



RIVERBRIDGE REVIEW

Autumn Term

Week 13

6th December 2024

It has been a momentous week at Riverbridge! We had been expecting the call from Ofsted to happen at some point in the first two terms and we were glad to welcome the two inspectors this side of the Christmas holidays.

There is a certain degree of anxiety around Ofsted. It is important to put your best foot forward and make sure the school is seen at its best. The process was a positive, fair and helpful one and I look forward to sharing the report with you all at some point in the new year.

I want to publicly thank all the parents and carers who completed the Parent View questionnaire and those that shared their views with the inspectors. There were some very positive comments made for which I am very thankful.

The staff have also pulled together magnificently - as they always do! The two days were smooth and this was down, in no small part, to the dedication of the team!

Finally, it's important to note the brilliant contribution of the children who really were 'being their best'. One of them shared with the lead inspector that they were 'proud to be at Riverbridge' which was great to hear! Thank you to them all.



Year 3 Pointillism



Year 4 at Ufton Court



Great Fire of London Year 2

Despite the busy week, normal plans were still in place. The family learning in Year 1 was actually during one of the inspection visits on Tuesday. I know that parents found these interesting and hopefully have made the teaching of phonics a little clearer. Thank you to the Year 1 team for organising these sessions.

Year 3 had a great day at Butser Farm on Wednesday and came back talking about the different historical periods of Britain with real enthusiasm. Last Friday's trip to Ufton Court by Year 4 was also very well received. One child walked out of the Park Gate last week saying 'that was the best trip ever!'

Next week sees Christmas events take over. We will have 11 performances over the 5 days and I am looking forward to watching these performances. I am sure that the children are excited, too!

I look forward to seeing many of you next week. Thank you as ever!

Christmas Jumper Day

Whole School

On Wednesday 18th December, children and the Riverbridge community are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or something festive – a piece of tinsel, a Christmas hat etc – with their school uniform if they would like to.

Art

Year 3



Year 3 are learning to paint in the style of Pointillism. The children have been practicing colour mixing using paint and cotton buds to create light and dark shades and are almost ready to create their final pieces before the end of term! Here is some of their work creating shadowy grass using colour tinting!

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Whole School

Whilst the run up to Christmas and the festive period is very exciting, it can also be quite overwhelming for some children. The resources from Autism Outreach for Schools in the link below may be useful:

<https://www.autismoutreachforschools.uk/Resources/Christmas-Resources-2024/>

Great Fire of London

Year 2

This half term, Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London. In their history lessons, the children discovered how the fire started and why it spread so quickly. In DT, Year 2 then made Tudor houses out of cardboard, paper and straw. On Thursday, the children were excited to complete the topic by burning their houses in the school playground! The children were able to experience what it was like to watch the flames jump from house to house. 'I loved watching the fire get bigger and bigger!' - Zayd R (2C)

Ufton Court

Year 2

Last Friday, Year 4 went to Ufton Court to spend the day as Romans! The children practised some Roman crafts like weaving and fire lighting, learnt some military manoeuvres and then examined some interesting Roman artefacts.



Open Days

Reception 2025

We have scheduled another two open day tours for children starting Reception in 2025. These are scheduled for Tuesday 7th January at 9.30am and Monday 13th January at 1.30pm and tickets can be booked via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/riverbridge-primary-school>.

Autumn Pupil Voice

Whole School

A reminder if you haven't yet, to support your child/ren in completing our Pupil Voice survey [found here](#). The views of our children are extremely important to us and we are hoping to collect results by Friday 13th December, which will then be shared with you in the New Year.

Outside Achievements

Whole School

Last weekend Ella T (2H) and Harry T (Hedgehogs) took part in the Staines Santa Fun Run earning themselves medals. Well done!

Weekend Activities

Whole School

The Royal Opera House are offering free online music and dance lessons for children. These free lessons are designed for KS1 and KS2 learners and [can be accessed here](#).

PE changes w/c 9th December

Year 4 & 5

Due to Christmas performances next week there will be no PE on Wednesday 11th December for Year 5 and no PE on Thursday 12th December for Year 4. Children are to come to school on these days in their normal school uniform.

Cardboard Donations

Year 3

Year 3 will be using cardboard for their Stone Age craft project next week. If you have any empty package or shoe boxes, the Year 3 team would greatly appreciate them to use at school. Please drop any donations to class. Thank you!



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Christmas disco tickets now on sale!

Our ever-popular Christmas discos for Years 1 to 6 are back on Tuesday 17th December. Years 1, 2 and 3 will have their disco between 4.45pm-5.45pm in the hall at Park Avenue Base. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking over the hall between 6.00pm-7.30pm. Tickets are £4.50 each (covering entrance fee, cost of DJ and dancing games) and are available to buy from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

There will also be stalls selling sweets, crisps, drinks, glow sticks, toys and more, so we recommend your child brings between £3-5 spending money in coins.

Tickets are on sale from today until 6pm on Monday 16th December. Parents will need to drop off and collect their children at the start and end times. Children will not be allowed to go home on their own.

We need 10 volunteers to help out at each disco - so if you can help out, please use the volunteer sign up facility on our booking website when you are buying your child's ticket. We're looking for help between 4pm - 5.45pm for the first disco, or 5.45pm - 8pm for the second disco. All help is very much appreciated!

Festive Fun for Nursery and Reception

We're also organising festive fun for the younger Riverbridge children! Popular local children's entertainer Crazy Hazy will be putting on a ticketed show for Hedgehogs and Reception children during the school day on Monday 16th December, and for Rabbits and Reception children on Thursday 19th December. The split of Reception children will be confirmed nearer the time.

Both shows will take place during school hours and teachers will take the children to and from their classes.

If you would like your child to attend the show, tickets cost £3.50 and are available to buy from www.pta-events.co.uk/riverbridge

Nominate Riverbridge PTA to win £1,000 for the school

Riverbridge PTA is calling for your nominations to help us win a £1,000 festive financial boost - all of which will go towards school facilities, events and resources. Please help by nominating us for a chance to win a share of £120,000, as part of Benefact Group's annual Movement for Good Awards, which is giving over £1 million away to charities and good causes.

It's quick and easy to nominate Riverbridge PTA online at www.movementforgood.com

The nominations window is open until 11:59pm on Thursday 19th December, with ten winners announced daily between Thursday 5th and Friday 20th December. Winners will be drawn at random and the more times we are nominated, the more chance we have of being selected. Thanks for your support!

Stay connected with Riverbridge PTA on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/groups/RiverbridgePrimarySchoolPTA or get in touch at pta.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Gold Leaves

Whole School

I am proud of the children below who have reached gold this week. I hope they are proud of themselves too!

Keep it up in the penultimate week of term!

Willow K	Samuel D	Bonnie C
Theo P	Aryan D	Ayla P
Vladimir P	Sia B	Leo J
Darius Jr CB	Stefan T	Dollie P
Saira P	Giovanni J	Finlay M
Haya T	Luka M	Wren C
Naksh R	Zayd R	Aarav U
Jack FS	Uriel O	Advik B
Abdullah M	Antonia C	Henry B

Viyaan S
Anaya N
Archie B
Amelie K
Esme C
Joseph W
Jack J
Devyan R

Shiphrah M
Mila B
Aleeza N
Noah F
Jonas V
Nithin R
Aarav P
Gethin H
Muhammad R

Ishaan C
Harry J
Mimi M
Ahaan P
Isla S
Yichen P
Sophie Z
Lucas H

Rainbow Awards

Nursery

In a busy and exciting week, well done to the children in Nursery who have shown such positive choices. Well done!

Hallie T

George EH

Elwood C

Ollie B

House Competition

Whole School

This year's Kindness Champions trophy will be awarded in Monday's assembly. The scores are therefore the same:



70
Points



87.5
Points



67.5
Points

Words of Wisdom

Whole School

In the weekly assemblies this year, we are finding out about a range of different people from all over the world. We will find out about their achievements and how they have overcome challenges or demonstrated any of our 8 Great Ways to Being Our Best.

Max Ehrmann Writer and Poet



On Monday we found out about the writer Max Ehrmann. He decided late in life to pursue a career as a writer – with limited success. After his death, his most famous work 'Desiderata' was rediscovered and loved by millions.

We read through some of the poem on Monday and realised there were some key themes for the children to remember:

Be calm, be proud of yourself, be gentle with others, strive to be happy, be truthful and - be yourself – don't be jealous.

We talked about the need to remember to be kind to one another, but, just as importantly, we should remember to be kind to ourselves.

His words of wisdom were slightly more poetic!

*'Be gentle with yourself.
You have a right to be here.'*

Whether it is clear to you... the universe is unfolding as it should.'

Wishing you all a very positive weekend!

Paul Grimwood

Headteacher

Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2024

Mon 9 th December	Christmas Performance – Hedgehogs 2pm
Tues 10 th December	Christmas Performance – Reception am / Yr 2&3 pm
Weds 11 th December	Christmas Performance – Yr 4,5,6 am & pm / Yr 1 am / Reception pm
Thurs 12 th December	Christmas Performance – Yr 2&3 am / Yr 4,5 &6 am / Yr 1 pm
Fri 13 th December	Christmas Performance – Rabbits 2pm
Mon 16 th December	PTA Christmas Party – Hedgehogs & Reception
Tues 17 th December	PTA Christmas Discos – Yr 1,2,3 4.45pm – 5.45pm / Yr 4,5,6 6pm – 7.30pm all at PAB hall
Weds 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Weds 18 th December	Christmas lunch
Thurs 19 th December	PTA Christmas Party – Rabbits & Reception
Thurs 19 th December	Open Classrooms – PAB
Fri 20 th December	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 20 th December	No After School Club

Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd January 2025

Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2025

Mon 6 th January	Children return to school
Tues 7 th January	Reception 2025 open day tour at 9.30am book tickets via here
Mon 13 th January	Reception 2025 open day tour at 1.30pm book tickets via here

Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb 2025

Spring Half Term

Mon 24 th February	Children return to school
Fri 4 th April	End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery
Fri 4 th April	No After School Club

Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April 2025

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Tues 22nd April

Children return to school

Mon 5th May

Spring Bank Holiday

**Mon 26th May – Fri 30th
May 2025**

Summer Half Term

Mon 2nd June

Children return to school

Fri 18th July

End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm
Nursery

Fri 18th July

No After School Club

Mon 21st July

Inset day 4

Tues 22rd July

Inset day 5



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FESTIVE FUN WITH CRAZY HAZY

Monday 16TH DECEMBER 2024
1:30pm Hedgehogs & Reception

Thursday 19TH DECEMBER 2024
1:30pm Rabbits & Reception

***BOTH SHOWS DURING SCHOOL HOURS**
RECEPTION SPLIT TBC*

TICKET INCLUDES:
A FUN & FESTIVE CHILDREN'S SHOW BY CRAZY HAZY
TICKETS ON SALE (£3.50 only) NOW at:
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**ENTRY
£4.50
ONLY**

TICKET COVERS ENTRANCE FEE, COST OF DJ & DANCING GAMES

DISCOS ARE BACK!

Scan the QR Code or buy your tickets at:
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There will be stalls (sweets, crisps, drinks, glow sticks, toys and more).

We recommend between £3-5 spending money in coins.

DEADLINE FOR TICKET PURCHASES IS 16th DECEMBER 2024 at 18:00

Years 1, 2 & 3 - TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2024
drop off at Park Avenue Base at 4:45pm collect at
17:45pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 - TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2024 drop off
at Park Avenue Base at 18.00pm collect at 19.30pm



Children must be collected. They will NOT be allowed to go home alone.

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Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the **tools** to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:

