



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Summer term

Week 7

16th June 2017

This week has been 'Wider Curriculum Week' at Riverbridge. This has had a theme of ecology across the school and the children have been keen to share with me their learning. An 'Eco-Week' is important for the children to experience as they have an opportunity to learn about the world and what can be done to preserve it. The learning has been varied and has included debates on whether to stay in the Paris Accord, experiments that show how ice melts differently when in water or on land and the creation of recycling superheroes made out of various plastic containers. The 'buzz' has been really positive across the school and I hope that many of you were able to come into the children's classrooms this afternoon to see the learning that has taken place. Thank you to all the staff for their creativity and particular 'well done' to both Miss Friend and Miss Cross who over-saw the whole week.

Last night we welcomed the parents of the new reception children who will be starting in September. It was a well-attended and positive meeting and the new parents left feeling excited about the start of their child's education with Riverbridge. It was good to have Matthew Armsby (joint chair of the PTA) in attendance and he was able to share the PTA's great work that happens on behalf of the children. He also invited our new parents to come along and enjoy the fun of our Summer Fair, which you all know takes place on Thursday 29th June. I know that there are many jobs that need doing so please do make sure that you volunteer if you can. Whether you help on the day or attend the event, we are all looking forward to seeing you on the afternoon.

There has been a final rush of completed parent questionnaires in the past few days. Please do make sure that you have taken the opportunity to share your thoughts about the school. Without feedback, positive or negative, the school cannot grow and adapt. You can help us [here!](#)

A recent addition to the different activities that we offer at Riverbridge is the exciting Lumen Learning Trust Summer Camp. I have heard that there have been 60 children signed up in less than a week. The demand is so high that the places offered will be increased to 100. I hope that many of you will be taking advantage of this great opportunity.

Finally, although there are still over 4 weeks of term left, we are already planning for September. As many of you are aware and have been informed before, there is a shortage of teachers both nationally and in Surrey. Recruitment is a real challenge for all schools but we are in the fortunate position to be fully staffed for September. There will be further details shared around those members of staff who are moving on to pastures new and also those who will be joining us in a later Review. One addition that is central to the school is that of a new Deputy Headteacher. We have been very fortunate to secure Mrs Sian McCarthy to this role. She joins us from Saxon Primary and has many years experience in a range of different year groups and roles. She is a highly regarded, experienced school leader and I am looking forward to welcoming her in the coming weeks as she 'pops in' to get to know the school better. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming her into the Riverbridge family and to having the opportunity to meet her more formally in September.

Lumen Summer Camp 2017

Whole School

Support for our first ever Lumen Summer Camp has been incredible. All provisional places were fully booked within the first 10 days of being made available and we very much look forward to welcoming your children at the end of July. Due to the unprecedented demand we will be offering an additional 40 spaces on a first come, first served basis. Please visit our Lumen Learning Trust website and click on 'About Us' to find all information regarding the Summer Camp as well as our Provisional Booking Form which you will need to complete to reserve a place for your child. Please note that our free minibus pick up and drop off service from our Saxon and Riverbridge schools is now fully booked.

Houses

Years R-6

Your children should all have received their new houses slip this week. If there are any issues or anomalies please speak to the office who will be very happy to help. As the children in Nursery are only part time they are not allocated a house until they join us in school.

Eco

Whole School

This week has been wider curriculum week at school. A huge thank you to all of the staff who have worked so enthusiastically to make this week a success. Please find a special addition, all about eco week at the end of the newsletter.

In addition, a big congratulations to three of our children who entered Spelthorne's recycling competition and won prizes. Anik Singh and Alicia Rogerson were both runners up in the competition and fantastically we also had the winner, Sia Singh. Congratulations to all three children, I can't wait to attend the prize giving!
Miss Friend

Stay Play Learn

Nursery

During the week of the 26th June we will be inviting parents to come into the Nursery for our Stay, Play and Learn sessions. Hedgehogs are invited on Monday 26th June and Tuesday 27th Jun, 8:45am - 9:45am. Rabbits on Thursday 29th June and Friday 30th June, 8:45am-9:45am.

This is a great time for you to see your children in the nursery environment and participate in some fun activities. Unfortunately as the Stay, Play and Learn sessions are very popular and always busy, we must limit how many parents can attend so we ask for one parent per child only please.

Sign up sheets have been placed on the parent board, please can you sign to confirm your space. We look forward to welcoming you into the Nursery soon.

Clubs on 29th June

As we have the PTA event on Thursday 29th June we have arranged for Year 2 and 3 football club to take place on Wednesday 28th at Park Avenue. Rounders will take place as usual on Thursday but at Knowle Green Base. The children will be walked round by staff, but should be collected from Knowle Green. If you have any queries please speak to the school office.

Outside Achievements

Whole School

Anik Singh of 4C has been selected to represent Team Spelthorne in Squash U10 Mixed at the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games on 17 June . The competition takes place at Surrey Sports Park, Guildford over this weekend. He will be joined in the team by Nandita Jena (4G) who has also been selected.

Maths Challenge

Year 6

"Last Friday, we, Kitty Langdon, Rachel Jimenez, Aditya Vinod and Ilhan Aktas, went to Chennestone School to compete in an exciting mathematical quiz. We competed against 15 other schools and we had to complete different quizzes. We did a treasure hunt using our coordinate skills, hexagon puzzles using our shape knowledge and shuttle runs where we had to answer algebraic questions. It was really fun and was made even better by the fact that we **won!**" Aditya Vinod and Ilhan Aktas 6S

PTA

Whole School

The last planning meeting for this academic year will be on Thursday 22nd June at PAB from 6.30 pm, please come along.

'From time to time' plans are gathering pace and it really does look set to be a very exciting evening, hopefully the weather will be kind. As ever we still need more volunteers, so please talk to the school office, the class PTA rep or email pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk Please do give up just a little bit of your time, the stalls are always great fun to run!

A Time to Talk**Whole School**

At this morning's celebration assembly at KGB we talked about recycling. I asked the children about this and how many knew if they recycled at home. I understand that there will not be many 4 year olds that can talk about this subject but it did inspire this week's 'Time to Think, Talk and Do'

Spend time this weekend thinking about what things you do recycle. What else could be recycled and what could even be reused.

Encourage your child to understand the different things that get thrown away and perhaps set them the challenge of being your household's 'Eco-Warrior'

I am sure that they will really enjoy doing their part in saving the environment.

Gold Leaves**Whole School**

This has been an interesting week and the children who have received gold leaves and rainbow awards were as keen as ever to share why and how they got their accolades. The following children have demonstrated really positive learning behaviours this week. Keep it up!

Bethany Cleaver	Teo Hobjila	Samuel Armsby
Farah Benlakehal	Ellee Hillier	Binak Shala
Novanya Khubchandani	Daniel White	Alana O'Connor
Alex Westwood	Nadia Swierczynska	Blake Wrankmore
Amber Ghazaleh	Jessica Hall	Yadavi Kumaran
Dylan McGlone	Aaron Foskett Gonzalez	Max Crossland
Sam Doherty	Charlie Buttigieg	Cooper Stevens
Georgia Williams	Prisha Chinthala	Ethan Pyle
Willow Sperling	Akkshara Anujan	Kate Rana Magar
Hayden Quiney	Shannon Kennedy	

Rainbow Awards**Nursery**

Dominik Banach	Madeleine Woodward	Siddharth Nithya Prabhu
Bella Smith	Reyan Al-Shawa	Chloe Stott
Aarya Rapariya	Ema Matusak Goncalves	

I hope that you all enjoy a peaceful weekend

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...**SUMMER TERM 2017****Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June Half Term**

Weds 21 st June	Sports Day (Yrs R – 6)
Thurs 22 nd June	PTA Meeting 6.30pm at PAB
Fri 23 rd June	MUFTI DAY-please bring a bottle
Wk beg 26 th June	Stay, Play & Learn sessions for Nursery parents times TBC
Wk. beg 26 th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 27 th June	E safety Summer Workshop 1.30-2.30 KGB hall 6.30-7.30 PAB Hall
Weds 28 th June	Sports Day (Nursery)
Thurs 29 th June	PTA Summer Event 'From Time to Time' @ Park Avenue from 3.30 onwards.
Fri 30 th June	More able visit to Matthew Arnold-more details to follow
Tues 4 th July	Move Up Day (TBC)
Thurs 6 th July	Bags for schools collection
Thurs 6 th July	Author visit to Yrs 5 & 6
Fri 7 th July	Author visit to Yrs 3 & 4
Fri 7 th July	Clubs finish

Tues 11 th July	PTA DISCO Nursery & Reception 3.00-4.00pm KGB Please note change of time
Tues 11 th July	PTA DISCO Yrs 1,2 & 3 PAB 6-7.30pm
Weds 12 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Performance Change of date
Thurs 13 th July	PTA DISCO Yrs 4,5 & 6 PAB 6-7.30pm
Fri 14 th July	District Sports 9am-12 Noon
Mon 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tues 18 th July	End of term for children-Please note change of times 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB
Weds 19 th July	INSET DAY 3
Thurs 20 th July	INSET DAY 4
Fri 21 st July	INSET DAY 5
Mon 31 st July- Fri 11 th August	Lumen Summer Fun

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Friday 1 st Sept	INSET DAY 1
Mon 4 th Sept	Children return to school (Years 1-6) Nursery children(remaining in Nursery) return to school

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th

Oct	Half Term
Monday 30 th Oct	Children return to school
Thursday 21 st Dec	End of term for children- 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB

SPRING TERM 2018

Thursday 4 th Jan	Children return to school
Fri 9 th Feb	INSET Day 2

Mon 12th - Fri 16th

Feb	Half Term
Mon 19 th Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 29 th Mar	End of term for children- 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB

SUMMER TERM 2018

Mon 16 th Apr	Children return to school
Mon 28 th May - Fri 1 st June	Half Term
Mon 4 th June	Children return to school
Tues 17 th July	End of term for children- 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB
Wed 18 th July	INSET Day 3
Thurs 19 th July	INSET Day 4
Friday 20 th July	INSET Day 5

Eco Week

This week has been a very exciting wider curriculum week at Riverbridge. The theme for the week has been 'eco' and each year group was given a theme to focus on. This learning will help us as we set up a new eco committee at school and aim to get our eco schools awards! Alongside each year group's learning, we all got to participate in a Junk Percussion Workshop, and 'visit' Tesco's to explore sustainability.

Junk Percussion Workshop

Finally, the children got to use their homemade, recycled instruments this week as the Junk Percussion visited Riverbridge.

"I enjoyed it because it was really fun and very loud! I would love to do it again!" Jessica Hall, 3C

"The Junk Percussion workshop was amazing because it showed how we could use junk as instruments. I loved Alex's enthusiasm to recycling and making the instruments." Gracie Cornwell, 5F.

Tesco Sustainability Workshop

A huge thank you to Tesco in Ashford who have been at Riverbridge all this week, running workshops with every class. The children were given the opportunity to 'shop' different products and spot which logos they could find on the packaging and what they meant. We were pleased to see so many products had the recycling logo on as well as others that promote sustainability.

"My favourite part in the Tesco workshop was the food tasting. We were able to try lots of different chocolate and fresh bananas - we had to open them like a monkey! We also tried chocolate without milk or sugar. There are two logos that help the rainforest and their animals we learnt about them so that we could look for them in the shops." Drew Passingham, 4C.

What we thought!

"We have been learning how to look after the things around us. We made instruments out of recycling. We played them with all of the school. We had a shopping basket and put boxes you can recycle in. We tested out different chocolate." Lucy, Benjamin, Bobby and Daisy, RSh,

"We have learnt about Polar Bears and how to save them. A real life Polar Bear came to see us and hid in the cupboard!" Brooke Lara-Yeoman, 2H.

"This week we have learnt about water energy. We know that dams can be dangerous even though they may help us with our lives. We also wrote a letter to people in Staines to try and get them to support Water Aid." Martha, 4L

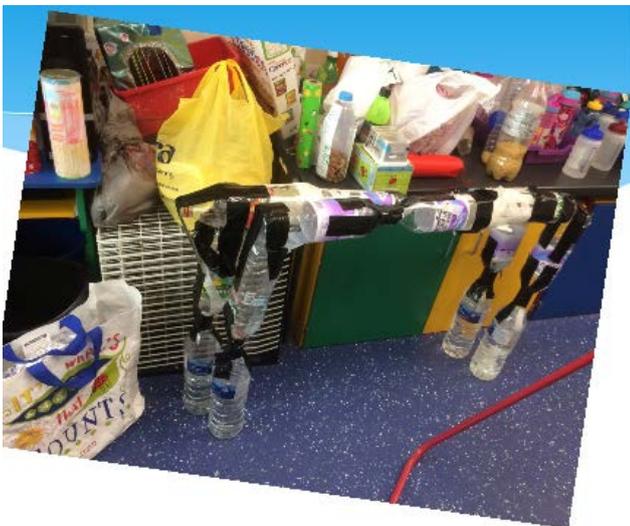
"I enjoyed when we were making our own wind turbines. We learnt that the faster the blades spin, the more electricity is made. This is good because we can use these ideas to make renewable energy instead of burning fossil fuels and polluting the environment, contributing to climate change." Rose Platt, 5O.



When we worked with the staff from Tesco, we went shopping and explored food packaging. We learnt which logos showed that the packaging was helping sustainability.



Year 2 created some amazing animal habitats by recycling their shoeboxes!



Year 1 have been focusing on recycling. We made some amazing creatures out of recycled materials!



Year 3 used their orienteering skills to go on a banana hunt!

Family Support Co-ordinator 18 hours per week

Salary £10,452



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for families

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Home-Start Spelthorne is a voluntary organisation committed to promoting the welfare of families with at least one child under five years of age. Volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to families in their own homes, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown.

We are seeking to recruit a Family Support Co-ordinator (who will be responsible to the Family Support Manager), to recruit, train, supervise and support a team of volunteers and to assist in all aspects of Home-Start's work. A Good standard of education (GCSE, NVQ level 3 or equivalent), parenting experience together with sensitivity, excellent communication skills are essential. Use of your own car (expenses paid) is required. An enhanced disclosure check will be needed. You should understand and be committed to the role of the voluntary sector and be able to work on your own initiative in a challenging environment.

Closing date for applications - 27th June 2017

Interviews- 13th/14th July 2017

For more information/application pack please contact the Home-Start Spelthorne office or access an application pack via our website. Please note we do not accept CVs.

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