

BULLETIN

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Issue 22

Focus of the Week

Key Dates coming up

4 th September	Inset Day
5 th September	Inset Day
6 th September	Whole School
6/7/8 th September	Home Visits new Reception Children

Dear Parents and Carers

The last day of the academic year is a roller-coaster of emotions. As we sadly say goodbye to our fantastic Lions, we also think of the joy they have brought us over the years, how far they have come from those bright-eyed Giraffes in their yearbook pictures and consider the amazing things they will do in the future. They will always be Kew Riverside children. We will also be saying goodbye to some of our families who may be returning to home countries, leaving the area or joining siblings at other schools. I know that many have made good friends here and we wish them our best and every happiness in the future.

The Ofsted rating of 'Good' in January has given us a firm base from which to excel going forward. The school has excellent staff and governors who have high expectations of what we should be achieving and starting with a refresh of the school's vision in the autumn, we will be putting in place a 3-5 year plan to move Kew Riverside to where it should be when Ofsted return!

The staff and children have continued to show brilliance in the classroom and our results this year were incredible. I have also seen an upsurge in requests to have cake sales, toy sales and sponsored walks as they look to raise money for those less fortunate than themselves. I don't mind repeating myself but I am very proud to be the headteacher of this school!

One of the many cogs driving constant improvement has been our Chair of Governors, Sabina, who is stepping down in her role. I will always look back at her tenure and see the amazing groundwork she has helped put in place for our school to move onwards and upwards. Thank you Sabina!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the valuable feedback you have given me this year. There are two very important improvements I would like to focus on for 2017-18:

- Communicating effectively with the whole school community
- Reporting attainment and progress with greater clarity

Finally, I would like to inform you of new responsibilities for three of our staff from September:

- Emily Spencer will lead Early Years and Key Stage 1
- Rachel Roberts will lead 'Learning Practitioners', supporting teaching and learning throughout the school
- Josh Tuckey will take on a new role as Children's Mentor

I hope you will join me in congratulating them all on their new roles.

Have a fantastic and safe holiday and we will see you all in September.

Darren

Year 6 Secondary transition, please see the attached letter for most of the secondary school places.

Governor Letter, see attachment.

No Glass Drinking Bottles

PE

Kids Marathon

We had a successful year in the marathon with Indy and Gustav completing the distance and 17 children running half marathons. As a school we raised over £900 for the school and ran over 2412 kilometres. Well done everyone.

Sainsbury's Active Vouchers

Sainsbury vouchers enabled the school to replace worn out sports equipment and buy a variety of new items to enrich play during break times and PE lessons. This year by shopping at Sainsbury and being tenacious collectors you achieved 11,945 points. Excellent work.

Parent Coaches

We welcome the support of parents with sporting experience and qualifications to help out in school and support the children at competitions. This year, Nikki and Tina kindly gave their time and experience to help set up two new clubs and teams. Please contact Lisa if you are interested in helping out or promoting your sport to the children.

Neal Sagar

Library

A huge thank you to all those parents who offered their time to help run the library this year. If you would like to volunteer next year, please see the rota attached and let your class rep or Laura in Rhinos know. Some parents may wish to continue to support, sign up, stop helping or change days and times. Volunteers are required on mornings (8.30-8.50am) and afternoons (3.15/30pm-4.00pm) and it would be great if you could commit to a half-term or more. Laura will be providing a training/refresher training for parent helpers in September. The system we use is very user-friendly and a few parents have mentioned that helping out allows them to fulfil some of their childhood dreams by using a scanner and being a librarian!

Laura Martin

Read all about it! The library is open every day for every child. 8.30-8.50am in the morning and 3.20-4pm in the afternoons. You can relax here with an adult (Giraffes - Crocs), or by yourself (Rhinos and Lions) and borrow a book or three!

House Points



17842



17134



17536



17148

Community Information

Summer reading challenge launched on Saturday 15th July. A librarian from Richmond Borough Council visited the whole school during an assembly a few weeks ago and there was much interest and excitement! To register, please go to your local library.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six books during the long summer holiday. Upon successful completion, a medal and certificate will be presented to children during a school assembly in the following autumn term.

The theme this year is 'Animal Agents', and is illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator Tony Ross.

See the link for further information and how to take part <https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/>

The Kew Youth Club year 6 taster session is on Friday 14th July, 5.00-6.30pm, at the Barn Church, Kew (corner of Atwood Avenue and Marksbury Road, entrance in Marksbury Road). Admission fee £3, please bring small change for the snack bar. To book, or any questions, email the Administrator Judi at jabraddock@sky.com (or just turn up on the night). See attachment.

Marble Hill Playcentres Summer Programme

With the Summer Holidays fast approaching we have an action packed and full programme of activities planned here at the Playcentres to keep the kids entertained and the adults happy over the summer. See attachment.

Albany Waterfest 2017 at Albany Outdoors promises to be bigger and better than ever! Taking place on 2 September at Albany Outdoors. You will have the opportunity to have a taste of our most popular activities for only £5.

Everyone is welcome. There will be unmissable watersports fun for adults and children (over 8 years old), plus family entertainment for all, a BBQ, music and competitions throughout the day.

Come along and enjoy a free taster session between 10.30am to 3.30pm:

- Stand-Up Paddleboarding
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Raft building

All equipment is provided and you'll be in safe hands with our trained coaches. Changing rooms and showers available.

More information [here](#).

WW1 dance event: Celebrating the history of the Belgian Refugees who lived in East Twickenham

A specially commissioned pop up dance theatre performance celebrating the history of the Belgian Refugees who lived and worked in East Twickenham during the First World War.

Saturday 22 July performances 1.30pm & 3pm

Cambridge Gardens, Clevedon Road, Twickenham, TW1 2TA

For more information visit www.richmond.gov.uk/dance 020 8831 6000

My Richmond – Free family sessions at Garrick's Temple, Hampton

Each week we will explore our local area at a different stage of history from our base at Garrick's Temple. Inspired by the temple we will also be looking at the history of theatre and the rich theatre history of Richmond. The course will be a mix of storytelling and creative activities, so that everyone can find a way to engage with the course at their own level.

We will provide materials, so all you need to do is show up ready to do some creative history exploration!

- Date: Saturdays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd July 2017
- Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

www.richmond.gov.uk/my_richmond_history_explorers Booking recommended.

Summer Holiday Activities at Orleans House Gallery

Join us for a month of workshops inspired by our new Stables Gallery exhibition Picture Play. Explore themes of Animation, Toys and Games and the exciting stories and characters of Orleans House. Come along to our workshops and explore this immersive and interactive exhibition,

step inside historical paintings, participate and play!
 We offer a range of full and half day workshops for ages 0 to 17. Work with professional artists specialising in a range of different techniques from drawing, painting and print-making to sculpture and textiles.
<https://www2.richmond.gov.uk/Richmondbookings/default.aspx>

Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

Giraffes

Zebras

Elephants

Key Stage 2 (Monkey, Crocodile, Rhino & Lion)

Monkeys

Crocodiles

Walking home in Rhino Class, if you wish your child to walk home in September please see Lisa at the office for a letter.

Residential Juniper Hall -Wednesday 20th September to Friday 22nd September 2017

Rhinos

Lions

Key dates for your diary

4 th September	Inset Day
5 th September	Inset Day
6 th September	Whole School
6/7/8 th September	Home Visits new Reception Children
11 th September	Meet the Teacher - Class to be confirmed
12 th September	Meet the Teacher - Class to be confirmed
13 th September	Meet the Teacher - Class to be confirmed
14 th September	Meet the Teacher - Class to be confirmed
20 th – 22 nd September	Juniper Hall – Crocodile Class
25 th September	Giraffe stay all day
6 th October	Maths Day
6 th October	PTA AGM
23 rd to 27 th October	Half Term
21 st December	Term Ends
22 nd December to 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
3 rd January	Inset Day

Please check the school website for term dates, including INSET days.

Slips to be returned/Attachments to bulletin			
Whole School	Giraffe Class	Zebra Class	Elephant Class
Year 6 Secondary transition Library rota			
Monkey Class	Crocodile Class	Rhino Class	Lion Class

Please remember that you can keep up to date on the school website
<http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/default.asp?title=Home&pid=1>

As you know you are all automatically part of our schools PTA. Meetings and event details can be found in the fortnightly bulletin or on the website <http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/page/default.asp?title=Home&pid=1>

You can also keep up to date via the PTA's Facebook page where you'll also be reminded to send in the library card or a child in dress up! Only current parents/carers of the school can join and you must hold a Facebook account. Please email charlottesmith77@me.com or sabinamangosi@gmail.com for the link.