



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 11

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

The children in Hedgehogs and Rabbits have really enjoyed having special visitors into the Nursery this week. The Stay, Play & Learn sessions were well attended and parents and carers shared with me how interesting and useful these were. For those parents and carers in Reception, I am sure you will find next week's sessions just as positive.

The next few weeks see further opportunities to come into school. Practising for the Christmas performances has started in earnest and there is some lovely singing going on throughout the school. Please make a note of the links below so that you can reserve your tickets!

Whilst a lot has been going on in school – there has also been events farther afield. The group of Year 6 children who have ventured to Bristol have had a good time so far. The weather has been chilly but there has been enjoyment aplenty. I am looking forward to the children's safe return and hearing about their exciting adventures.



**Enjoying the renovated KGB  
Library on Children in Need**



**Year 6 in Bristol**



**2C Road Safety Week posters**

For those that are attending the PTA Panto on Sunday, I am sure that you will be in for a real treat. The PTA do such a great job at raising funds for the school whilst also planning fun events for the enjoyment and benefit of the school community. Attached to this week's Review is the PTA Chairs report. Robin Russell-Hughes shared this last week and can be proud of the excellent work she, and others in the PTA team, has done.

We had a new member of the Riverbridge team join us this week. Mrs A Williams will add to the already strong office team. She comes to us from Echelford and has a wealth of experience in a school office. There are also new Teaching Assistants joining next week – further information in next week's Review.

Finally, I forgot some important information in last week's Review:

Our Head and Deputy Prefects represented the school excellently at last week's Remembrance Day ceremony. There was also an excellent speech read by Maxim – I am attaching this for you all to read.

To end, with some great news! Our caretaker, Mr Blasigh and his wife (who used to be Miss Snow in Reception) have welcomed a second child into their family – Madeline. She is a bonnie baby and we wish the whole family every congratulations.

**Christmas Performances**

**Whole School**

Details of Christmas performances have been shared this week, all information can be found in the Letters Home section of our website found under Parents Section or via [the link found here](#).

A reminder that only 2 tickets per child can be booked via one of the links below and all tickets need to be made in your child's name. Tickets need to be shown prior to admission either via a mobile, or printed. Information regarding additional tickets will be shared at the beginning of December.

<a href="#">Reception Christmas Performance 10th</a> <a href="#">December 9.30-10.15am</a>	<a href="#">Year 1 Christmas Performance 11th</a> <a href="#">December 9.30-10.15am</a>	<a href="#">Year 2-3 Christmas Performance 10th</a> <a href="#">December 2.15-3pm</a>	<a href="#">Year 4,5 &amp; 6 Christmas Performance 11th</a> <a href="#">December 9.30-10.15am</a>
<a href="#">Reception Christmas Performance 11th</a> <a href="#">December 2.15-3pm</a>	<a href="#">Year 1 Christmas Performance 12th</a> <a href="#">December 2.15-3pm</a>	<a href="#">Year 2 &amp; 3 Christmas Performance 12th</a> <a href="#">December 9.30-10.15am</a>	<a href="#">Year 4,5&amp;6 Christmas Performance 11th</a> <a href="#">December 6-6.45pm</a>
			<a href="#">Year 4,5&amp;6 Christmas Performance 12th</a> <a href="#">December 9.30-10.15am</a>

Nursery have allocated 2 virtual tickets per child, so there is no need to book to see their performance - timing details can be found in the Dates for the Diary Section below.

### Geography Awareness Week

Whole School



2C celebrated Geography Awareness Week by looking at all of the different places that the class is from on a world map.

### Photo Ordering Deadline

Whole School

We recommend you order your child's school photos online to ensure a smooth and faster delivery. If you do choose to order via school the deadline to do so is next Friday – 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### Renovated Library Reopened

KGB

Last week, the Year 6 Reading Councillors opened the new and improved library at Knowle Green Base. They spent some time exploring the books and reading with the children in Reception and Year 1. The library is now officially open for all of the children to enjoy!



### Children in Need - Donations

Whole School

Thank you to all those who have donated to Children in Need. We raised £348.77. Donations are still welcome via our Just giving fundraising page found [here](#).

### PSHE and Inclusion

Whole School

This half term, the children across the school will be working from Puzzle Piece 2: Celebrating Difference. It focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships and conflict. Children learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference' and most year groups explore the concept of 'normal' along with bullying – what it is and what it isn't, including cyber and homophobic bullying.

### Road Safety Week

Whole School

This week has been Road Safety Week. Discussions were held in class about the importance of staying safe on the road and how to do this. The children have also learnt about different types of Road Safety Heroes in our community. Please ask questions about road safety when travelling to and from school next week.

### Stay, Play & Learn

Year 1

The Year 1 team are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers at a Family Learning session on the 2nd and 3rd December from 9.05am – 9.50am. This is an opportunity for you to experience a morning in the class. As we have limited space in our classrooms, we can only accommodate one parent/carer for each child and a maximum of 15 people a day.

Bookings are open via the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/riverbridge-primary-school>. Please

choose your class and day and book one ticket. If more than one booking is made the second booking will be cancelled. You will receive an email confirmation for the session you have booked.

## Class Presentation

5W



5W had a go at writing their own police reports this week based on the class book 'The London Eye Mystery'. The children took the role of a leading DCI reporting back to their PC's and showed lots of great writing and oracy skills.



## Headlice

Whole School

A reminder that hair that can be tied up will help stop the spread of unwanted headlice.

## Outside Achievements

Whole School

Congratulations to Kate (5W) who competed in the TISKA National Karate Championships and won two medals: 2nd in Individual Kata and 3rd in Team Kata. Fantastic Kate!

## Weekend Activities

Whole School

The Resource Centre in Staines offers a Saturday craft club for age 4 - 11 years. More details can be found via [Resource Centre - Spelthorne Borough Council](#)

Staines are holding a Festive Sculpture Trail Guide between Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> January. Further details can be found [here](#).

## Vacancies

Whole School

### The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a term-time Office Assistant to join our friendly, dedicated team, Monday – Friday 1.15pm- 5pm. We are looking for a professional, motivated individual to join the administration team in our busy school office. For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-assistant-1452979>

We are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion and equality and has a high expectation of themselves and every child. Full or Part Time roles considered. For more information on these role please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-14534>

### Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint Office 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/school-office-assistant-1453491>

### Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

Walton Oak is looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. This is a full time, term time role, working 32.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will join a hardworking 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-1452113>

## PTA

Whole School



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### Last chance to buy Riverbridge Panto tickets

It's nearly time for this year's Riverbridge Panto!

'Cinderella' is being performed exclusively for our school community this Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> November) by professional company Shooting Star Entertainment.

It's a perfect afternoon's entertainment for the whole family and a great excuse to get out of this weekend's cold and rain. Matthew Arnold school have once again kindly let us use their school hall - and there will be stalls serving refreshments and toys before and after the show, as well as during the interval.

Doors open at 12.30pm with the show starting at 1.30pm.

Tickets are £7.50 each for adults and children, with under-2s free sitting on parent's laps. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you haven't got your tickets yet, you can order from [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge) until 6pm tomorrow, unless tickets sell out sooner. See you there for some festive fun!

### **Recycle your clothes at Riverbridge**

Don't forget, if you have any unwanted clothes and shoes at home, you can now bring them to the new recycling bank installed outside PAB.

It's supplied by Little Recyclers, a cost-free clothes recycling programme designed to reduce the amount of clothes that end up in landfill. Crucially, it's also a great way to raise funds for the school all year round – because Riverbridge PTA receives 55p for every kilogram donated.

Please only provide bagged undamaged clothes - it will help to raise money for Riverbridge while protecting the environment.

Please donate unwanted school uniform to Riverbridge's own second hand uniform scheme.

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA) or get in touch at [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

## **Gold Leaves**

## **Whole School**

Thank you to all the children below who have made a positive effort to 'be their best' over the course of the week. They can be proud of their achievements.

It is also a good time to say well done to all those children that have stayed on green (or above) this week. Getting to gold is an amazing achievement but so is being consistent with behaviour and learning choices.

Very well done everyone!

Freddie W	Alissa S	Samuel D
Rex C	Nora HJ	Magnolia B
Aarohi C	Alex M (RG)	Zoha A
Thea S	Tiyesh NM	Arshreet K
Eliza T	Colbi WK	Annelise W
George S (1C)	Sarah M	Angelina C
Robin P	Ditya G	Mason T
Frey A	Ajana A	Indie C
Shrinay B	Juno C	Advik M
Ramses DS	Evan D	Alex F
Lincoln OF	Austin Y	Arjun M
Adam Q	Daniel G	Archie B
Sabrina H	Scarlett C	Callista L
Shriyan T	Jessica F	Leo H
Igor R	Frankie L	Tom CS
Fawz A	Frank G	Samuel O
Irfan A	Kanishka K	Hannah T
Niko Z	Deena P	Leyla C
Ioana K	Ayman M	

## **Rainbow Awards**

## **Nursery**

It has been an exciting week in both Hedgehogs and Rabbits this week. The Stay, Play and Learn sessions were really enjoyable and well received. The children below made the most of this opportunity – well done everyone!

Freddie B

Sai Charan HK

Ayla S

**House Competition****Whole School**

The first Uniform Challenge of the year took place last week and the results were shared on Monday. Fire House were the clear winners with 81 points. In second were Air with 74 and third place were Water with 55 points.

The updated scores are below – with Fire House taking a clear lead.



**70  
Points**



**87.5  
Points**

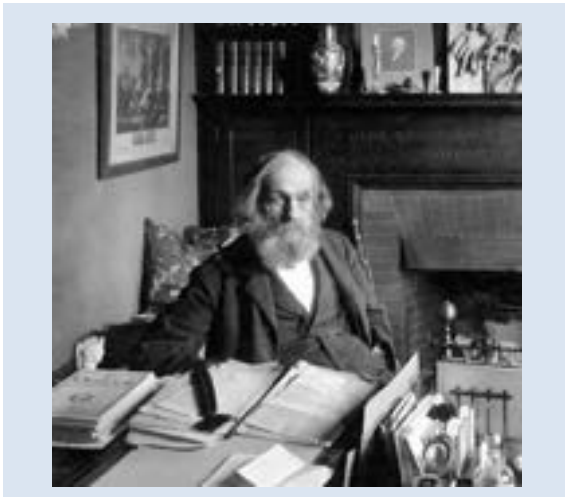


**67.5  
Points**

**Words of Wisdom****Whole School**

In the weekly assemblies this year, we are finding out about a range of different people from all over the world. We will find out about their achievements and how they have overcome challenges or demonstrated any of our 8 Great Ways to Being Our Best.

**Edward Everett Hale**  
**Writer**



This week's person we talked about was 19<sup>th</sup> Century American writer, Edward Everett Hale.

He spent his life supporting others and also fighting for the rights of everyone to be treated fairly in America at that time – including Irish immigrants fleeing the potato famine and black slaves.

He was also a popular writer who wrote the famous story 'Ten Times One is Ten'. In this story, a group of men meet at a funeral and talk about how their friend changed the lives of people he met for the better.

Edward's motto was this week's words of wisdom and many children have been thinking hard about how they can 'lend a hand' to others.

*'Look up and not down.  
Look forward and not back.  
Look out and not in.  
Lend a hand.'*

Enjoy the weekend and for those coming to the PTA Pantomime – 'see you on Sunday'!

**Paul Grimwood**

**Headteacher**

**Dates for the diary...****Autumn Term 2024**

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> November

PTA Panto at 1.30pm

w/c 25<sup>th</sup> November

Reception Stay, Play and Learn

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November

Freshwater Theatre Great Fire of London Visit – Year 2



Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Enrichment Clubs end for Year 1 - 6
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Ufton Court Trip – Year 4 <a href="#">link to the letter found here</a>
w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 1 Family Learning – more details to follow
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Butser Ancient Farm Trip – Year 3 a link to the letter can be <a href="#">found here</a>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Hedgehogs 2pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Reception am / Yr 2&3 pm
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Yr 4,5,6 am & pm / Yr 1 am / Reception pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Yr 2&3 am / Yr 4,5 &6 am / Yr 1 pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance – Rabbits 2pm
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day – more details to follow
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch – more details to follow
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Open Classrooms – PAB – more details to follow
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	No After School Club

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025**

**Christmas Holiday**

**Spring Term 2025**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January Children return to school

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2025**

**Spring Half Term**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February Children return to school

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April No After School Club

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April – Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

**Easter Holidays**

**Summer Term 2025**

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April Children return to school

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May Spring Bank Holiday

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Summer Half Term**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June Children return to school

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July No After School Club

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July Inset day 4

Tues 22<sup>rd</sup> July

Inset day 5



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## Chair & Treasurers Report – Riverbridge PTA

### September 2023 – August 2024

This was my first year stepping into the very large shoes that Tajinder and Gurchuran Salotera left when they moved on from Riverbridge, but thanks to their guidance and working with them closely over the last few years it was a relatively smooth transition.

One of my main aims when stepping into the chairperson's role was to try to grow the number of people who form the core team and its been wonderful to see new faces at our meetings and helping out at events. Every PTA struggles to get enough volunteers and it is something I will continue to work on in the coming year.

We raised a total of £16,700 from the events we held last year which we should all be really proud of. The first event was the Welcome Back Fireworks Party, which went off with a bang! We strengthened our bond with Mathew Arnold Secondary school by holding our annual Pantomime, Robin Hood, there in November. We also held sweet sales, and Easter trail which was very popular, hot dogs night and a Sponsored Leap for Leap year. The year finished off with our Summer Fair which was a huge success, thanks to all our parent volunteers and teachers who helped out on the day.

We are continuing our relationship with Frost Partnership who provide the bar and cover the cost of stock for our larger events in exchange for advertising on our PTA-Events site.

The following gives a breakdown of the profit we made on each event which enabled us to cover projects at the school totalling £19,000! Some of the key projects were a contribution of £4,800 towards the blue room at Knowle Green base and £5,000 towards the enrichment of the playgrounds at Park Avenue Base.



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We have tried to keep our annual running cost at a minimum, totalling £840 which included investing in another sumup machine and a trolley to help move stock.

Being the Chairperson over the last year has been a really rewarding experience and it is wonderful to see the benefit to the school community and our children from the hard work we all put in to running and organising the events.

We are all working parents giving up our time freely to the PTA to ensure it is a success but it is worth it to see the joy the children get from the events and to be able to help enrich our children's school experience. I will continue to work in the current school year to involve more parents in the PTA.

Kind Regards,

Robyn Russell-Hughes

Chairperson, Riverbridge PTA

Sandra Mkandi

Treasurer, Riverbridge PTA



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for our Riverbridge School community.

# CINDERELLA

**When:** 24 Nov 2024

**Doors open:** 12:30 pm

**Start:** 13:30 pm

**Finish:** 15:00 pm



Only  
one show

£7.50



Children under 2 go free,  
on parents' lap.



**Places are limited, so book now before they are sold out**

**Where:** Matthew Arnold School Theatre, Kingston Road, Staines



Light refreshments will be available to purchase  
before the show and during the interval. All  
stalls are **cash** only.

There are 200 tiered and 50 seats on mats and seats will be allocated on  
first come, first served basis. You will be asked to use all available seats.  
Under two year olds, will need to be on parents laps.



**All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

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Eternal and Gracious spirit,

On this sorrowful day, may we gather honour and respect the brave souls who sacrificed their lives to the army and nation we live in to this very moment.

We will express our gratitude for their spirit, dedication, and the eternal price they paid to secure our liberty for every year for forever onwards.

As we all halt in remembrance, let us carry their legacy in our heart as we stop and reflect on them all which showed their role for our country.

Help us honour their memory by striving for world peace, and unity in our communities.

Let all of us learn from the past, ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten as we stand together to build a brighter future around us.

May we find strength in our shared humanity as we share compassion for those affected by conflict. Let history guide us to be instruments of peace, spreading affection, knowledge and love in the world that often needs it most.

In this moment of reflection, as we stand united in remembrance, we will carry forward their spirit of bravery and resilience to this nation like they did.

Amen.





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Last date for donations is  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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