



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Summer term

Week 2

28th April 2017

This has been an interesting week with a lot of different and varied events filling it. I started the week by introducing a new topic at the assemblies at KGB and PAB. We talked about how we can show our appreciation of each other both at home and at school. We talked about how performing 'Random Acts of Kindness' can really show how grateful we are of the adults (and friends) in our lives. Throughout the week, staff have started sharing 'Kindness Cards' with certain children. If you have seen one of these, make sure that you find out what 'Act of Kindness' your child completed and also ask them how this shows that they care for others.

On Wednesday and Friday, our Infant children were able to show how special the grown-ups in their lives are. The Special Grown Up Assembly was a treat but even better was the time that was then spent in class creating a portrait of their visitors. There has been some really positive feedback from this which Mrs. Talkington has shared below. One that I really noticed was: 'The children were happy' and the event was 'very friendly'. Feedback is, as I have said before, a positive thing for a school and, in next week's Riverbridge review, there will be details of the annual Parent Questionnaire which we would like you to complete.

I have also been showing around some prospective parents to the school and I am always so proud to be able to go into any classroom in the school and see positive learning taking place.

Yesterday a group of Year 5 children took part in a debate on tourism. All of the children spoke with real clarity and passion and the audience of children from Year 3 to Year 5 listened intently to the different arguments that they heard both for and against. I was so impressed with all of the children and, as I said to the children themselves, I could see some politicians of the future speaking. Mrs. Quinn, who arranged the event and has been teaching debating skills to the children was rightly proud of the efforts of the following children: Sian Wreford, Ellie Hillier, Novanya Khubchandani and Samuel Doherty who were the speakers for the proposition and Morgan Thomas, Lily Pocock, Khushal Zakka and Izaak Yeoman who spoke for the opposition.

There is more information about this event attached to the end of this week's Review. This is a new section that will appear most weeks and will be in the form of a 'Year Group Newsletter'. I hope that these will help you get a sense of what is happening across the school from the perspective of the children and staff. This may include information from staff, photographs, children's work or reviews from the pupils themselves. The Year groups will appear at random and I hope that you will all scroll down in anticipation to see if your child's year group appears each week!

Special Grown Ups Assembly

Reception and Key Stage 1

Special Grown Ups assembly was a great success this week for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children. All the children were happy to see their special grown ups in school and take the opportunity to share some time with them in their classrooms. Thank you to all of you that attended, making it an occasion to remember and a special thank you to those parents who took the time to fill in parent comment cards. The comments are much appreciated by staff and it shows us how much you appreciate the opportunity to share in your child's

learning.

The following write up is by Lucy Tate in RSh. *'We went into the hall and we sang songs. After we did are singing we went back into are classrooms with our grown ups and we made some speshul pichurse of are family. And then the perents went home with are pichurse.'*

Pranav Yoganand in 1L shares his experience below. *'First we came in the door a we put everything away then we got are picture frames and put them on are tables and we got a book to go with them we went on the carpet and then we gone to the hall and sat down on the floor and then we sang are song then we sang are poem then it was year twos turn then we sang another song and the year twos sang another song and then year one went back to there class and then year two went back to there base and then we shared a secret for our parents and drewed them then they gone to work.'*

Cake Sale

Whole School

It was great to see the number of parents and children that came to support the charity cake sale at PAB after school on Thursday. These events are always quite heart-warming and make us all feel proud of the efforts that the children make. I would like to say a big thank you to Daisy Weare and her group of friends (and all the parents who helped too) for helping to raise £245 for charity. You can all pat yourself on the back!

I am sure that the success of this event will stir others into action. To be clear (and fair) it is not appropriate to run charity events too often and things like cake sales will probably take place half termly at the very most. To also clarify, there are no criteria currently in place as to how we choose different events of this nature. We will be considering what processes we will need to put in place to ensure equity for all children in due course.

PAB Trim Trail

PAB

Please be advised that the Trim Trail is not to be used by the children at the end of the day. If children do use this, please remember that they should be supervised at all times and that the children are parent's responsibility at all times.

I thank you in advance for you support in this matter.

PTA

Whole School

The winner of the April PTA Lottery Draw is No 39 – Yasmin Pocock (Lily 5R & Matthew 1P) has won £27.50 - Congratulations!

Sports

Key Stage 2

Swimming Gala 2017

On the 26th of April an exciting event took place at Spelthorne Leisure Centre – the annual school swimming gala! Last year we came a very close second behind Our Lady of the Rosary by three points! 2017 was our year to seek revenge! 32 children, from years 3-6, competed this year against three other schools: Laleham, Staines Prep and Our Lady. A variety of the Riverbridge children won their individual races, receiving medals. We are a very supportive school – constantly cheering on all our peers. It was a great experience. Years 6 and 3 came first in their age group. Overall, we managed to redeem a great 1st place win! By Sophie Salem and Emma Robinson

B team football report

On Friday 21st April, the boys' B team football team had a tournament at Buckland. In our first match we played Buckland and lost 1-0. The second match we played Springfield and unfortunately lost 1-0 again [unlucky deflection]. The team were getting into their stride by the third game and we beat Ashford Park 1-0. (Reynolds accidentally took out another player in this match.) We reached the 5th/6th play offs where we eventually lost to Chennestone 3-1. 6th out of 8 isn't bad, seeing as we had never played together before.

By Jake & Caiden

Clubs

Whole School

Clubs have all started this week and the children seem to be relishing their enrichment activities. If you have not yet done so please arrange payment online by Tuesday.

Pastoral Team Coffee Morning

Whole School

The Pastoral team are running a coffee morning for all parents on 17th May at Knowle Green base, please do pop in and see us.

A Time to Talk

Whole School

This week we have had a focus on how to be kind. Some children across the school have started to receive 'Kindness Cards' when they have been seen (or heard) doing something kind. These 'Random Acts of Kindness' have been great to see and this has inspired this week's 'Time to Talk'

'I think you are kind because...'

Talk to each other at home and tell people what things they do that make them kind. Make sure that you talk about what people do that you are grateful for.

E.g. 'I think you are really kind because you make me lovely dinners. I am so grateful that you always try to cook me things that I like'

Gold Leaves

Whole School

I have seen a number of very proud children this week who have been really proud to share their Gold Leaves (and Gold Stickers) with me. I am always impressed at how clear the children can explain how and why they got their gold leaves. I hope that you have experienced this at home too.

A very big 'Well Done' goes to the following children:

Max Bartlett	Lily-Mae Allen	Alfie Garnett-Jenkins
Caisie Cayley	Lucy Macdonald	Sofia Peck
James Ballard	Jessica Cleaver	Nancy Woodward
Joshua Russell-Wood	Jessica Jennings	Jack Riley-Fowler
Arya Suriamurthy	Ben Farrell	Aaron Kaldenhoven-Jones
Heidi Staff	Tsetsi Stanchev	Kali Verheyen
Rory Graham	Sienna Jogoo	Ela Erden
Lief Sperling	Sophia McAllister	Maddie Thomson
Leyton Farrelly	Kavya Deliwala	Zachary Potts
Abigail Miles	Jack Felce	Faye Wood
Erin Millar	Kiran Phagora	Jacob Alexander
Phoebe Beattie		

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

Having spoken to Miss Bancroft who leads the Nursery, we realised that many of our Nursery children were missing out on seeing their name in the Review!

Whilst the behaviour system used in the Nursery is similar to the rest of the school, instead of 'Gold Leaves', they end up 'On the Rainbow'!

Each week their names will feature and, as ever, they can be rightly congratulated for their efforts!

Darcey Adkins	Mara Hobjila	Sree Vausdha Vandanapu
Maciej Kosiorek	Margarida Nunes	Ilas Ure
Leah Beechey	Ema Matusak Goncalves	Hudson-James Mulvaney
Leticia Lopes	Amrit Aravind	Mylee Brunton
Valentina Tocha	Danielle Hocking	

Community Events

Whole School

We have attached a flyer from Staines Hockey Club with details of coaching that they offer.

If any of your children were inspired by watching the London marathon at the weekend, this might be of interest:

Spelthorne Borough Council have recently supported the set-up of a Junior Parkrun in Laleham Park. Laleham Junior Parkrun is a weekly timed 2k run for juniors aged 4 – 14. It is held every Sunday morning at 9am and participation is free. For more information or to register for your first run please visit <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/laleham-juniors/>

Information

Whole School

The following has been shared by the local Confederation of Schools (Spelthorne Schools Together)

The Family Holiday Association is the only national charity dedicated to providing UK seaside holidays and day trips to disadvantaged families. Please follow the link below to their website.

<https://www.familyholidayassociation.org.uk/>

Families on low income may be able to apply for funding to support educational activities (among other things that are needed).

Below is a link to the Surrey County Council Website Family Information Service following a search for organisations offering financial help to families in Surrey: (this has been included in our [Useful Links Web Page](#))

<http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/family-information-service/family-finances/organisations-offering-financial-help-to-families>

Wishing you all a restful long weekend. See you all again on Tuesday 2nd May!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

SUMMER TERM 2017

Thurs 4th May Polling Day-Year 6 in school-including boosters

Fri 5th May Class Photos

Fri 5th May Boys Football v Echelford

Wk beg 8th May End of KS2 Assessments

Mon 8th May Hedgehogs Class Photos

Weds 17th May Pastoral Team Coffee Morning

Thurs 18th-Fri 19th May Year 4 Residential Bushcraft

Weds 24th May Yr 3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June Half Term

Mon 5th June Children and staff return to school

Tues 6th June Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00

Weds 7th June Stay, Play & Learn session for Reception parents 9.00

Weds 7th June Year 5 trip River and Rowing Museum

Thurs 8th June School closed- Polling Day

Wk beg 12th June Wider Curriculum Week

Year 6 Residential Trip Ultimate Adventure Centre Bideford

Weds 21st June Sports Day (Yrs R – 6)

Wk beg 26th June Stay, Play & Learn sessions for Nursery parents times TBC

June

Wk beg 26th June Year 6 Bikeability (TBC)

Weds 28th June Sports Day (Nursery)

Thurs 29th June PTA Summer Event – details to follow

Fri 30th June More able visit to Matthew Arnold-more details to follow

Tues 4th July Move Up Day (TBC)

Fri 7th July Clubs finish

Tues 11th July PTA DISCO Nursery & Reception 3.00-4.00pm KGB Please note change of time

Tues 11th July PTA DISCO Yrs 1,2 & 3 PAB 6-7.30pm

Weds 12th July Year 6 Leavers' Performance Change of date

Thurs 13th July PTA DISCO Yrs 4,5 & 6 PAB 6-7.30pm

Mon 17th July Year 6 Leavers' Party

Tues 18th July End of term for children-Please note change of times 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB

Weds 19th July INSET DAY 3

Thurs 20th July INSET DAY 4

Fri 21st July INSET DAY 5

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Friday 1st Sept INSET DAY 1

Mon 4th Sept Children return to school (Years 1-6)

Year 5 News

Debating



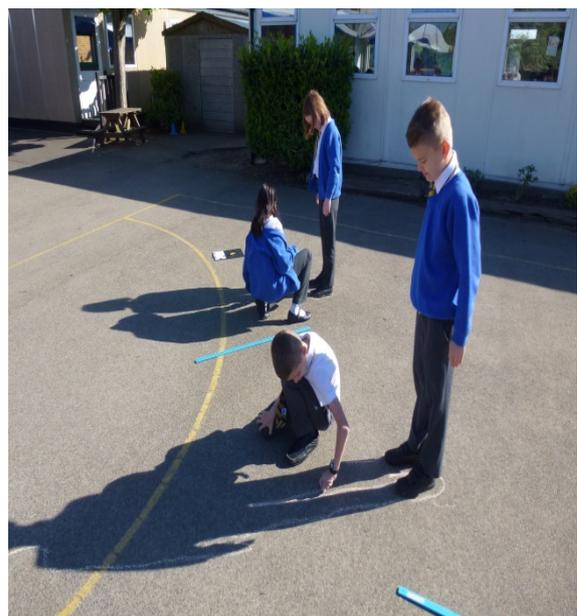
Over the Spring term, year 5 worked with Mrs Quinn on their debating skills. On Thursday the 27th April, we had the opportunity to show what we have learnt by holding a debate in front of years 3 and 4. The motion that we debated was, 'This house believes that tourism does more harm than good for developing countries.'

"It was a heart-racing experience. We were really nervous but we managed to debate really well and we had an amazing time. We enjoyed being able to debate in front of the school and we are very proud of ourselves and our team mates." Ellee Hillier & Sian

Science

This half term in Science we have been studying Earth and Space. This week we have been experimenting with our shadows. We measured our shadows throughout the day to see if they changed.

I found out that our shadows got smaller throughout the day because the Earth is rotating on its axis. It was really fun going out and measuring our shadows - Gracie Cornwell, 5F.





Free Junior Summer Hockey Coaching

School Years 3-4

Junior Hockey Sessions are open to all abilities with the emphasis on learning new skills, teamwork and most of all having fun!

Where: Staines Hockey Club

Worple Road, Staines. TW18 1HR

When: Tuesdays 5-6pm

May 2nd - June 27th

Excluding half term (May 30th)

No registration needed, simply turn up.

Note: Your child will need to bring Shin pads and a Gumshield.

If your child does not have a stick we have plenty that can be used.



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