



# Kew Riverside News

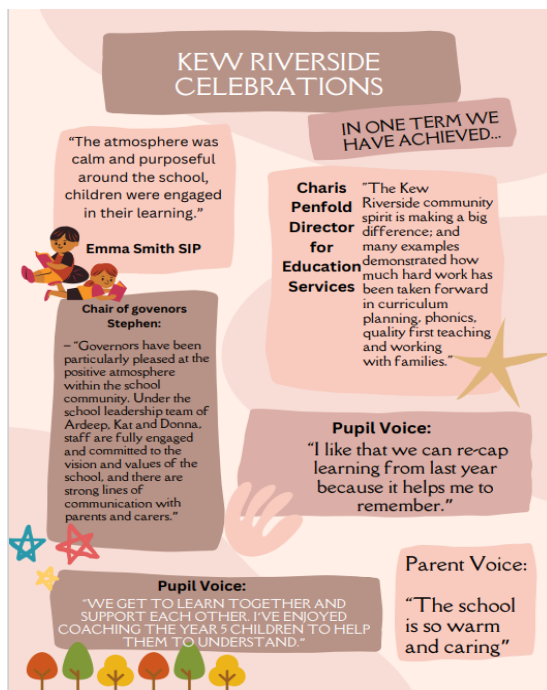


Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Headteacher's Highlights



In this final newsletter for the Autumn Term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Kew Riverside community for their continued support and encouragement during my first term as Headteacher. When I look back at what we have achieved this term, I feel extremely proud of all the hard work the children, the staff and the parents have put in to ensure that we can make our school vision a reality by providing every child with an exceptional, engaging and enriching educational experience.



There have been so many highlights this term in all areas of school life, which we have been congratulated on by parents, governors and advisors from AfC. The staff have worked particularly hard to further develop the school's curriculum to support our mixed aged classes as well as implement a robust system for the teaching of phonics throughout the school. The children have also enjoyed a range of enrichment opportunities such as the history workshops, trips to the library, sports tournaments, Christmas performances and themed days such as Polar Express Day!

We look forward to continuing with these successes in the Spring Term and helping our school go from strength to strength.

A special thank you to Stephen Hyams for his dedication to the school as Chair of Governors for the last seven years. Stephen has supported the school in many ways and worked alongside the staff and community to ensure that the pupils at Kew Riverside can achieve their full potential. We all wish Stephen well for the future and look forward to working alongside Michelle Green, our current Vice-Chair, who will be succeeding Stephen as Chair of Governors from January.

Finally, I would like to wish our school community a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2023. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.



## A message from our Chair of Governors: Stephen Hyams

Greetings from the governing body. We are committed to working closely with Ardeep and her leadership team to ensure the very best education for your children. We comprise up to 12 governors from a wide range of backgrounds and experience, and carry out our work at various meetings throughout the school year as well as visiting the school on a regular basis. You will be hearing more from us in future newsletters, to keep you updated on our activities.

This term has been extremely busy, and the governors have been absolutely delighted at the progress made in this short time. The move to mixed age classes has gone very smoothly and has been positively received by the whole school community. Further work has been carried out to develop the curriculum underpinned by the 4 curriculum drivers – talk, active engagement, stories and community. We have a new school vision and 6 values – kindness, positivity, inclusivity, integrity, resilience and aspiration. The Director for Education at Achieving for Children has recently written to the school to thank the staff for the great progress made, and in appreciation of the hard work involved.

Governors have been particularly pleased at the positive atmosphere within the school community. Under the school leadership team of Ardeep, Kat and Donna, staff are fully engaged and committed to the vision and values of the school, and there are strong lines of communication with parents and carers.

We are all looking forward to the Christmas school activities, undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year.

On a personal note, it has been a privilege to act as governor at the school over the last seven years. I will be stepping down at the end of this term, happy to see the school in such excellent shape. You have an excellent new Chair of Governors in Michelle Green.

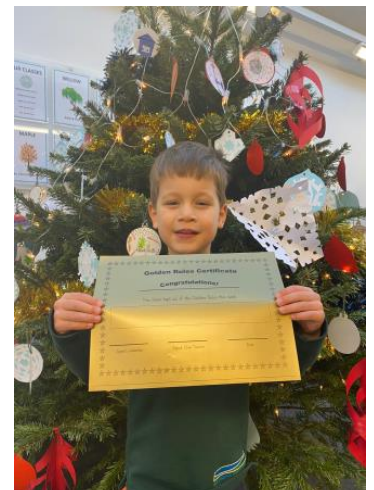
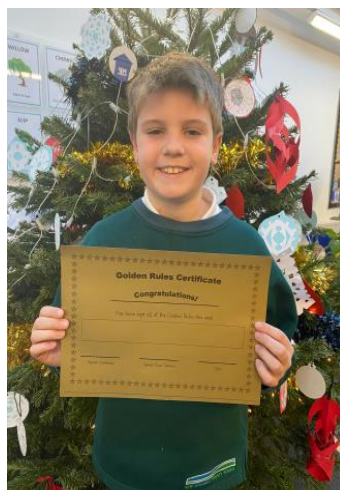
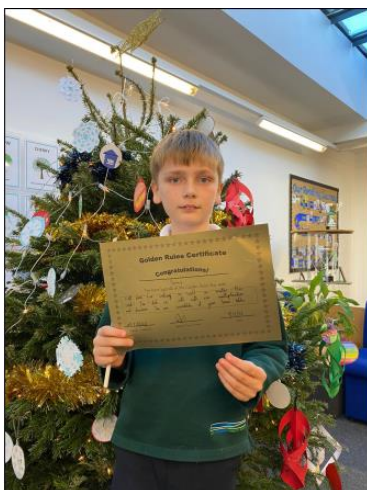
Wishing you all a very happy and relaxing Christmas break.

With very best wishes  
Stephen Hyams  
Chair of Governors



## Golden Certificate Winners

Well done to the children and adults who received Golden Certificates in assembly last week. Thank you for all your hard work and for championing our school values. Keep up the hard work!



## Hot Chocolate Friday

These wonderful children enjoyed a hot chocolate with Ardeep last week for going over and above. Thank you for being super role models and for following our school rules.



## Meet Our Staff Superheroes: Christina Iliopoulou

Hi, I am Christina and I have been part of Kew Riverside team for nearly 8 years! I am so pleased to work in such a wonderful school with amazing, charismatic colleagues and outstanding children who I love to support and teach.

I previously studied at the London Montessori and I am a qualified Montessori teacher. I have also studied Child Development which is something that I am really interested in.

I enjoy sailing at home in Greece and have a skippers license which I have obtained in the U.K. Being a nature and history lover, I am a member of The National Trust and I have visited many interesting and beautiful places. I am also a keen photographer and have taken photos of school events for our website.

I have a two year old, little dog called "Winnie" who, since coming in to my life, has totally taken over my home and what's left of my spare time! She has totally stolen my heart and brought me great joy and happiness!



Thank you Christina for all you do for our wonderful school.

## Attendance and Punctuality

The top three classes for attendance this week were:



**1<sup>st</sup>: Cherry Class 93.1%**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Oak Class 91.5%**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Elm Class 86%**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to 17 children who have had 100% attendance this term and have earnt their bronze star badge!



# All aboard the Polar Express

I liked it when we came in and it was like we were in the train. I especially liked making the bauble. - Matilda



I loved it that we were wearing our PJs at school. - Riley



On Wednesday Cherry and Willow class ventured to the North Pole!

The children had to board the train with their tickets. We made Christmas cards and tree decorations before snuggling down and watching the Polar Express with treats. Both classes exited the train with big smiles on their faces and a Christmas bell as a memory of their special day.



I loved making the baubles in the classroom - Daniel V



I liked the song when we came in the morning. I liked the end of the film because he got his bell back. We got a bell at the end of the day too. - Archie.



## Key Stage 2: Kew Riverside Sparkle at Barn Church

Well done to all of our pupils in Maple, Elm and Oak who put on a fantastic performance in Barn Church on Wednesday morning. The children sang, recited poems that they had written and some showed off their musical talents by playing the piano. Everyone was very impressed, including Reverend Melanie who opened the performance with a Christmas blessing. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for their support in helping to make this performance a huge success!





# CHRISTMAS FAIR 2022

A huge thank you to our PTA for all their hard work in preparing for the Christmas Fair, which was a huge success on Thursday evening. We know and appreciate how much work goes into organising such an event and are truly grateful to Caroline and the team for all their efforts. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and helped to raise lots of money for our wonderful school. The fair was a fabulous reflection of the Kew Riverside Community spirit!



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
WONDERFUL  
PTA!**







# Thank You!

Thank you so much to everybody  
who helped us make our Christmas Fair  
and Silent Auction a reality this  
year and to all of you who joined us.  
We hope you and your children  
had a lovely time. We certainly  
did! :)

*We wish you all happy holidays!  
See you next year!*

**Your PTA**

# COMPETITION TIME!



You have the chance to win one of our brand new Kew Riverside Rucksacks!

All you have to do is follow us on social media, like our posts and comment.

The winner will be revealed during the first week back at school.

## Dates for the diary

**INSET DAY (School closed for children):** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Children return to school:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Maple & Elm Class Swimming**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**PGL for Year 6:**

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## 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 Child Protection and Safeguarding policy. If you feel a child may be in danger, you may contact the SPA directly on the number below or the police.

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