



# RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Spring Term

Week 8

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

I will start this week's Review with some feedback from the children:

*'I had a great time – I enjoyed sleeping at school and watching the movie'*

*'I really enjoyed sleeping in the classroom with my friends'*

*'I loved the breakfast – I had two waffles!'*

*'The activities were great fun – we got to make a bag and also took part in a dance session!'*

Those children in Year 3 that came back to school last Friday obviously had a great time at the Year 3 Sleepover. I heard that another child had described it as 'the best day of my life!' It's great to hear that the children viewed this as a positive experience and I know that this feedback has been gratefully received by those brave staff that led the Year 3 Sleepover. Thank you once again to them for their dedication here!

Next week will be the turn of some of our Year 5 children who will make their way to Bowles for their residential. I am sure they are getting excited!

This week has seen a series of workshops taking place at Park Avenue for children in Year 3-6. The PTA have helped support the 'West End in Schools' sessions and all the children that have attended have spoken favourably about these. These drama workshops have been a perfect springboard to next week which will be dedicated to celebrating all things reading, including World Book Day.



**1L enjoying phonics**



**5R using dienes to create  
decimal numbers**



**Our Girls' Football Team are  
finalists**

Reception classrooms were certainly busy this week, too. The second Stay, Play and Learn sessions were well attended and popular. It was good to see the children's excitement to have some special visitors into the classrooms. Next week will be the turn of Nursery to open their doors to parents. I am sure that these will be as successful!

Parents of children in Year 6 will be finding out which schools their children have received for September. Please look out for these important emails and let the school know next week if there are any queries.

Finally, next Wednesday sees another Pastoral Coffee Morning. If you have not yet attended one of these sessions, I would recommend you do! Lyn Lenton Clark and Jane Hughes – our excellent Home School Link Workers - are always pleased to see some new faces so do add this to your diary!

For those parents who have yet to book their space on a Family Learning Session they can still do so via one of the Eventbrite links below before they close on Wednesday. Family Learning is a great opportunity for a member of the family to come in and experience a lesson in their child's classroom. As always, we ask only one parent/carer for each child to attend.

[1H Stay & Learn 12th March 9.10 - 10.10am](#)

[1H Stay & Learn 13th March 9.10 - 10.10am](#)

[1L Stay & Learn 13th March 9.10 - 10.10am](#)

[1R Stay & Learn 13th March 9.10 - 10.10am](#)

## World Book Day

**Whole School**

Next week will be full of World Book Day celebrations! A reminder that children are invited to dress as their favourite book character or wear their pyjamas if they'd rather on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. For children in Hedgehogs, dress up day will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. If your child has PE on Thursday, please ensure their outfit is suitable to move in.

## Medication

**Whole School**

A reminder that we are only able to administer prescribed medication. If your child is taking antibiotics and 3 dosages are required daily, we ask these are given before school, after collecting your child and again before bedtime.

All medication must be brought to the office by a parent and a Riverbridge Pupil Medication Form completed, which can be found on our App, or website [here](#).

## Boys' Football

**Year 5 & 6**

The Boys' A Team played in good form against Buckland, with the end result being a well earned 3-3 draw at home. The team have come really far from their first match and all their training is paying off.



## Coffee Morning Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Whole School**

Please come and join Lyn and Jane, our Home School Link Workers, for a coffee and chat at Knowle Green. It is a great way to meet other parents /carers and have any queries answered. Looking forward to seeing you, Jane and Lyn.

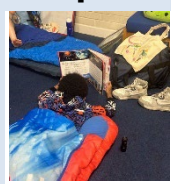
## Phonics

**Year 1**

1L were very lucky to have a visitor on Wednesday. Bryn from Tagtiv8 came to show the children how to take phonics outside and how to make it active! 1L used their phonics skills to sound out words and find the correct letters to build them. They then challenged themselves to build adjectives to describe a noun. It was a great activity to build teamwork and collaboration skills too!

## Sleepover

**Year 3**



Last Friday, the children in Year 3 experienced their first residential trip with an exciting sleepover at school! They had an amazing time playing games, decorating tote bags and partying at the neon disco. The children watched a movie with popcorn and read a bedtime story before settling down to sleep. In the morning, they enjoyed some breakfast before heading home (for a nap!).

## Safeguarding Training

**Whole School**

There is still time to sign up to our next Safeguarding Training session. It is taking place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9am at our Park Avenue base. The session is open to new volunteers and any parents that have started the volunteer recruitment process and are yet to attend the Safeguarding training. If you are able to attend please complete the following Google form link stating your availability:

<https://forms.gle/1zuceMRCKWZ2AhUE8>

## Girls' Football

**Year 5 & 6**

The Girls' Football Team played in the semi-final against Hawkedale and won an impressive 4-0 at home! They played excellently with confidence and composure, securing Riverbridge a place in the Cup Final! Well done girls!



## Wraparound Care

**Reception – Year 6**

We currently have a few spaces in After School Club and spaces for everyday at Breakfast Club. If you are interested in booking one of these spaces, please email the school office:

[office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

## Outside Achievements

Year 2

Congratulations to Elodie in Year 2, who achieved second place with her team in a cheerleading competition at the weekend.

## Vacancies

Whole School

### Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending the After School Club (Wednesday and Thursday 3.30pm to 6pm). For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-team-member-1405065>

We are looking to recruit a caring and enthusiastic person to join our Breakfast Club team. The right candidate will be willing to engage children in exciting play that makes them feel welcome and settled in our Breakfast Club (Monday to Friday, 7:25am to 8:35am) For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-team-member-1405047>

### Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting:

We are seeking an experienced, enthusiastic individual for the role of Governance Professional and Clerk to Directors to join our growing Trust, this is a part time role that offers flexible term time working. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/lumenlearningtrust/job/governance-professional-and-clerk-to-directors-1403073>

### Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint enthusiastic and creative Teaching Assistants/1:1 Teaching Assistants with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1406374>

## PTA

Whole School

Riverbridge PTA is our school's fundraising community.  
Everyone's welcome to get involved.



**PTA**  
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### Well done to all our Sponsored Leapers!

Throughout this week, the children have been celebrating leap year with a Sponsored Leap during PE lessons. We hope the children enjoyed the leaping - and we're grateful for any sponsor money you are able to raise among friends and family.

All funds raised will go towards extra resources, educational enrichment events, and additional IT equipment for the school. Please return your sponsor money and forms to school or do it online at <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QI9CV104> by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you!

### Easter Trail: help us find the bunnies!

We're running a family Easter Trail on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Come and join us at the start of the route at PAB reception, any time between 1pm and 2.30pm. Then, follow our 2km trail to crack the clues, track down the bunnies and earn a reward.

Tickets are £3 per child (adults must accompany them but don't need a ticket). Please order from [www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge). We also need 8 volunteers to give out rewards at various points around the route. If you can volunteer, your children can complete the trail for free! Please sign up to volunteer at <http://volunteersignup.org/L73K9>

### Join our growing team of runners for the Staines 10K

If you love to run, why not sign up to be a runner for Riverbridge PTA at this year's Staines 10K on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May? We already have 4 amazing runners: Komala (parent of Medha in RM), Simon (parent of Emil in 3H and Lotta in 1L) and Debra and Chris (parents of Rosie 6I, Katie 3H and Emma in Hedgehogs).

It's really easy to do; simply select 'Riverbridge PTA'; when you register at [www.staines10k.co.uk](http://www.staines10k.co.uk) then let us know by emailing [pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) and we'll help you to raise money by promotion on our channels including Facebook and this newsletter.

And if you can't run but would still like to support, you can sponsor our runners at <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QVAOA3HE>.

**Next PTA meeting: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Please come along to our next meeting at PAB at 6.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We will be starting to develop our plans for the remaining events and activities for this school year, including our summer fair. The PTA belongs to you, and everyone is welcome to join meetings and find out more about what we're doing - and perhaps get involved!

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA](https://www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA) or get in touch at  
[pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk)

**Gold Leaves****Whole School**

Well done, as ever to those children whose names appear below.

What a great week of learning!

Cruz H	Omar SH	Misha H
Navya G	Nihad C	Darius Jr CB
Sebastian C (RTA)	Aria R	Thomas M
Cristina B	George F	Sushant S
Wren C	Danielle M	Isla G
Elizabeth D (1H)	Dexter P	Rosa B
Millar C	Harper W	Ella T
Ella P	Alex V	Charlotte L
Marli M	Jenson R	Iris C
Martha C	Alex F	Matilda M
Joshua R	Ariya P	Antonia C
Nathan BP	Larson C	Yogi K
Sabrina H	Callista L	Ava F
Leo H	Ariana M	Annabelle V
Harrison SH	Isaanvi A	Sienna F
Tejas T	Anya B	Nicole K
Jack J	Hannah T	Kate CS
Pearl T	Maahi D	Charlotte S
Stephanie G	Ethan K	Nancy A
Jack H	Natalie H	Arthur H
Annabelle M	Narayani N	Mylee B
	Kayla W	

**Rainbow Awards****Nursery**

Thank you to the following children who have had a successful week at school.

Jayden A	Ethan M	Yuvaansh B
	Junior H	

**House Competition****Whole School**

The scores are the same – they will be added to in the next couple of weeks so watch this space!





**137.5  
Points**



**135  
Points**



**177.5  
Points**

## Riverbridge's Reading Recommendations

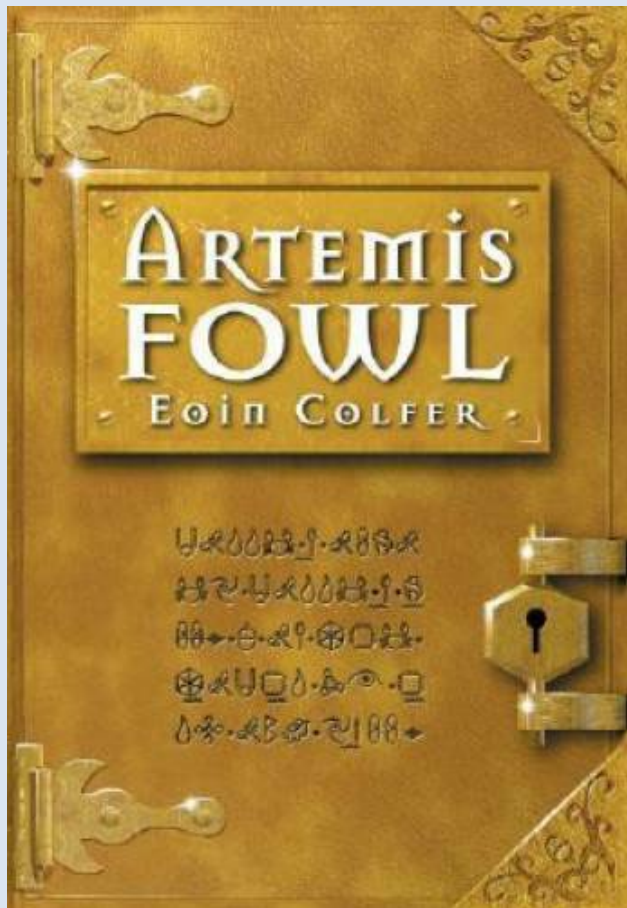
**Whole School**

This week's 'Riverbridge Reading Recommendation' comes from Lyla G in 5G

**Artemis Fowl**

**by Eoin Colfer**

**Lyla's Review:**



I like this book because it's detailed and cleverly written.

The main character, Artemis has a different way of looking at things.

My favourite character is Foaly the centaur, who works for the LEP technological department.

I like him because he likes to annoy Commander Root AKA beetroot as the LEP officers call him.

He is really sarcastic and funny. The most exciting part of the book is when the fairies have to bio bomb Artemis' house.

A bio bomb is a when you kill all living species but the surroundings stay the same.

Although it is a slow start, it is worth keeping with it.

Age group: Aimed at 10-12

Star Rating: ★★★★★ 4 out of 5

Do you want to share your reading recommendations with the rest of the school?

If so – use the link below!

<https://forms.gle/aN6636mBDtkTpSdt5>

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Hopefully there will be some dry weather!

**Paul Grimwood**

**Headteacher**

**Dates for the diary...**

**Spring Term 2024**

w/c Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March

Stay, Play & Learn sessions Nursery

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Hedgehogs
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Eggs arrive Reception & Nursery
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Pastoral Coffee Morning at KGB 8.45am – 10am
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Volunteer Safeguarding training 9am - PAB
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Bowles Residential – Year 5 <a href="#">link to the letter can be found here</a>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning Year 1
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning Year 1
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> March	'The Children at War' exhibition visit – Year 6 <a href="#">link to the letter here</a>
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>PTA Meeting 6.30pm at PAB</b>
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Trail 1-3pm – more details to follow
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Woolley Firs Trip Reception – <a href="#">link to the letter here</a>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Woolley Firs Trip Reception – <a href="#">link to the letter here</a>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Enrichment Clubs end
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Freshwater Theatre Ancient Egypt workshop Year 3 – more details to follow
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	No After School Club

### **Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### **Easter Holidays**

### **Summer Term 2024**

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Hot Dog Night: Reception & Year 1 – more details to follow
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Hot Dog Night: Year 2 - 6 – more details to follow
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Staines 10K – select Riverbridge PTA for sponsorship
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Bingo Night – more details to follow
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Rise Up Residential – Year 4 <a href="#">link to the letter can be found here</a>

### **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

### **Summer Half Term**

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair – more details to follow
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Discos – more details to follow

Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	No After School Club
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset day 4
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset day 5

<b>Weds 24<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024</b>	<b>Summer Holiday</b>
<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Inset day 1
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Inset day 2
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school

<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024</b>	<b>Autumn Half Term</b>
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Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset day 3
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	No After School Club

<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
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<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2025</b>	<b>Spring Half Term</b>
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Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	No After School Club

<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April – Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	

Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children return to school
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Bank Holiday

<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Summer Half Term</b>
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Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
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Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset day 4
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset day 5





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# EASTER TRAIL

JOIN US TO TRACK DOWN OUR BUNNIES THAT ARE  
HIDING IN THE LOCAL AREA (2KM TRAIL).

1. BUY YOUR CHILD(REN)'S TICKET(S) AT:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge) or scan QR code above

2. COME TO PARK AVENUE BASE OFFICE AT ANY POINT BETWEEN  
13:00-14:30

3. COLLECT YOUR MAP

4. FIND THE BUNNIES, COLLECT THE CLUES & TREATS,  
CRACK THE CODE

5. RETURN TO PARK AVENUE BASE TO RECEIVE  
THE REWARD!

- CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT -

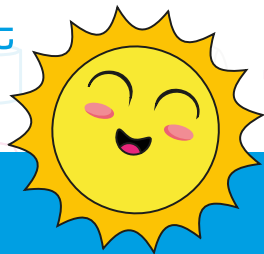
£3 PER TICKET / ADULTS GO FREE

**17**

MARCH  
2023







# MARCH **MADNESS**

**FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TILL SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

# **HUGE SAVINGS**

**IN-STORE AND ONLINE!**

**PLEASE NOTE OUR STORES ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.**

**15%**  
**OFF**



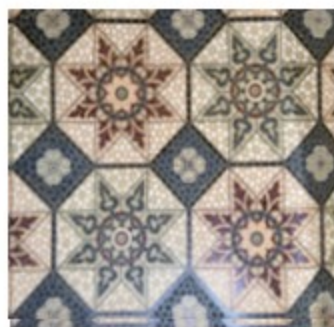
**OFFER ENDS  
MIDNIGHT ON**





# MADE IN SPELTHORNE

*A family activity day,  
celebrating our  
industrial heritage.*



Make a bendy toy, mill some grains, design a lino pattern, learn how to make lino, formulate a new drink and bottle label, follow the ever popular teddy trail.

Spelthorne Museum  
Access via Staines Library  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024  
11am to 4pm  
Admission Free

