



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 10

15th March 2024

The Year 5 trip last weekend was a positive experience for those children that took part. The staff who attended reported that the children made a real effort to join in with the activities and also represented the school well. I am always grateful for staff giving up their time in supporting events like this. In this instance all the staff have worked for 12 days running. I hope that they are able to have a suitable rest over the weekend!

Year 1 parents will have enjoyed their opportunity to come into classrooms as part of the 'Stay & Learn' sessions. Mrs Price was able to see one of these first hand and certainly saw how excited the children were to work alongside their grown-up visitors.

In the final week of term, there will be an opportunity for parents and carers at Park Avenue to also come in for the 'Open Classroom' sessions. See the diary section for details.



Our Boys' B Winning Football Team



5R making pretzels in DT



Year 2 being frogs in Science

Sport is such an important part of the lives of many children and grown-ups. The school is always proud of the efforts of the various children who represent the school in different ways. In recent weeks there have been more sporting successes and I want to say 'well done' and 'thank you' to those that have taken part. We are very proud!

Although I was unable to attend the PTA meeting last night, I have been made aware of the exciting events taking place between now and the end of the school year. This Sunday will see over 100 children taking part in the Easter Trail. I am keeping fingers crossed for good weather!

We are approaching the end of term, it is probably helpful to remind all of you that school ends on **Thursday 28th March** and will be an early finish:

KGB – 1.20pm PAB – 1.30pm Nursery – 1.40pm

Please also note that there will be **no After School Club** on **Thursday 28th**.

Team Sports Kits

Year 4 - 6

Please can we ask you to check at home for any items from our sports team kits and return them to the office next week. Thank you for your support with this.

Traffic Incident at PAB

Whole School

A traffic incident occurred in Park Avenue, where a resident's car was hit by another car during school traffic time. If you have any information about this please speak to the school office. Many thanks.

Science Week

Year 2

For Science Week, Year 2 focused on 'Metamorphosis Mayhem', tying in with the children's topic on life cycles. The children played the recommended 'rock, paper, scissors' game listed in the activity pack and enjoyed acting out the different stages of the life cycle of a frog. Year 2 also made their own lifecycle wheels for a butterfly.



Lost Property

Whole School

Amongst our lost property is a booster seat, numerous coats and glasses! If your child is missing any items please come in and check the lost property cupboard. Please can we also remind parents to label all coats, cardigans and jumpers, so that they can be returned to their owners. Any lost property left in the cupboard after the last day of term will be disposed of.

Science

Year 2



This week Year 2 have had an exciting delivery of caterpillars! This links with their science topic of lifecycles. Over the new few weeks, the children will observe how the caterpillars grow and change into butterflies.

Half Term Camp

Whole School

Sports Focus will be running their Matthew Arnold multi-sport camps through the Easter Holidays. Tues 2nd - Fri 5th & Mon 8th - Fri 12th April. The booking form is now open at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/obJFUbXMWvNeTY8B8>

MACCA Sports Academies are running both funded and paid for Multi Sports and Creative Activities Courses over the Half Term – please see the attached flyers for more information.

Staines & Laleham Cricket Club, who run our Cricket Enrichment Club, are running a Half Term camp. More details are attached. To book please [click here](#).

Boys' B Football Team

Year 5 & 6



The Boys' B team played a fantastic league match against Echelford AB's on Tuesday. There were some fantastic goals from both teams with Riverbridge winning 4-3. Well done boys, a great effort!

Vacancies

Whole School

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting:

We are seeking an experienced, enthusiastic individual for the role of Governance Professional and Clerk to Directors to join our growing Trust, this is a part time role that offers flexible term time working. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/lumenlearningtrust/job/governance-professional-and-clerk-to-directors-1403073>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint enthusiastic and creative Teaching Assistants/1:1 Teaching Assistants with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1406374>

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-1407402>

Darley Dene Primary 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. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1408200>

We are also seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual who is qualified with a minimum of Level 3 Teaching Assistant to join our team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/level-3-teaching-assistant-1408206>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking for a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is a part time, term time role, working 22.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will join a hard-working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care. For further information please visit

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1408963>

PTA

Whole School

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



PTA
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Hot Dog Night is back!

It's movie time again with the return of our ever popular Hot Dog Nights. Tickets are now on sale for the following movie treats:

- Reception/Year 1 - Zog collection (short films - U) on Tuesday 16th April (PAB Hall)
- Years 2/3/4 - Luca (U) on Thursday 18th April (PAB Hall)
- Years 5/6 - Elemental (PG) on Thursday 18th April (PAB)

Tickets cost £5.50 per child and the price includes the film, a hot dog/veggie dog, biscuits, popcorn and fruit.

See the poster coming home in book bags and at the end of this newsletter for more details. Please buy your tickets by 8pm on Monday 1st April at www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge



Sponsored Leap raises over £1,000

Thank you to everyone who collected sponsorship money after the children's Sponsored Leap in February. We're delighted to report that the leaping raised £1,064 towards the PTA target of £15,000 this year. All the money raised will go towards extra resources, educational enrichment events and additional IT equipment for the school.

Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies on sale now

The PTA is once again giving Year 6 children the opportunity to purchase a Riverbridge 2024 leavers hoodie as a unique souvenir of their time at the school. Hoodies are on sale at a discounted rate of £11 each, with the PTA subsidising the rest of the cost (£7).

You can order hoodies from <https://shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/riverbridge24>

Simply follow the instructions on screen. The online shop will close on Monday 1st April at 6pm. Please note this deadline cannot be extended.

Run the Staines 10K for Riverbridge

If you love to run, why not sign up to be a runner for Riverbridge PTA at this year's Staines 10K on Sunday 12th May?

We already have 4 amazing runners: Komala (parent of Medha in RM), Simon (parent of Emil in 3H and Lotta in 1L) and Debra and Chris (parents of Rosie 6I, Katie 3H and Emma in Hedgehogs).

It's really easy to do; simply select 'Riverbridge PTA'; when you register at www.staines10k.co.uk. Then let us know by emailing pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk and we'll help you to raise money by promotion on our channels including Facebook and this newsletter.

And if you can't run but would still like to support, you can sponsor our runners at <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QVAOA3HE>. Thank you.

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

There have been lots of Gold Leaves shared this week with lots of great reasons for them. I have been impressed with the confidence that the children are displaying when talking about their Gold Leaves and also how they are able to articulate what they have done that has made them feel proud.

I hope that they are able to do the same at home!

Robin P

Kabir S

Swaylee JP

Kawthar A	Adam O	Cleo C
Vinisha S	Grayson F	Jesse C
Maya S	Zac H	Elena N
Indie WK	Roman S	Evan D
Charlie C	Doruk A	Ollie B
Abdullah M	Mila B	Daniel G
Kaven P	Robin GJ	Georgia L
Yeswanth K	Aleeza N	Roland A
Evie R	Sienna F	Grace C (4T)
Sasha S	Darko M	Legrand N
Dexter S	Joseph N	Ivy P
Jetson L	Nicole M	Mason M
Ava-Rae H	Peter T	Summer S
Summer BP	Maya BO	Jack W
	Zaynah B	

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Well done to those children below that have made such a positive effort with their learning over the course of the week.

Keep it up!

Emma N

Leo J

Zac B

Ishvwa A

House Competition

Whole School

This week we have been taking part in a Friendship Challenge. Children across the school have been seen making positive friendship choices and these totals will be added together and awarded.

We also have points for the 'Being Our Best Cup' in the next two weeks so the points below will be changing very soon.



**137.5
Points**



**135
Points**



**177.5
Points**

Riverbridge's Reading Recommendations

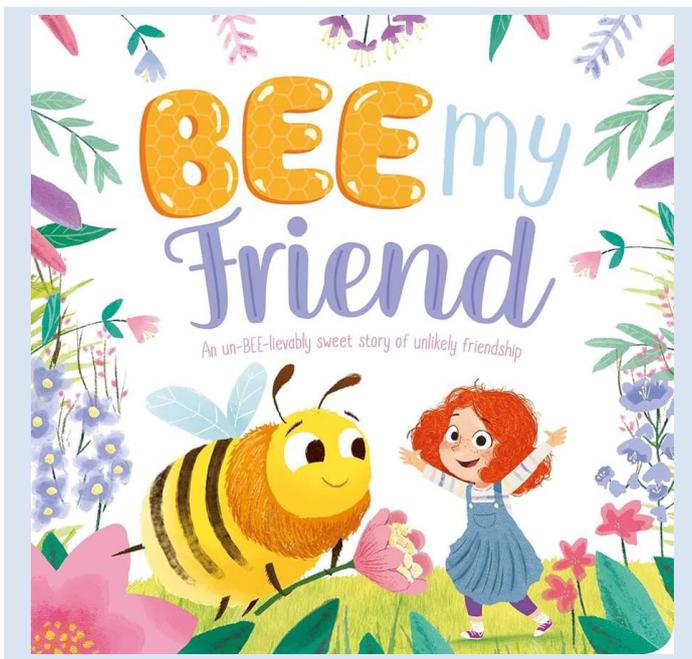
Whole School

This week's 'Riverbridge Reading Recommendation' comes from Harper in 1R

Bee my Friend

by Caroline Richards

Harper's Review:



I like this book because it's about making friends and being kind to others, even though sometimes that can be hard. Bernard the bee is my favourite character and there is a little girl called Poppy. I like that you can learn about bees and what bees do and make, like food and they help flowers.

A world without bees wouldn't be so good.

I learnt that not all bees have stingers and aren't scary.

I like when Poppy helps plant flowers. This book makes me happy.

Age group: Aimed at 3-8

Star Rating: ★★★★★ 5 out of 5

Do you want to share your reading recommendations with the rest of the school?
If so – use the link below!

<https://forms.gle/aN6636mBDtkTpSdt5>

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend.

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Spring Term 2024

Sun 17 th March	PTA Easter Trail 1-3pm
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
Weds 27th March	Open Classrooms at PAB from 3.10pm
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
Tues 16 th April	PTA Hot Dog Night: Reception & Year 1

Thurs 18th April
Wednesday 1st May

Sun 12th May

Fri 17th May

Weds 22nd – Fri 24th May

PTA Hot Dog Night: Year 2 - 6

Hobbledown Farm Trip Year 2 - [link to the letter here](#)

Staines 10K – select Riverbridge PTA for sponsorship

PTA Bingo Night – more details to follow

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

Tues 4th June

Legoland Trip Year 1 - [link to the letter here](#)

Fri 28th June

PTA Summer Fair – more details to follow

Weds 17th July

PTA Summer Discos – more details to follow

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

Weds 24th July – Fri 31st August 2024

Summer Holiday

Autumn Term 2024

Mon 2nd September

Inset day 1

Tues 3rd September

Inset day 2

Weds 4th September

Children return to school

Weds 4th September

Existing Rabbits return. New Rabbits children start date to be advised separately

Mon 9th September

Existing Hedgehogs return. New Hedgehogs children start date to be advised separately

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st November 2024

Autumn Half Term

Mon 4th November

Inset day 3

Tues 5th November

Children return to school

Fri 20th December

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

Fri 20th December

No After School Club

Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd January 2025

Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2025

Mon 6th January

Children return to school

Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb 2025

Spring Half Term

Mon 24th February

Children return to school

Fri 4th April

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

Fri 4th April

No After School Club

Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April 2025

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Tues 22nd April

Children return to school

Mon 5th May

Spring Bank Holiday

Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May 2025

Summer Half Term

Mon 2nd June

Children return to school

Fri 18th July

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

Fri 18th July

No After School Club

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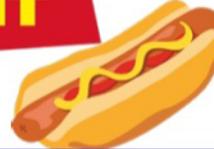
Tues 22rd July

Inset day 5



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HOT DOG NIGHT



Tickets
£5.50 Each

Scan the QR Code (below) or buy your tickets (live Friday 15th March 2024, 6pm) at:

www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

(Dietary restrictions can be included online when purchasing ticket(s))

TICKET INCLUDES FILM, HOT DOG / VEGGIE DOG, BISCUIT, POPCORN & FRUIT!

Reception & Year 1: Tuesday 16 April 2024 (PAB Hall)

Short films: Zog Collection (U)
volunteersignup.org/BMXKD

Years 2, 3 & 4: Thursday 18 April 2024 (PAB Hall)

Film: Luca (U)
volunteersignup.org/HDJ9R

Years 5 & 6: Thursday 18 April 2024 (PAB)

Film: Elemental (PG)
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**** Closing dates for ticket purchases: Monday 1st April at 8pm - This is a FIRM DEADLINE****

Children will be taken to Hot Dog Night by their teachers, straight after school.
Parents/Carers will need to collect, Reception and Year 1 at **5.30pm** (from PAB hall), Years 2 to 4 will need to be collected at **5.45pm** (from PAB hall), and Years 5-6 from Year 6 classrooms through the Year 5&6 gate.
Parents NEED to cancel after school/clubs by emailing the school office (as needed)

Dietary requirements

Biscuit – may contain nuts, egg and milk
Meat hot dog – chicken, pork and beef
Popcorn – may contain nuts and soya

Bread roll – may contain nuts, egg and milk
Vegetarian hot dog – wheat, soya and egg

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10am to 2pm each day**

Eligibility

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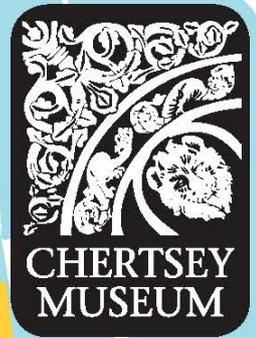
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th April 2024

*Paid places available **Extended hours available by prior arrangement



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Easter Holiday Activities



Button Spring Trees

2nd April

11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm

Create a spring tree picture using paint and buttons

Cost: £4

Excellent Egg Cups

4th April

11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm

Decorate a wooden egg cup, egg and spoon

Cost: £4.50

Clay Day

9th April

10-10:45, 11:30-12:15, 2:00-2:45

See our Greek vases and make a clay creation

Cost: £2.50

Make a Board Game

11th April

11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm

Design your own Snakes and Ladders game

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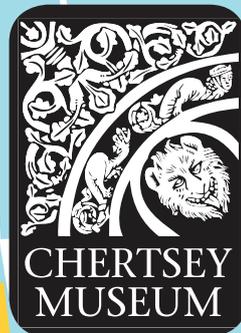
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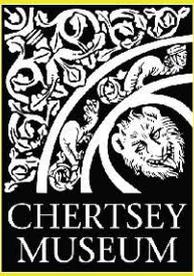
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1st Saturday
of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

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Sunday 28th April

2:15-3:15pm

(early entry at 2pm for NCT members)

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Entry £2 per person (children are free)

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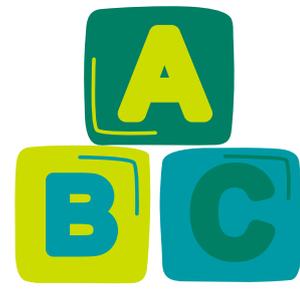


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*Discounts available for Sibling Bookings and Full 4 Day Course Bookings



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- ✓ Support a local charity



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ART WORKSHOP

20 APRIL 2024

10AM-12PM OR 1PM-3PM

Designed for children who are currently in Year 5 academic year 2023-24 and looking to join SWPS in Year 7, 2025. Children are invited to join us for a morning of getting familiar with the school, immersing themselves in our Art and Design studio, meeting our teachers and creating a piece of art.

www.swps.org.uk/y5workshops





MUSIC WORKSHOP

18 MAY 2024

10AM-12PM

Year 4 students...

Designed for children who are currently in Year 4 academic year 2023-24 and looking to join SWPS in Year 7, 2026. Children are invited to join us for a morning getting familiar with the school, immersing themselves in our Music facilities, meeting our teachers and enjoying a fun and vibrant musical morning

www.swps.org.uk/y4workshops

