



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Headteacher Highlights

The penultimate week of term has been full of festive fun and cheer! We have been extremely impressed with the talent our children have showcased in their Christmas performances; the whole school community have enjoyed The Little Blue Star Nativity and our Christmas music festival at Barn Church.

The school was buzzing with excitement on Wednesday as we prepared for our annual trip to the pantomime at Richmond Theatre. We all took the bus into Richmond and had a wonderful afternoon watching Paul Merton star in Dick Whittington – a huge thank you to our PTA for making this possible.

The week ended with our PTA Christmas Fair after school on Thursday, which included lots of exciting stalls and even a visit from Santa, his elf and the Christmas fairy!



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in ensuring that all of our festive events have been successful. Next week is the last week of term and we are all looking forward to the class Christmas parties and Christmas lunch before a well-deserved break with our friends and families.

## Golden Certificates

A huge well done to our Golden Certificate winners – thank you for championing our school values and showing excellent learning behaviour.



## Hot Chocolate Friday

A huge well done to the children who went over and above last week and were nominated by the staff in their classes for a hot chocolate with Ardeep. Thank you for being excellent role models and being the best that you can be. Keep it up!



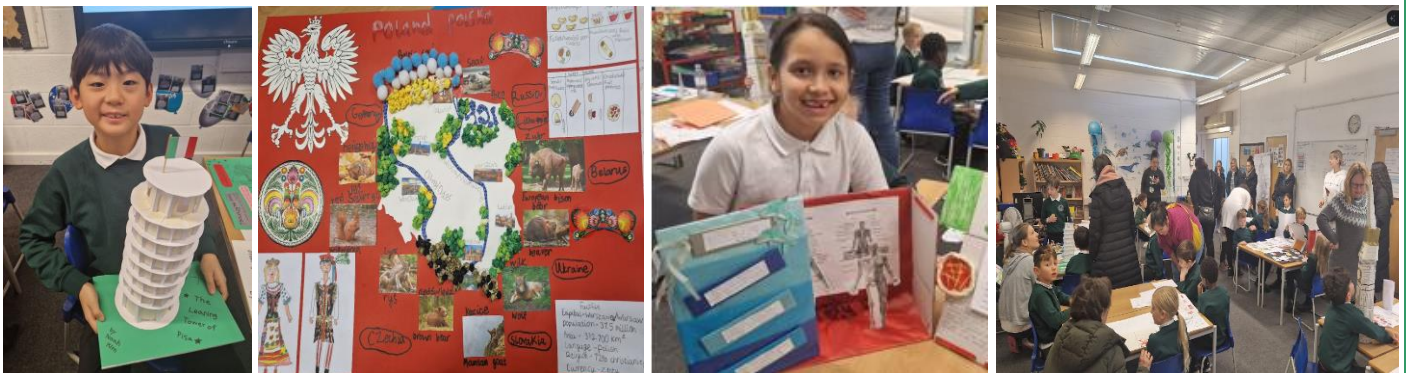
## Half Term Homework Projects

A huge well done to Cherry and Maple Class who all held their gallery viewings this week to present their half term homework projects. Everyone was really impressed with both the high standard of work that the children produced and the confidence with which they presented their learning.

In Cherry Class, the children had prepared some informative fact files on Australia linked with their Geography topic and some life cycles of different animals linked with their Science topics.



In Maple Class, we were overwhelmed with the amount of work the children had completed. There were models of European landmarks, fact files about different European countries and 3D maps showing the landscape of France! The children had also thought about the human skeleton and linked it to their Science learning.



Thank you to all of our families for supporting with these projects and coming along to view the work – everyone at Kew Riverside really appreciates your time and effort.

*Next week we will be reporting back on the Willow, Ash and Oak Class galleries.*

## WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME? OH YES WE DID!

On Wednesday everyone at Kew Riverside enjoyed an afternoon at Richmond Theatre to watch the Dick Whittington pantomime! We all had a wonderful time watching the show and our tickets also included an ice cream during the interval. This was all made possible by our fantastic PTA who funded the trip – thank you so much, we all had an amazing time!





# CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES 2023

Well done to all of our pupils for putting on two fantastic Christmas performances this week!



On Tuesday afternoon Maple, Ash and Oak Class treated their families to a wonderful show in Barn Church; the children sang, recited poetry and some of them impressed us with playing the piano and the guitar. Everyone was incredibly proud of the children including Reverend Melanie who welcomed us to the church and started the afternoon off with a special Christmas blessing.



On Thursday morning it was time for the Christmas Nativity performance of The Little Blue Star by Willow and Cherry Class. All of the children looked amazing in their costumes and really impressed the audience with their singing and acting. Their hard work over the last few weeks really paid off with what was a truly memorable performance, which had a strong message of kindness and inclusivity.



Thank you to all the children, staff and parents for their support in helping to make our performances a huge success!





## PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023

On Thursday we had our much awaited PTA Christmas Fair and as always it was a huge success! There were a whole host of stalls including a toy and bottle tombola, Christmas crafts and gifts and The Kew Gardener's Grotto which was run by our very own Gardening Club. The much anticipated teacher's raffle was extremely popular with children trying to win prizes varying from a Dodgeball session with Jaydon and Mr O to private tutoring sessions with Rhiannon. Everyone was on the edge of their seats during the "Headteacher for the Day" auction – we are very much looking forward to having our Guest Headteacher, Lily, run the school for a day in the Spring Term.

We are truly grateful to our PTA and everyone involved in ensuring that our Christmas Fair was full of fun and raised funds for our wonderful school. Even Santa, his Elf and the Christmas fairy came along to help!



## Attendance and Punctuality

The top classes for attendance this week were:


- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Maple Class: 97%**  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **Willow Class: 92.4%**  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **Ash Class: 88.7%**



Could you make a difference by joining our Governing Body as a Parent Governor?

More information coming soon.

## WILLOW AND CHERRY CLASS



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Willow and Cherry class will be traveling to the Whoville to enjoy a magical day of Christmas fun.

Children are welcome to wear their pyjamas to school. Your child should still wear normal school shoes to school but can bring slippers to change when in the classroom.

Lisa and Rhiannon

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Christmas Lunch Menu '23

Roast Turkey with Chicken Chipolata and Gravy

OR

Feta, Spinach & Cranberry Puff Pastry Roll with Veg Sausage and Gravy

Served with

Roast Potatoes  
Stuffing  
Roasted Parsnips  
Carrots

Chocolate Frosted Christmas Cake





## Dates for the diary



Ash & Oak Class Gallery Day:  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9am

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – last day of term 2pm finish

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO AFTER  
SCHOOL CLUB ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER.**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January –INSET DAY

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Maple Class start swimming

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DATES STRAIGHT TO YOUR PHONE!**

*Head to our website – Click on New and Events – Click on  
School Dates – Click on Subscribe and follow the  
instructions.*

## Christmas Parties

Ash & Oak: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Willow & Cherry: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Maple: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

*Children are welcome to come to school in their party  
clothes on the day of their party.*



## Support for our school community

If you are worried about finances and having enough food over the Christmas break, please come and speak to Lisa in the office to discuss ways in which we can support you.



## 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.

### Key contacts:

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