



Kew Riverside Primary School Newsletter

A busy first week back

As we come to the end of our first full week back, I continue to be really impressed with the children. They look smart in their uniforms, they are settled and have a great attitude towards their learning. Thank you to you, for the part you have played in ensuring the year has got off to the best start possible. A small reminder that children should wear black school shoes please and that long hair should be tied up.

Our '**Meet the Teacher**' sessions are really valuable to get essential information about the year ahead. They run from 5.00 pm - 5.30pm in school. The dates for these are:

Monday 27th September: Crocodiles and Rhinos

Wednesday 29th September: Zebras and Elephants

Thursday 30th September: Lions and Monkeys

BBC Children in Need





Over the summer holidays we were lucky enough to welcome Joe Wicks, Dr Ranj, Professor Green and a film crew from BBC Children in Need. You will be able to see Zebra class (we hope) in some pieces to camera for Children In Need on the night. More excitingly, on the day of CiN, 'PE with Joe' will be the one he filmed in our very own hall! We will make sure we all take part that day! Joe left us a signed Pudsey bear which we will treasure!

Brand New Website!



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On Monday we launch our brand new website which we are very excited about! Please take a look - we are really happy with the fresh new look. There will be updated content on there very soon. We hope to make the website much more user-friendly with up to date information and news, as well as links to our social media accounts.

Welcome Giraffes

A huge welcome to the newest members of the Kew Riverside Family. Giraffe class start their journey with us today after a stay and play session yesterday. I hope they enjoy their school life here at Kew Riverside and experience many successes in all areas of learning. I am really looking forward to getting to know them all.

Junior Leadership Team & House Captains

We are very excited to find out who our new Junior Leadership Team (JLT) representatives and House Captains will be for this academic year. The JLT will be made up of two pupils per class from Years 3 to 6, with an additional Year 6 pupil as the Chair. They will be responsible for supporting the staff and governors with school improvement, as well as representing the views of the pupils in our school. Year 6 pupils also have the opportunity to become House Captains and be ambassadors for our school! Their job will include organising and running whole school events and competitions, as well as being excellent role models for our pupils.

Letters of application for either of these roles need to be handed in to Ardeep by **Thursday 16th September** – remember to refer to the job description and person specification!

Please feel free to download our letterhead for your application.

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Class Reps

Class reps play an extremely important role in ensuring effective communication between school and home, I want to thank them personally for all that they do. Please make sure you are in contact with yours through message groups or emails so you can be up to date with reminders and dates for the year ahead.

In order to ensure that communication between parents and home is open, regular and useful, I have decided to meet with class reps at least termly. I will be in contact with class reps in due course to arrange a suitable time for all. If you have any areas of concern please contact the class teacher as your first port of call, however, if there are any other general items you would like discussed please contact your reps they can bring it to our meeting. I am really looking forward to working closely with families over this coming year.

Absence and Punctuality

Sadly, no classes achieved 100% this week - we have set ourselves a target to try and reach that next week.

1st - Rhinos

2nd - Zebras

3rd - Crocodiles

There were two classes who achieved zero lates, well done to Monkeys and Zebras.

An Interview with Casey Alves



Casey Alves was the first pupil registered at Kew Riverside Primary School in September 2002. Here she is at KRPS (before the school build had finished, so this was in the Portakabin at Queens) aged 4 years writing her first proper sentence! It is wonderful to hear that nearly 20 years later that Casey has just successfully gained a position as a trainee solicitor in Richmond for September. Casey has always had a fond place for Kew Riverside in her heart, so much so that she has returned to act as the clerk to the governing body over the past year, we are very grateful to her for her work and continuing interest in the school. I sincerely hope that she will agree to come back and speak to the pupils about her new venture is progressing next year. In the meantime, Lions class thought of some questions to ask her.

Who was your favourite teacher?

I am not sure if they still work for the school - but my favourite teacher when I was at Kew Riverside was a lovely woman named Natasha. I was a very timid child and struggled a lot with being sociable and talking to people, and she would put a lot of effort into helping me feel more comfortable and happier. I don't think she ever realised how much of an impact she had on my life!

What was the technology like in school when you started? How was the learning different to how it is now?

That's such an interesting question! The answer might be quite surprising - but when I first started at Kew Riverside we didn't really have much technology - because the concept of it was all still relatively new! For example, when I started at Kew Riverside, YouTube didn't exist and the iPhone hadn't been released! It has hard to imagine that now, but we didn't know any different at the time. Much of our teaching was focused on interactive play and reading, so we did a lot of painting, group reading sessions, imaginary-based games, science experience using kitchen ingredients, and trips out around Kew to name a few. As I got a little older, technology was becoming a bit more popular and I think we would have computer lessons - but it definitely wasn't a big part of school.

How did it feel to be the only child in the school?

Being the only child in the school for those first few days was, at first, quite a positive thing for me as I was quite a shy child and so it took away the need for me to be sociable. I also had my mum there with me which made the process of starting school a bit easier. However, in hindsight, I definitely think that it was a good thing that a few more children started to join as the weeks went on as it meant that I was finally able to pick up those communication skills that I struggled with - and it also meant that I was able to play dress-up with friends and do sports activities. I also really enjoyed the events that the school held - particularly World Book Day when we would dress up as a character from our favourite book - which was made much better with friends!

What was your favourite subject in school?

My favourite subject when I was at school was definitely maths. I remember using a set of coloured blocks in maths class to help us with visual learning and I would always be so excited when I saw the big blue box of them out in class ready for the lesson. I also loved reading (something the school has always encouraged), which is still the case now, and throughout my life you have always been able to find me hidden in a corner somewhere with a book. Just as an addition - my favourite book that I read in my final years at primary school was Journey Down the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson - an adventure book about a young girl travelling down the Amazon River. I still remember it to this day!

How does it feel that after all these years, a pupil from your own school is writing to you?

It is remarkable! Thinking back to myself aged 9/10 years old, I would never in my wildest imagination have thought that I would be sat here responding to questions from pupils from my primary school 14 years later. I cannot believe it has been so long! It makes me reminisce a lot about everything that has happened since I was a pupil that has gotten me to this point in my life, and I feel very grateful to be able to reach out and support the school where it all started. Alumni are a big part of university life, and a little bit of secondary school too, but there is rarely the opportunity for former pupils to offer support and advice to those still in primary school - and I think it is equally important for that support to be available! I hope that, in the future, I will be able to continue offering my assistance to the school as I progress into my career.

Sports Tournaments

Jaydon, our new PE coordinator has wasted no time in organising our participation in some fabulous Sports Tournaments:

Tag Rugby - 20th October

Football - 16th March

Netball - February 23rd

Swimming Gala - February 5th

More information to follow.

Separation Anxiety

MHST Workshop: Separation anxiety

Does your child or young person really struggle to separate from you when they go to school? Following lockdown, a lot of children and young people are finding it hard to separate from parents and caregivers. The MHST will be running a live 90 minute workshop on separation anxiety for parents/carers. The aim of this workshop is to help you identify anxious behaviours, think about what maintains these and provide you with some ideas on what you can do to help your child or young person overcome these challenges. The MHST will be running one workshop over 6 dates (please note, it will be the same workshop offered on each date). Please book your tickets for one workshop using the Eventbrite link below.

Tuesday 21st September 2021 (9.30am - 11am):<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-21092021-tickets-170309832293>

Wednesday 22nd September 2021 (5.30pm - 7pm):<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-22092021-tickets-170311003797>

Friday 24th September 2021 (12pm - 1.30pm):<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-24092021-tickets-170312105091>

Monday 27th September 2021 (12pm - 1.30pm):<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-27092021-tickets-170311555447>

Tuesday 28th September 2021 (5.30pm - 7pm)<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-28092021-tickets-170312652729>

Thursday 30th September 2021 (9.30am - 11am):<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhst-workshop-separation-anxiety-30092021-tickets-170313952617>

For further information, please read this [leaflet](#).

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Safeguarding

A reminder that if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please contact the school's DSL and refer to the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (on the school website). If you feel a child may be in danger, you may contact the SPA directly on the number below or the police directly.

Key contacts:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Liz Strong 0208 487 8437 estrong@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk,

Designated Teacher for Looked After Children (LAC) and Post-LAC:

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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Rachel Chambers 0208 487 8437
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Safeguarding Governor(s) Denise Long Peter King Patrick Neave 0208 487 8437
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Chair of Governors Stephen Hyams 0208 487 8437 governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk

Single Point of Access (SPA): 020 8547 5008 Out of Hours: 020 8770 5000

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): 020 8891 7370 / 07774 332675
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