



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring term

Week 4

27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

As a school we are always trying to think of different ways to do things so that we get the best possible outcomes for the children at Riverbridge. One project that is currently being run involves a group of Year 5 children from each of the three Lumen Learning Trust schools. The purpose of this is to help develop an understanding of the world of work and what different jobs entail. The culmination of the project will be a careers fair that is going to be held at Echelford Primary on 21<sup>st</sup> March. This is where you all come in! Attached to this week's review is a letter asking for volunteers to be part of this Careers Fair. If you read this attachment and feel inspired to sign up – please do get in contact. We look forward to hearing from you!

We are always really grateful of the support you offer the school as parents. The Story Sack project within the Knowle Green Base that was introduced last week by Mrs. Quinn has really shown how enthusiastic you are to get involved with the life of the school. Mrs. Quinn was full of excitement following the offers of help that she received from such a large number of parents. Having worked on similar projects at other local schools in the past, she shared with me that this is the best response that she has seen. For this we are all really thankful!

As you can see on the diary which accompanies each of the Riverbridge Reviews, there are a number of opportunities for you as parents to come into school and find out about how your children are learning. Next week sees the Reception Stay, Play and Learn sessions and the Year 1 Phonics Evening. As part of the English Curriculum Week in March, we are planning to hold parent workshops around reading and how to best support your child. I am mindful that you might be sitting at home thinking: '*Why don't they do a session on....?*' If you have any suggestions for parent workshops, please do let the school office know and we will do our best to plan these in at some point in the future.

## Outside Achievements

Jessica and Megan Young 3G and 3W achieved their Brownies badge for "the ABC challenge", then Jessica moved to stage 4 in swimming so is now a green cap with Megan.

James Shaw 6S was awarded the Chief Scouts Silver Award – which is the top award in Cubs. The award shows that he has been creative, fit, learning about the world and the community, exploring the outdoors and has understood the Promise.

What talented children! Well done to them!

## Debate Mate

In Year 5, pupils are currently learning the skills which underpin debating; speaking and listening, the ability to convince others of your point of view, increased confidence as well as having fun. Employers and Universities are looking for people with the ability and confidence to communicate their ideas, think quickly on their feet, question and assess ideas, work in teams and who have an understanding of the issues that affect our lives.

Debating will give our pupils increased confidence to succeed at interviews, get better jobs and the opportunity to transfer these skills to life long learning. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the debating sessions so far this term

'I like debate mate because it has taught me that I can argue against different opinions in a nice way. It also gives you courage to speak out loud in front of other people.' Ellee Hillier 5O

## Poetry

This morning Year 3 pupils invited me to come and listen to their Moon Poems. Children had worked in groups to write a poem about the moon, including a variety of poetic features and then delivering a group performance to the class. As I listened, I heard- rhyme, repetition, personification, similes and alliteration. Well done 3G, I really enjoyed the morning. Mrs Quinn  
In the children's own words

'It was magical working as part of a group.' 'Poems take time but when you read them it makes you feel good and the poem feels alive.' 'I learnt more while doing the poem.' 'You have to use everybody's ideas otherwise it's not group work.' Jessica Halliday, Jerri-James Mercer, Aaliyah Ghazaleh, Aaron Foskett Gonzalez

## Story Sacks

Thank you to those who have committed to making a story sack or 3!

An updated list has been sent out today. If your name is not typed on the list please choose a title, we need 3 of the same book and return via your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

The books and sacks will be ordered next week. Thank you for your continued support.

## Stay, Play and Learn-Reception

We look forward to seeing lots of parents at our Stay, Play and Learn sessions on Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February or Wednesday 8th February at 9am. These are an opportunity for you to learn alongside your children for an hour. Your children will take you around their classrooms and outside learning space, showing what learning they choose each day. After half an hour we will go into the hall to play some fun phonics games with each other, which will hopefully give you some ideas on how to support reading and writing at home. If you haven't yet signed up please speak to your class teacher.

## Year 1 Phonics Information Evening

A final reminder regarding the Year 1 Phonics Meetings planned for next week. We look forward to seeing you then!

Date: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Venue: KGB hall

## Face up Theatre Group

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 were treated to a theatrical treat this week when they watched 'Augustus and his Smile' by the Face Up Theatre Group. This performance focused on making the children more resilient and how to cope with disappointment. These are themes that we have talked about in assemblies and I know that the children were all enthralled by the production they watched.

Some feedback is included here:

"I really loved the show. I felt sad when the tiger lost his smile but I was happy when he found it. I think the show was funny and it made me laugh. The butterfly was beautiful and the tiger was funny. I would love to see the show again."

From Bryan, Callum, Esme and Hannah

## Tag Rugby

On a cold Friday 20th January, a team of children played their first match as part of the Spelthorne tag rugby league – of which Riverbridge had recently joined. The match was against St Ignatius Primary and both teams were very excited and eager to play. St Ignatius started off brightly and scored within minutes. Many errors in passing and handling from the Riverbridge team resulted in a 5 - 0 deficit in the first five minutes. More confident passing and running resulted in a try for Riverbridge. St Ignatius were very strong in attack and finished the first half, 8-2 leaders. After a break and a thorough team talk, Riverbridge started the second half strongly. The play went from end to end, tries being scored for both teams. It was a fun and closely fought match but in the end St Ignatius School won, eleven tries to seven.

Report by Kitty Langdon

## Living Eggs

Next term the children in Nursery and our Reception classes will be learning about 'new life' as part of their topic work. To complement and extend their understanding, from Monday 20th February 'Living Eggs' will be arriving at our Knowle Green Base. This is a company that provides embryo eggs to hatch at the school allowing the children a wonderful ten day experience. This is an excellent opportunity for children to see chicks hatching at first hand. Once the chicks leave us they are sent to local farms to live in a natural environment. The PTA have kindly agreed to fund this experience for the children. Following this, in March, we are planning to take the children in Reception on a visit to Woolley Firs and the Nursery children will enjoy a visit from a mobile farm, Farms2Ewe. A separate letter regarding these activities will be sent shortly.

## Year 1 Maths Challenge

Yesterday a group of children from Year 1 accompanied by Miss Cudmore visited Saxon Primary for a problem solving maths afternoon. They were assisted by some Year 6 Saxon children and thoroughly enjoyed solving a range of problems. The children were a credit to Riverbridge School.

## Midday Meals Supervisor

We are looking to appoint a temporary midday meals supervisor for our Park Avenue site, to start as soon as possible. Monday – Friday: 11.50 a.m. – 1 p.m. If you are interested in this role, please contact either of the School Offices for an Application form and Job Profile.

## PTA

The lucky PTA Lottery winner for JANUARY was No 35 Mr. John White (Daniel – 50). If you are not already a member, you can join today - a payment of £6 will include you in the monthly draw for the remainder of the school year. The PTA Lottery form is attached; payment can be made to the school office or Online via [pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge) or direct to Riverbridge PTA A/c 03762174 S/c 30-94-42.

## 6Mo

On Wednesday 25th, 6Mo received some exciting post – a reply from the award-winning author Michelle Magorian. Before Christmas, as a class, we wrote individual letters to Michelle Magorian expressing our opinions on both the book and TV version of Goodnight Mister Tom.

We were so excited to open the large envelope and inside were a typed letter to us, the pupils, and one to Miss Moxon. Michelle Magorian had also sent a card (which her youngest son had chosen) with a picture of Sammy the dog on the front. Alongside these were individually-signed bookmarks for everyone in the class to take home.

We were over the moon with the package that she had she sent, we plan to write her a thank you letter, saying how pleased everyone was with this fantastic parcel.

Written by Rachel Jimenez

## A Time to Play...

This section of the Review has been about how we can work together to develop the children's communication skills. One of the key parts of communication is how good we are at speaking and listening.

Understanding is key to this and this week's activity is linked to how well the children listen to what they are being told and the questions that they might ask as a result.

### Riddles

Tell riddles and see if your child can guess the answer:

- It's an animal, it has stripes, it's black and white...
- It's a food, it's round, it's crunchy, it grows on trees, it begins with "a"
- You use it to eat with, it has a round bit at the end, you can stir your tea with it...
- You can use one of these if you make a mistake, they don't work on pen, it starts with "r"
- You can watch this, you can play it, you need a ball and you score goals...

## PE KIT

During the colder months of the year, PE lessons do still take place outside. So that the children are prepared for this, they should have navy tracksuit trousers in school in addition to their navy shorts. A navy jumper is suggested for outdoor sessions so that the children do not need to wear their school jumpers outside. Years 2 to 6 require trainers for outdoor sessions, as well as plimsolls for indoor sessions, as they provide better support for the children on the playground and the field. Whilst Reception and Year 1 may go outside, they will not be using the field. All PE kit items can be bought from School Uniform Direct or from other local retailers.

## Gold Leaves

The children have enjoyed sharing their gold leaves with members of the school's Senior Leadership Team this week. We have had a focus this term on getting the children to explain their learning in class. We have all been really impressed with how confidently the children are able to explain what it was that helped them get to 'Gold'. Well done to them all and keep up the hard work!

Faye Wood	Emily Hillman	Jack Shanks
Bartosz Szczesny	Najuma Sulfikhar	Aaliyah Ghazaleh
Jason Nshii	Krithin Jaichandran	Archie Tewari
Zara Rahman	Jude Dickinson	Filip Kowalewski
Madeleine Langdon	Thomas Bower	Isobelle Nesbitt
Alex Lawrence-Pablos	Brooke Lara-Yeoman	Harshitha Uppuluri
Isabelle Allen	Jessica Dallas	Akhil Kandlagunta
Jax Evans	Prisha Chinthala	Lucy Macdonald
Mason Barham	Matthew Pocock	Ethan Ratcliff
Jack Bowles	Cameron Morgan	Pranav Yoganand
Callum Jones	Chloe Howell	Alica Rogerson
Adi Theyakhil	Richie Stevens	Ryaan Rahman
Rasena Begam	Ben Musial	Samuel Field

Enjoy your weekend

**Paul Grimwood**  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for the diary...

### SPRING TERM 2017

Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Yrs 5/6 Indoor Athletic Competition Spelthorne Leisure Centre 9.30am</b>
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Phonics Information meetings 2.30pm or 6.00pm.
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Boys Football Match V Laleham AT HOME 3.30pm</b>
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 1 visit to St Peters Church
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Key Stage 2 Assessments Parents Meeting 2:15-2:45 and 6:30-7:00
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY 2
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Living Eggs Nursery and Reception
Wk 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	English Curriculum Week
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Poet visit further details to follow
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Poet visit further details to follow
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair further details to follow

Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 5 Residential to PGL
Wk Beg 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Stay, Play & Learn sessions for Nursery parents times TBC
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Pedals Yr 2
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations 1.30 – 5.00pm
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mobile Farm visit to Nursery
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations 5.00 – 8.00pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Yr 1 visit The Living Rainforest
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21st Mar	Bikeability Level 1 Yr 5
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Reception Visit Woolley Firs
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Reception Visit Woolley Firs
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Clubs finish
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	FACT Day Year 5
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Yr 2 visit RHS Garden Wisley
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Music Festival Year 2 further details to follow
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Music Festival Year 2 further details to follow
Fri 31st Mar	End of term 1.30pm KGB 1.45pm Nursery 1.40pm PAB

## SUMMER TERM 2017

Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Children and staff return to school
Wk beg 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Special Grown Up Assembly Day TBC
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Clubs begin
Wk beg 8 <sup>th</sup> May	End of KS2 Assessments
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential Bushcraft
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

## Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half Term

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children and staff return to school
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 visit River and Rowing Museum
Wk beg 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Wider Curriculum Week
Wk beg 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Trip Ultimate Adventure Centre Bideford
June	Stay, Play & Learn sessions for Nursery parents times TBC Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day (Yrs R – 6)
Wk beg 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability (TBC)
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (Nursery)
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Move Up Day (TBC)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Clubs finish
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children 1.30pm KGB 1.45pm Nursery 1.40pm PAB
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY 3
Thurs 20th July	INSET DAY 4
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET DAY 5



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## **BUILDING ASPIRING YOUNG MINDS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Dear Parents

A group of Year 5 children from across all three Lumen Learning Trust schools are currently taking part in a special project. This project is called **Building Aspiring Young Minds** and is being piloted with Stride Ventures who have successfully worked with our Year 6 children in the past. At the end of the programme the whole of Year 5 from Riverbridge will be attending their very first Careers Fair to be held at Echelford Primary School in Ashford. This will, I am sure, be a great opportunity for children to think about their future, and to find out about some of the jobs that await them.

As part of this programme, we will be inviting people representing six different jobs to attend the Careers Fair to be quizzed by the children about their work. If you are interested in taking part, and would be available on the afternoon of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017, then please send an email to [elena@stride.ventures](mailto:elena@stride.ventures) to find out more.

Thank you very much in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Grimwood  
Headteacher

