



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring term

Week 6

9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

We are now officially half way through the school year and it is a good time to reflect on the developments we have seen so far this year. The changes to the school lunchtimes are now almost 100% embedded. We are aware that there are still a few niggles that are being experienced by the children and the parents. These are all being addressed and hopefully will lead to everyone being happy with the new provision. The number of school lunches remains at a high of 450. This has been a change for the better!

Over the course of the year so far, we have offered a range of opportunities for parents to come into school and see more about how the children learn at Riverbridge. The Stay, Play and Learn mornings in Reception have been really well attended with a lot of positive feedback. For every event that is well attended, there will always be ones that are less popular. As I am typing this, there are only 4 parents from Year 6 present for the talk about End of Key Stage Assessments. There will be an additional session this evening (Thursday) so I am hopeful that the attendance will be significantly better later. All opportunities to work with you are helpful in getting the best outcomes for the children.

Feedback from parents has also been useful with regards to our theme around E-Safety this week. Some parents have identified other social media websites that can be great but also potentially cause problems. As I stressed to the children on Monday, the 'magic age' at which children are able to have their own accounts on Social Media is 13. I also said to the children that if they have set up their own account, they had not been truthful about their age and that if a parent or guardian had set up the account on a child's behalf then the parent is responsible for everything that occurs on that account. Parental concerns around the following sites have been shared with the school: Instagram, Facebook, Musical.ly. If you have any other worries that you feel should be shared please do so via the school office.

The next half term will be a busy one. We have parents' evenings, the Year 5 residential and an exciting English Curriculum week to look forward to. I am sure that there will be lots of positives to report.

## **Young Carer**

Is your child a young carer? If your child has a caring role for a parent, grandparent or sibling, there is emotional support available for them in school. Please contact the school office and one of the pastoral team will contact you about what support can be offered, either by school or by Surrey Young Carers.

## **Year 1 visit to St Peter's**

Year 1 visited St Peter's this week and as ever were a credit to the school. Evie Grimshaw from 1P reported that 'We went to St Peter's church and we saw stained glass windows, and they all tell stories.'

## **Football**

Riverbridge boys' football team hosted Laleham C of E on Friday. Straight from kick off, our boys were hungry for the ball. A few minutes in, we were 1-0 up with a great goal by Callum C. Moments

later we had a blocked shot which was followed up by Sam G to put us in a 2-0 convincing lead. After a few great challenges and saves, the first half ended 2-0. In the second half, Laleham 'upped' their game to try and score. Eventually their goal came Riverbridge still leading 2-1. The rest of the half was exciting and well-fought by both teams but Laleham came out top by putting in a 'cheeky' second goal. After near misses at both ends and extra effort from both teams, the final result was 2-2.

Report by Adem Ryan-Sak

## Home Learning - Stamp Competition

This half term, every child across the school will be receiving the same home learning which asks them to design a Christmas stamp for 2017. Although December is a very long way off, we have chosen to enter a national competition, run by the Royal Mail, which will encourage children of all ages to get creative. The theme is 'What does the Christmas season mean to you?' and two lucky winners will have their designs made into one of Royal Mail's 1st or 2nd class Christmas stamps for 2017. All children from Reception to Year 6 will bring home an entry form for them to create their designs and a letter with more details. We look forward to seeing your ideas!

## Surrey Digital Awards 2017



The Lumen Learning Trust website has recently been confirmed as a finalist in the Surrey Digital Awards 2017 in the 'Website: School, Education or Charity' category. This nomination encompasses our Riverbridge school website as well as Saxon's and Echelford's and is a fabulous recognition of the recent development our websites have gone through to make them more responsive, user friendly and inclusive for our school communities. The winner will be announced on 9<sup>th</sup> March and we have our fingers crossed. In the meantime you can help in the Surrey Digital Awards People's Choice category. Every website which made the list of finalists in every category is eligible for public voting, which is open now and closes at 5pm on Friday 10 February. No sign-up is required so please just spare a few seconds to follow the link <http://woobox.com/v6jbsq>, scroll down the page until you see 'Lumen Learning Trust Academy', click on our name to highlight the box and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on 'Vote Now'. It really does only take 15 seconds and every vote counts!

## Polling day

Some advanced prior warning of a change to events later in the year.

As many of you will be aware, local government elections are due to take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. These are often held in spaces that are easily accessible to the local community and this year, the Park Avenue Base at Riverbridge has been chosen as the venue for a polling station. Whilst Park Avenue will be closed on the day, our Year 6 children will attend school as normal. This decision has been taken so that the preparations for their End of Key Stage Assessments will not be disturbed. Upon careful consideration we have decided that the Knowle Green Base will also be closed. This should hopefully prove to be less disruptive than having a partial closure to the school.

This will also be an opportunity for additional staff training to take place.

## Online Forms

As part of our website improvements we now have the facility to enable parents to complete forms electronically. To begin with the Change of Contact form is now live and can be completed using a phone, tablet or PC. Responses are immediately forwarded to our office team who are able to make the necessary amendments, without the need to fill in a paper form. The link is saved on our website under Forms and accessed by clicking on the left hand blue menu or there is a direct link [here](#). We will be adding other forms including Medication Request and Leave of Absence shortly.

## World Book Day

Our English Curriculum week begins on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February and there will be some exciting events taking place during the week. The focus for this year is poetry. We are looking forward to parents attending our parent workshops on the Monday when you will get the opportunity to read with the

children in the classroom. There will also be Scholastic Book Fairs and our catering team will be offering a special lunch one day which will include 'Gruffalo Pie'. World Book Day will be celebrated on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, when children will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Please see attached letter for further details.

### Living Eggs

The children in our Nursery and Reception classes will be learning about 'New Life' next term. On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 'Living Eggs' will be delivered and the children will have a wonderful 10 day experience with the opportunity to see chicks hatching at first hand. We would like to thank the PTA for funding this really enjoyable activity.

### A Time to Talk

The activity for the half term holiday is as follows:

#### Jabber Jabber

Think of a sentence for the following words, but replace the words with jabber jabber.

Can your child guess the word?

**Hat** - you wear a jabber jabber on your head

**Cook** – I like to jabber jabber my dinner

**School** – I love coming to jabber jabber

**Swing** – the jabber jabber is my favourite thing in the park

**Swim** – my friend Joe can jabber jabber like a fish

It is clear that some of the answers could be different. This is fine – there could even be a further discussion as to why some answers work and some do not.

### Gold Leaves

Despite the short week, there have been a number of very proud children who have managed to reach gold this week. Their ability to share how they have achieved this accolade has been great to hear. Keep it up!

Rhiannon Carolan

Billy Field

Tyler James

Nithilla Parameswaran

Nana Yaw Amoake Asare

Atanas Harizanov

Cameron Syme

Madison Hart

Wilson Parsons

Summer Upfold

James Shaw

Aditya Vinod

Honey-Ray Hamilton

Vladimir Zmeu

Sam Gasiorowski

Raina Nagoor Meeran

Malakai Palmason

Veerkarthik Kumaran

Youssef Buhdeima

Eesha Gill

Reynolds Twumasi

Jay Dodkins

Arya Suriamurthy

Riley Cato Smartt

Harry Rainbow

Harry Burr

Bela Thomas

Enjoy the half term break. See you all again on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February!

**Paul Grimwood**  
**Headteacher**

### Dates for the diary...

#### SPRING TERM 2017

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

INSET DAY 2

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**      **Half Term**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

Living Eggs Nursery and Reception

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Story Sack drop in session 6-7pm KGB

Frid 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Story Sack drop in session 9-10am or 2-3pm KGB

**Wk 27<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**English Curriculum Week**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Poet visit Years 2-6**

Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Poet visit Nursery, Reception and Year 1
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair PAB 3.20-4pm
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair KGB 3-3.45pm
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day please note change of date
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair PAB 8-8.45am and 3.20-4pm
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair KGB 3-3.45pm
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> – 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 31 <sup>st</sup> 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
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Polling Day
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 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY 4
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET DAY 5



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9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents,

During the week beginning the 27<sup>th</sup> February, the school will be holding English Curriculum week focusing on poetry. Several events have been arranged throughout the week and World Book day will also be celebrated on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – On Monday we will be holding parent workshops focusing on supporting your child with reading at home. These will be followed by an opportunity to put what you learn into practise in the classroom.

The workshops will be held at Park Avenue Base from 9-9.30am and Knowle Green Base from 2-2.30pm. Parents can attend the workshop at either base and then walk between bases to go into the classroom to work with their child for approximately 20 minutes. An evening workshop will take place from 6-6.30pm at Park Avenue Base, there will then be a bedtime reading session in the hall where you can read with your child. The PTA will be providing refreshments at the workshops.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Throughout the day we will take the children to visit the Scholastic book sale to have a look at the books that are available for them to buy later in the week. The children will be given a £1 world book day voucher that can be put towards any book purchases at the book sale on Wednesday or Friday.

Children in Years 2-6 will have a visit from the poet Cheryl Moskowitz, where she will be performing some of her poems and discuss the process of writing poetry with the children.

ABM have also agreed to cook a special lunch at both bases to celebrate which will include 'Gruffalo Pie'. More details will follow.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will have a visit from the poet Cheryl Moskowitz, where she will be performing some of her poems with the children.

A Scholastic Book sale will be held at Park Avenue Base, from 3:20pm - 4pm, and Knowle Green Base, from 3:00pm-3:45pm. We will be sending leaflets home shortly giving more information on this.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – The children will be carrying out some exciting poetry activities in their classrooms, involving reading, writing and performing poetry.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day** – children are invited to dress up in their favourite book character and bring their book along to school. There is a World Book Day website which you can look at to find out more



information [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com). We would very much like the children to be creative as they can be and there will be a prize for the most imaginative costume in each year group!

At 8:00am, the Scholastic Book sale will be open again in the Park Avenue Base hall until 8:45am. It will then reopen at the end of the day at Park Avenue Base, from 3:20pm - 4pm and Knowle Green Base, from 3:00pm-3:45pm for any final book purchases.

Throughout the week there will be exciting activities planned for including older children reading with younger children and poetry writing and performing activities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Read". The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

**Miss L Read**  
***English Subject Leader***



Welcome back to the second Riverbridge School Council Newsletter.

We have been discussing lots of positive things we have seen and been involved with this half term and would like to share these with you.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter!

### Afterschool clubs

Kayleigh recommends that, "you sign up for the clubs because they are a lot of fun!"

Girls football– We have had a lot of talk about the girls football club. It seems that this is a great success and the girls are really enjoying playing football. Ellee said, "It is a very good club. Our teacher Mr Boyd is very funny and he teaches us well." Farah said, "he teaches us cool football skills and Mr Boyd is a great footballer."

### School Dinners

There has been a lot of discussion around school dinners and what we think of the new system. Overall we are much happier with the school dinners as we get a choice of what we would like to eat. We like that we can have a choice of either two hot meals, a jacket potato or the deli bar. We have seen an increase on the number of children having a school dinner which is a good sign that this is an improvement on the old dinners.

#### Daniel's Review on School Dinners

"We are so lucky to have choices for our lunches every day. The new school dinners have made people move from packed lunch to school dinner and that is a big success because school dinners are healthy."

### Tallulah's Review- The Sticky Note Story Map

Tallulah's class made a sticky note story map. They wrote what happened at different parts of the story on post it notes and put them together to make a story map. "This represents what happened in the story so far and we can use it when we get stuck." What a great idea from 4C!

### E-Safety

We have been learning about E-safety this week and we have some tips for you on how to stay safe whilst using the computer:

- If you are chatting to someone online, never give them any personal details
- If anyone is rude online, block them and report them to an adult
- Use the SMART rules which can be found on <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/beingsmart/>
- If you are unsure about a new website, ask an adult to check it out for you
- Make sure you are accessing things that are age appropriate

Thank you for reading our newsletter. This newsletter is written by the school council:

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