking a place!

Parent Consultation Meetings Booking Deadline: Sunday

Whole School

The deadline to book your parent consultation meeting via your Scopay account is Sunday at 9pm. Spring term parent consultation meetings will be held on the 6th 7th and 8th February at the Park Avenue Base school hall between 1:30pm and 7:30pm.

Headlice

Whole School

Please can we remind parents that all hair that can be tied back, is tied back. Not only does this encourage the children to look neat and tidy, promote concentration in class but it also helps prevent the spread of any headlice. A headlice information sheet can be found on our website [here](#).

Pre-Ordering Lunch choices

Reception – Year 6

If your child has a school dinner, please take the time to look at the menu on offer via their Scopay account and pre-order their choices with them at home. You can pre-order a week in advance or for the whole term.

Maths Learning

Year 2



2G have been practising making amounts in pounds and pence by playing shop in Maths. The children all had lots of fun taking turns being the customers and shopkeepers.

Dodgeball Tournament

Year 3

A team of Year 3 children represented Riverbridge in a Dodgeball tournament held at Matthew Arnold School. Although they didn't come home with a medal, the children showed many of Riverbridge's 8 Great Ways of Being Our Best and should be rightly proud of their efforts.

Coffee Morning

Whole School

Please come and join the pastoral team for a coffee on Thursday morning between 8.45am and 10am. We would love to see you! It's a great way to meet other parents/carers and get to know each other. We look forward to seeing you, Jane Hughes and Linda Lenton-Clark. Home School Link Workers.

English Learning

Year 1

Year 1 had a special mission this week: they had to follow the clues set to find The Bog Baby tying in with their class reading book. The children have been looking after their class Bog Baby and made homes for them in their classrooms. The children are going to write some instructions on how best to look after a Bog Baby next week.



Vacancies

Whole School

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic Teaching Assistants who can bring high quality support to children in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We are looking for individuals who are not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and be immersed in the children's play. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1399591>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and proactive individual for the role of 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Saxon Primary School. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and resilient to join our friendly and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1399607>

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, 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 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.



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FRIENDS OF RIVERBRIDGE



Don't miss our Bag2School collection- Tuesday 30th January

If you've got any old, unwanted clothes; please bring them along to school next Tuesday, 30th January at 9am for our Bag2School collection. Bags cannot be accepted before this time. 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 and no scraps of fabric.

You will be able to drop off your bags outside either KGB or PAB reception at 9am. Thank you, every donation helps!

PTA Sweet Sale - Friday 9th February

We'll be selling sweets in the playground at both bases right after school on Friday 9th February. Please make sure you have cash handy to avoid disappointment. We also need volunteers for the sweet stalls from 2.40pm at KGB or 2.50pm from PAB. It's no problem to have your children with you, including younger siblings, provided you can still help sell the sweets! Please email pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk if you can volunteer - as always, we can only run events like these with your help.

What's coming up this term?

Following last week's PTA planning meeting, we're excited to confirm dates for our upcoming activities this term. Look out for more details nearer the time...

26th Feb-1st March: To celebrate leap year, we're running a Sponsored Leap that every child can take part in during PE lessons across the week.

After Half Term: Year 6 parents will be able to place orders for their child's leavers hoodies, which as usual are subsidised by the PTA

Sunday 17th March: Join our Easter Trail, starting at PAB and taking you on a fun walk around the nearby area, with some treats to discover along the way.

Run the Staines 10K for Riverbridge PTA- 12th May

Registration for this year's Staines 10K opens on Thursday 1st February. If you're thinking of taking part in the run on 12th May, did you know that Riverbridge PTA is one of the listed charities you can raise money for?

Simply select Riverbridge PTA when you register and we will help you to raise money by promotion on our channels including Facebook and the newsletter. Please get in touch with us at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk if you'd like to run for us!

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

It has been a pleasure to read the gold leaves that were shared with me and other members of the senior team this week.

The children below have made super efforts and they can be rightly proud of themselves.

Claire W	Ivy-Mae M	Swara P
George B	Colbi WK	Jed K
Fern W	Evelyn S	George F
Ditya G	Sofia Q	Livia P
Jesse C	Naynika N	Miller W
Ayla G	Toby P	Yunus A
Maya S	Harper W	Max F

Jaxon S
Blythe F
Cinar G
Ariana M
Dhruv S
Sienna F
Willow S
Michael A
Scarlet S
Alvina A
Stephanie G
Chloe G
Haider M

Jenson R
Thomas W
Amelie K
Mohammed A
Alice O
Grace C (4T)
Esme C
Kate CS
Alex DC
Tecwyn RH
Ivy W
Kaelem H
Annabelle M
Matilda C

Teddy R
Elliot D
Jackson B
Elsie-May H
Thomas D
Sasha S
Cara LS
Diya S
David R
Charlotte S
Summer S
Zara A
Hugo M

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to the children in Hedgehogs and Rabbits that have had a positive week of learning and playing. Keep it up!

Harry T
Rami S

Divine A
Ilma S

Ava O
Freddie W

House Competition

Whole School

There will be additional points to hand out next week as we have our next House competition. Details to follow!

The current scores remain the same:



**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 be best friends with
any character from a book – who would
you choose, and why?**

Wishing you all a positive weekend.

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Spring Term 2024

Tues 30 th January	PTA Bag2School donations – 9am outside the office at KGB or PAB
Tues 30th & Weds 31st January	Reception Height and Weight Checks - link to the letter here
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
Fri 9th February	PTA Sweet Sale at pick up – KGB and PAB playground

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 26th February	PTA Sponsored Leap during PE lessons
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
Weds 13th March	'The Children at War' exhibition visit – Year 6 link to the letter here
Fri 8 th – 17 th March	British Science Week
Sun 17th March	PTA Easter Trail – more details to come
w/c Mon 11 th March	Family Learning Year 1 – more details to follow
Weds 20 th March	Woolley Firs Trip Reception – link to the letter here
Thurs 21 st March	Woolley Firs Trip Reception – link to the letter here
Fri 22 nd March	Enrichment Clubs end
Mon 25 th March	Freshwater Theatre Ancient Egypt workshop Year 3 – more details to follow
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 15 th April	Children return to school
Sun 12th May	Staines 10K – select Riverbridge PTA for sponsorship
Weds 22 nd – Fri 24 th May	Rise Up Residential – Year 4 link to the letter can be found here

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May 2024	Summer Half Term
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Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school
Fri 19 th July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 19 th July	No After School Club
Mon 22 nd July	Inset day 4
Tues 23 rd July	Inset day 5