



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 6

12th October 2018

There were two clear highlights of the week. The harvest festivals held on Tuesday and Wednesday were both triumphs. Mrs McCarthy shared with me that the Infant children did a brilliant job when they performed at PAB. The singing was, by all accounts, great to hear and the children's behaviour was exemplary. The same can certainly be said about the Junior harvest festival held at St Peter's Church on Wednesday.

I was particularly impressed with the confidence that the children displayed with their singing.



There are two pieces of great news within this week's Review. This week we received notification that the school has been awarded the Healthy Schools Gold Award. This is a great achievement and one that Miss Snow and the whole team can be rightly proud of.

The news of the school being awarded the Artsmark Gold Award was a number of weeks ago and somehow slipped through the net in reaching the newsletter. Miss Shaw and Miss Heffernan can feel happy with the work that has gone into the development of the teaching of the arts across the school. Both of these accolades can be rightly celebrated!

As you all know, next week is Parent-Teacher consultation meetings. These are taking place during the afternoon on Tuesday and in the evening on Thursday. So far over 90% of parents have booked a slot with every parent in Year 4 already booked!

These are an essential part of the partnership between home and school and, as such, really important! Please can I ask you all to make an appointment over the weekend if you have not already done so.



Also taking place next week will be a parental survey. This questionnaire will be shared with you to seek your views on the school. These are also a really important way for parents to comment on the school and for us to reflect on ways to do things differently and/or better. Please do take the time to complete this next week. Thank you in advance.

Emails and Texts

Whole School

At the beginning of term there always seem to be some 'teething' problems with our communication system which hopefully have now all been resolved. If you aren't receiving texts or emails to the correct address then please let us know, you can call at either office or email office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk. We have also had a few requests to send the communications to more than one contact-unfortunately we don't have the facility at the moment to pick selected extra contacts, however we are speaking to our provider to try and find a solution and will hopefully be able to update you soon.

Being Our Best

Espresso

Whole School

Espresso is an online resource offering a range of different materials that the children can use to enhance their learning at home. There is an email being sent today which will include details of how to log in.

Healthy Schools

Whole School

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Gold Surrey Healthy Schools Award! Miss Snow decided on two priorities to work on for the last academic year which were to introduce circle time and for pupils to feel safe to express their feelings and opinions at school. The School Council worked hard with Miss Snow to implement worry boxes in each classroom, discuss any issues and ways to move forward to get the voices of pupils heard. By the end of the school year most children reported that they felt they could express their feelings and opinions at school, and circle times were a good way to do this. Thank you to last year's School Council for their efforts and to Miss Snow for writing the case study for this project.

Gold Artsmark

Whole School

We are excited to announce that Riverbridge has been awarded the gold Artsmark award! The panel were impressed by the high-quality teaching and learning in art, music and DT across the school, along with the exciting showcase events, trips and enhancement opportunities we offer. We would like to thank the children for all their hard work and enthusiasm, as well as the efforts of Miss Shaw and Miss Heffernan in making this possible.



Amazon Smile

Whole School

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organisation of your choice, hopefully Riverbridge Primary School PTA.

We are not of course promoting shopping on Amazon, but if you are then please consider using AmazonSmile and help our PTA raise even more money for the school.

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The Handi App

Whole School

Surrey Heartlands has just approved the rollout of the paediatric HANDi App that provides advice and support to parents and carers if their children have symptoms of common childhood illnesses. Already successfully launched in North West Surrey, 93% of those using it say they would recommend the app.

HANDi App offers simple and straightforward advice on what to do and who to contact when a child is unwell and includes illness-specific home assessment for six common childhood illnesses:

- * Diarrhoea and vomiting
- * High temperature
- * Chesty baby (Bronchiolitis)
- * Chesty child (Wheeze and Asthma)
- * Abdominal pain
- * Common newborn problems

Each of the six illnesses has a home care plan to help parents and carers provide the best support for their child, and give them confidence in caring for their children when they are unwell. You can download the HANDi App for Android phones from Google or the Apple App Store for iPhones by searching 'Handi app'.

Communications

Whole School

Over the next few weeks we will be sending home data collection sheets to check that we have the correct information on record for you. Please can you make sure that these are checked and returned to school with any amendments. It goes without saying that it is vital that we have correct information on file. There aren't often emergencies at school but we need to be able to contact you if there is!

3P Parent Consultations

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Mrs Parsons is unfortunately unable to carry out her parent consultation meetings next week. These will now be taking place on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th November. The times that have been booked for next week will remain the same but any appointments booked for 16th October will now be on 6th November and 18th October on 8th November. If this appointment time is no longer suitable please let Mrs Parsons or the school office know and we can reschedule this.

Nursery and Reception Coffee Morning Hall 8.50-10am Wed 17th October

Nursery and Reception

We would like to invite all parents and carers of Nursery and Reception children to join the pastoral team for 'a Coffee and Croissant' and a chance to mingle and meet each other. We look forward to welcoming you at this event.
Lyn and Jane, Home school Link Workers.

House Update

Whole School

There will be a whole school assembly next Monday. During this, the Values Champions will be shared and we will also find out which house has won the first Values Cup of the half term.

I wonder which house will triumph?

This week's attendance champions are Fire House. Well done to them!



14 points



12 points



6 points

4 Core Skills / 8 Great Values

Whole School



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLeUvZvuvAs>

This half term's Values Champions will be announced on Monday.

Throughout the term we have discussed our '4 Core Skills' and '8 Great Values' in assemblies so as to make sense of them and also for the children to get an idea of how they can be demonstrated every day at school.

The certificates will be awarded to children that have demonstrated **commitment** and **courage** with their learning. The values we will celebrate will be **respect, democracy, perseverance** and **kindness**.

The children have tried so hard to show a growth mind-set with their learning. They talk readily about 'being our best' and 'the power of yet'. I am sharing a clip for you to watch over the weekend which might help you understand what we have been talking about!

Gold Leaves

Whole School

Very well done to all those children listed below. They can be proud of the efforts that they have made this week.

Gus Y
Reyan A S
Gethin H
Natalie H
Jasmine F
Jonathan M
Frankie C
Qasim AR
Bryan B
Tara A
Logan J
Cameron D
Atanas
Maedbh BD
Nana A

Felicity H
Harper-Marie L
Hanga C
Nancy A
Oliver M
Sia S
Eric S
Joshua C
Vishak M
Wiktor W
Sienna J
Madeleine L
Dominic C
George R
Keenan O'R

Narayani N
Sebastian C
Zenobia L P
Ella-Rose Y
Michael R
Jay D
Pranav Y
Aleeza S
Aaliyah T
Lief S
Harriet F
Gemma T
Jessica H
Kasper W
Youssef B

Tommy B
Tsetsi
David H

Vona W
Olivia P
George U

Holly J
Nina J
Ibrahim H

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

There have been lots to celebrate in the Nursery this week. Well done to those children that reached the Rainbow. Keep it up!

Jan J

Annabelle V

Nefeli G

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend!

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2018

Mon 15 th Oct	Individual child photos
Tues 16 th Oct	Individual child photos (Rabbits class date to be arranged-details to follow)
Tues 16 th Oct	Parent Consultations 1.30-5pm
Weds 17 th Oct	Year 6 Children at War trip
Weds 17 th Oct	Nursery and Reception Coffee morning 8.50am KGB Hall
Thurs 18 th Oct	Lumen Parents together Saxon 10-11am
Thurs 18 th Oct	Parent Consultations 5-8pm

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Oct

Half Term

Monday 29 th Oct	Children return to school
Tues 6th Nov	Parent Consultations 3P 1-5 pm
Thurs 8 th Nov	Pastoral Coffee morning 8.50am KGB Hall
Thurs 8th Nov	Parent Consultations 3P 5-8 pm
Tues 13 th Nov	Year 3P and 3G trip – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Weds 14 th Nov	Year 3L trip – Chiltern Open Air Museum
Weds 14th Nov	Year 2 Workshop at PAB – Great Fire of London details to follow
Thurs 15 th Nov	Lumen Parents together Saxon 10-11am
Thurs 22nd Nov	PTA Meeting 6.30pm PAB
Weds 5 th Dec	Pastoral Christmas Coffee morning 8.50am KGB Hall
Weds 5th Dec	Reception and Nursery PTA Christmas event TBC
Mon 10 th Dec	Nursery Christmas Celebration 2pm
Tues 11 th 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 th Dec	Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Celebration 9.30am & 6.30pm Staines Congregational Church
Thurs 13 th Dec	Year 2 & 3 Christmas Celebration 9.30am PAB Reception & Year 1 Christmas Celebration 2.30pm KGB
Thurs 13 th Dec	Lumen Parents together Saxon 10-11am
Fri 14 th Dec	Nursery Christmas Celebration 2pm
Mon 17th Dec	PTA Christmas Disco Yr 1,2 and 3 TBC
Tues 18th Dec	PTA Christmas Disco Yrs 4,5,and 6 TBC
Wednesday 19 th Dec	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB

SPRING TERM

Being Our Best

2019

Thursday 3rd Jan Children return to school
 Fri 15th Feb INSET DAY 2

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Feb Half Term

Mon 25th Feb Children return to school
 Mon 4th-Fri 8th Mar Year 6 Residential more details to follow
 Mon 18th -Fri 22nd Mar Year 5 Residential more details to follow
 Weds 20th Mar Voice in a Million Choir trip
 Thursday 28th March Yr 4 trip Hampton Court
 Fri 5th April End of term for children:
 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tues 23rd Apr Children return to school
 Mon 6th May May Day Bank Holiday

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May Half Term

Mon 3rd June Children return to school
 Fri 19th July End of term for children:
 1.20pm KGB, 1.40pm Nursery, 1.30pm PAB
 Mon 22nd July INSET DAY 3
 Tues 23rd July INSET DAY 4
 Weds 24th July INSET DAY 5

Reception News

On Wednesday the Reception children went on their first adventure out of the school grounds!

This week we have been learning about Autumn. We were very excited to have a walk to the local park, to look for signs of Autumn. We all had our own bags ready to fill up with items from our checklists.

We managed to find lots of different natural treasures including red leaves, yellow leaves and pine cones.

After our walk, we all had a go at writing about what we found using the letter sounds we have learnt in phonics. We are very proud of our lovely writing.

"I found lots of leaves and pine cones. I loved going for a walk to the park!"

Ethan

"My bag was full of leaves. I found green, yellow, brown and red leaves."

Stephanie

"We saw a squirrel in the trees and ticked it on our checklist. We couldn't put the squirrel in our bag though...it would run away!"

Maia



All the teachers were very impressed with the behaviour of all the children and would like to say Thank You for being so sensible on your first visit out of school!



Thursday 18th October 2018 10.00 – 11.00 Saxon Children's Centre: Briar Road: Shepperton: TW17 0JB

For further information contact Shelly Lumb (Home school Link Worker) on 07825742564

The measurement of light: Lumen Parents together

Support group for all parents struggling with their child's behaviour for whatever reason

A chance for our parents and carers to meet, share and validate their experiences and feelings with like-minded people, swap info over a cup of tea/coffee in an informal environment.

The Trust's Pastoral Team from Saxon, Echelford, and Riverbridge School will run Sessions, giving advice on Positive Behaviour Strategies

Don't stay in the dark, come and talk, you are not alone

'Just because your path is different doesn't mean you are lost'