



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 5

5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Last night saw the first PTA meeting of the year. It was a really positive experience and great to see the enthusiasm in the room. The turnout was the best yet (since I have been the Head anyway!) and it was also good to see 7 new faces from across the school.

We talked about the positives from last year. One real success was the PTA Summer Circus. The total raised was over £2100 which is an amazing amount!

We also talked about the other contributions that the PTA have made to the school. The list is a long one! Over the last 12 months, the PTA have supported a number of school trips across the school, purchased things for the library and helped financially contribute to some significant school developments. These include the Playpod at PAB and The Hidden Garden at KGB .



There was a lot of discussion about the PTA plans for the year ahead and how to get as many parents supporting the school as possible.

The PTA have some vacancies for class reps and will be seeking out volunteers to take on these roles. It is really satisfying to make a contribution to the school and I hope that there will be even more who put themselves forward this year.

We will need volunteers to help clear 'The Grove' of weeds at some point later in the term. Please keep a look out in future Reviews for further details.

We have had the first Open Days for the new Reception intake in 2019 this week. The prospective parents were impressed with the school and the children. They were interested to hear about the developments within the school and what we are doing to continue our improvement journey. Interestingly, many comments were made about the Playpod at PAB and there is more about this in a section below.



## Punctuality

KGB

It has been brought to my attention that there are a number of children arriving late at KGB each morning. Whilst I do appreciate that there are mornings when it can be difficult to get to school on time, it is important that positive routines are established. It is difficult being the child that is walked into school 15 or 20 minutes after everyone else. They miss vital input, the chance to settle into the day and also opportunities to socialise with their friends.

## Being Our Best

I have noticed that this issue is improving at PAB whilst the building works are taking place. KGB now needs to make an extra special effort to get to school on time! Many thanks in advance for your support in this matter

## Football

Years 5 and 6

On Thursday, the boys A team went to a football tournament at Bucklands Primary School. We played six games; winning most of our group stage games and making it to the final! We played St Michael's in the final and they scored a winning goal in the last minute of extra time. We were very proud to get second place.

George 6G & Ashton 6O



## Playpod

Whole School

As I am sure that you are aware our school has a Scrapstore PlayPod now, which creates a fantastic environment for your children to play in at lunchtimes and beyond.

Although this is regularly stocked six times a year by the Children's Scrapstore some things are very difficult for them to source, so we could really use your help to make the PlayPod even better. We call additional items that have been sent in from families "Golden Scrap".

Some examples of Golden Scrap (that children really love) are:

- Push chairs, or anything with wheels as these make great go karts for children to pull each other around in.
- Bags, briefcases and suitcases are extremely popular for pretend play. Please check all pockets are empty before donating.
- Dressing up clothes (including items of general adult clothing), masks, wigs and scarves as these add real play value, enabling children to do role play or perform shows etc. Please avoid child size clothing, as these are difficult to put on over school uniforms, and heavy woollen clothes as they are difficult to dry.
- Random items such as pots and pans, walking frames, old tool boxes or hoovers etc, create fantastic resources for the children to play with.
- Soft toys and large cushions are great for inside dens or creating "chill out" zones.

Please check with the school office if you think you may have something unusual or exciting that we could add to the PlayPod. We look forward to your donations.

## MacMillan

Whole School

As many of you will recall, last week we hosted a MacMillan coffee morning at KGB. This was organised by our excellent Home School Link Worker team: Lyn Lenton Clarke and Jane Hughes. It was a well-attended and very positive event that has helped to raise £200 for this important cause.

Well done and thank you to all those who attended and made donations. This is certainly an example of us 'being our best'!

## First Day at School Supplement

Reception

We are all looking forward to seeing our pupils from the Reception classes in this week's edition of Surrey Advertiser Series. It will be published in this Friday's edition.

## Outside Achievements

Whole School

Amy-Jules finished 4th in her first international gymnastics competition held in Budapest. Competing in the 11-16 category Amy-Jules trio came through a tough qualifying section on day 1, finishing 7th out of 15th after two routines. Day 2 and the scores were reset to zero. The girls put in another top display and just missed out on a medal, finishing 4th out of 8.



**Family Fun and Fireworks Friday 2nd November from 5.30pm****Whole School**

Saxon Primary School, Shepperton is celebrating 10 years of 'Family Fun and Fireworks!' We invite everyone from the local community to join us for another great evening. Tickets are £4 in advance (or £5 on the night) available from the school and also from the Co-op, Daines & Gray butchers, Bazely estate agents in Shepperton High Street and Best One newsagent.

Saxon Primary School, Briar Road, Shepperton TW17 0JB

**Christmas Celebrations****Whole School**

It won't be long until we are thinking about preparing for our school Christmas celebrations. In preparation for this we would like to share with you the dates of our Christmas performances.

Date	Year Group and Time	Venue
Monday 10th December	Nursery Hedgehogs	Nursery – 2pm
Tuesday 11th December	Reception & Year 1	KGB Hall – 9:30am
	Year 2 & 3	PAB Hall – 2pm
	Year 4, 5 & 6	Staines Congregational Church – 2pm
Wednesday 12th December	Year 4, 5 & 6	Staines Congregational Church – 9:30am
	Year 4, 5 & 6	Staines Congregational Church – 6:30pm
Thursday 13th December	Year 2 & 3	PAB Hall – 9:30am
	Reception & Year 1	KGB Hall – 2:30pm
Friday 14th December	Nursery Rabbits	Nursery – 2pm

Further information regarding these performances will be shared at a later date including information about tickets.

**House****Whole School**

This half term's Values Champions will be announced to the children during the whole school assembly on Monday 15th. This will add lots of points to the totals below.

Very well done to Air who had the most children getting 100% attendance this week.



12 points



9 points



4 points

**4 Core Skills / 8 Great Values****Whole School**

One of our '8 Great Values' is empathy and we have been spending time this week considering the feeling of others. This can be a difficult word to understand but our children always try hard to appreciate new concepts and practise the skills they have learnt.

I had a conversation after school on Wednesday with a group of children at KGB who were telling me all about the special word from Monday's assembly.

Empathy is such an important skill for our children to develop. I shared a clip with the children during the assemblies and I have included this for you all below.

**EMPATHY**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=11&v=9\\_1Rt1R4xbM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=9_1Rt1R4xbM)

It's been another week full of great learning!

Well done to those children below that have received a gold leaf for their efforts this week. Keep up the super work!

Neha A	Violet-Lilly H	Nuala V
James T	Callum K	Alek M
Albie T	Amy-Jules M	Daniel W
Savannah L-W	Jack B	James B
Lara T	Ollie P	Serah B
Mawgan C	Tommy B	Alyssa B
Charlotte W	Abigail O	Pranav V
Pearl L	Jacob L	Chloe G
Mateo G C	Blake L	Jakub J

## Rainbow Awards

## Nursery

Well done to those children in Nursery that have reached the Rainbow this week! Good job!

Leo H	Zak K	Darko M
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Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend!

**Paul Grimwood**  
Headteacher

## Dates for the diary...

## Autumn Term 2018

Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception and KS1 Harvest Celebration 9.30am Park Avenue
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6 Residential meeting 6.30 pm (Change of date)
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	KS2 Harvest Celebration 10am St Peters Church
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dodgeball Game v Echelford away
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reception walk to local park
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yr 6 Spelthorne Quiz
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual child photos
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual child photos (Rabbits class date to be arranged-details to follow)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations 1.30-5pm
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6 Children at War trip
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nursery and Reception Coffee morning 8.50am KGB Hall
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Lumen Parents together Saxon 10-11am
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations 5-8pm
<b>Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Oct</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Children return to school
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pastoral Coffee morning 8.50am KGB Hall
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3Pand 3G trip – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3L trip – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Lumen Parents together Saxon 10-11am
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pastoral Christmas Coffee morning 8.50am KGB Hall
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Christmas Celebration 2pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception & Year 1 Christmas Celebration 9.30am KGB Year 2 & 3 Christmas Celebration 2pm PAB

	Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Celebration 2pm Staines Congregational Church
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Celebration 9.30am & 6.30pm Staines Congregational Church
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 & 3 Christmas Celebration 9.30am PAB
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception & Year 1 Christmas Celebration 2.30pm KGB
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Lumen Parents together Saxon 10-11am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Christmas Celebration 2pm
	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB

### **SPRING TERM 2019**

Thursday 3rd Jan	Children return to school
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY 2
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children return to school
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 6 Residential more details to follow
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Year 5 Residential more details to follow
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Voice in a Million Choir trip
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 4 trip Hampton Court
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB

### **SUMMER TERM 2019**

Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Children return to school
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY 3
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET DAY 4
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET DAY 5