

## BULLETIN

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Issue 11

Focus of the Week	
Listen and show Respect	
Key Dates coming up	
5 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Cycle Training – Lion Class
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Pensford Field – Lion Class
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Relationships and Sex Education – 6.00pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Spelling Challenge Week – Whole School
20 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Public Speaking – Rhino and Lion Class
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Blue Cross – Giraffe Class
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Head's Award Evening – Rhino and Lion children
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Cake Sale – Zebra Class
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Neasden Temple – Lion Class
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day – Slumber Evening
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Maths Mastery Parent Workshop 7.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Assembly – Monkey Class Parents welcome
19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent-Teacher meetings

### Golden Certificate Winners in Spr 1 Week 5

Giraffe Class – **Elisia**  
 Zebra Class – **Andrea**  
 Elephant Class – **Emery**  
 Monkey Class – **Maxim**  
 Crocodile Class – **Caelan**  
 Rhino Class – **Leana**  
 Lion Class – **Daniel**



Dear Parents and Carers

#### The School's Vision

Thank you for all the survey completions for the Vision. We are still expecting a flurry of replies up until the **end of the consultation on 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Please pass on the message to other parents and families to complete the survey on the website in the **Polls and Surveys** section.

Vision Survey 2018 (Expires 9th February 2018)

The JLT are compiling children's responses currently and we should have a completed consultation document to share with you all in early spring 2.

#### What do Governors do?

In response to your requests to find out more about our hard-working Governors, the Junior **Leadership Team sent a questionnaire to all members of the Governing Body**. The results of which can be read on the Governors and

JLT sections of the website.

How Does the Governing Body Work?

Junior Leadership Team (JLT)

### **Developing the Outside Area - The Field**

**Plans to develop the first phase of the field, the Horticultural Area, are all set.**

We have contacted many different groups of people with various degrees of expertise and are confident of forming a strong group of volunteers going forward. Our next step before building the area is a meeting with the PFI, the owners of the school premises, to discuss what we can and cannot do regarding changing the fixtures of the field area. Once agreed, we will have the go-ahead to buy resources and organise labour to construct the garden before the end of spring. I will be sending out some dates when we will open the field gates for donations of various items, such as:

- Tools (spades, shovels, forks, handforks, trowels, rakes, etc.)
- Old wellies to fit 4, 5, 6 year olds.
- Wet suits or jump suits to fit 4 and 5 year olds. Also kagools, rain hats, ponchos (waterproofs)
- Wooden sleepers (treated)
- Half bags of compost or top soil
- Old tyres, bricks (not rubble please!)
- Plants , seeds, pots, tubs, planters, watering cans, canes, string, etc.

We will also plan an open morning one weekend to invite the community along to help with planting.

### **Improving Parental Engagement**

The school are always open to feedback from you and we strive to improve our school for the children and their families and for the staff. As I have mentioned previously, we do not have the size of budget of other schools in the area but it is managed very well and we do not waste public funds. Recently, following feedback, the school arranged for Gill Hines to visit us to give a Relationships and Sex Education talk on 8<sup>th</sup> February. We have also booked a Maths consultant to speak to parents on 7<sup>th</sup> March. These events cost a lot of money, which the school covers. However, at present, numbers signed up for the SRE talk total 8 and the number of confirmed attendees for the maths talk is 1. We have also moved meeting times to later slots and made a commitment to improve communication through a variety of media. **In the past 2 years, internet safety events, curriculum evenings and assessments evenings have all been poorly attended.** As we appear to not be succeeding in this area, I would appreciate your views on such events in future. One answer could be not to book specialist speakers until we can cover the cost by charging you in advance. I hope it does not come to this. I know that many of you work long hours, and do not even get to see your own children some days, but there must be a way of informing you in future and sharing school

information face to face.

### **Appeal: School Photography**

We are looking for a **keen photographer** to come into school to take some pictures for things like the website and school prospectus. The school have had to suffer the abominations that pass for photos that I have taken and I think we need something better. It should take no more than an hour to visit activities across the school and capture life at Kew Riverside. Please contact the office if you can help.

### **Meeting with Fit 4 Sport**

I have requested a **parents' forum meeting with Fit 4 Sport** for both 9am and 7pm on 21<sup>st</sup> February. This is an opportunity for you to give the company feedback on their current service and what you would like to see from this provider in the future. If you are a parent who has previously considered placing your child in the club but are unsure, this may be an opportunity for the company to begin repairing relationships and building new ones for the future.

### **Kew Factor 2018**

Next Friday is Kew Factor 2018. Is your child a singer, dancer, comedian, magician, ball juggler etc? The children have been told today and auditions will be taking place all next week, with the final on Friday afternoon in front of three celebrity judges. Unfortunately, we do not open this event up to parents but please help your child at home with rehearsals if they are competing.

Have a good weekend

Darren

**Looking After Pets**, on Wednesday 21st February a representative from the Blue Cross will be coming into school to talk to Giraffe Class about looking after pets. This is to help them learn more about how to look after the school Guinea Pigs. The representative will be bringing her dog with her. If you have any concerns about this, please speak to Emily.

**Relationships and Sex Education in the Primary School workshop - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 6.00-8.00pm.** The workshop is being funded by school and therefore completely free for parents to attend. Spaces are limited to 30 parents so please sign up with Lisa at the office by **7<sup>th</sup> February**. If you have any questions please speak to Sarah in Elephant Class.

### **Children's Mental Health Day**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February we will be ending the half term by taking part in Children's Mental Health Day 2018. This year's theme is 'Be Yourself' and aims to celebrate our uniqueness, differences and talents. We are asking all children to come to school in an outfit which expresses this. Are you an artist? Do you love the colour orange? Are you an amazing basketball player? Wear the clothes which show the world who you are! We will end the day in true Kew Riverside style with Q-Factor. What better way to show each other our talents!

### **Governors.**

Another sub-committee of the Board of Governors is the Engagement and Communications (E&C) committee. Pretty self-explanatory, the committee looks at the school's engagement with and communications to the stake holders; Parents, staff, pupils, local residents and businesses. One of the things being looked at the moment is the way that facts and figures are presented to

parents. Could things be made clearer?

This week there was a meeting of the E&C and among the things discussed were: the update of the school vision, the responses to the parent questionnaire, the school website, the methods of reporting to parents, the updating of the prospectus and the general promotion of the school.

If you have any comments on any of these things please send them to

[governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:governors@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk)

John Grant. Chair of Governors.

**Science Week** is fast approaching and we will be having a fun filled week based on 'exploration and discovery' starting on **12th March**. More details about the exact activities your children will be taking part in will be announced nearer the time. For now, there are a few things that we would love your children to start collecting in order for us to carry out two of the planned tasks and competitions being led by myself and NPL.

For a school competition that will be held on the Friday we need lots of cardboard (boxes, tubes etc.). Please could you start collecting these rather than taking them to the tip and we will begin to take them in at school on the 1st March.

For the NPL experiment we need empty 2 litre plastic bottles that once contained fizzy drinks, ideally washed. We will take these in again from the 1st March.

Thank you so much for all your help, science week is already looking very exciting!

### **Sponsored Spell Reminder**

- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan spelling lists went home
- Learn as many words as possible for home learning and try to get sponsorship
- Week of 19<sup>th</sup> Feb spelling challenge in class
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March sponsorship money due
- 5<sup>th</sup> March special spelling assembly

Thank you for encouraging and helping your children at home. If you are intending to get sponsorship, please could you provide the money in a **sealed envelope with your child's name, class and the amount of money**. Your money can be handed to your child's class teacher or Lisa.

### **The exciting 'World Book Day' 1<sup>st</sup> March Storytelling slumber party (5.30pm-7pm):**

- Children need to buy a (golden!) ticket for £1.50 per family. Tickets will be on sale after school on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** in the playground. The JLT will be collecting money and this will be sent to support the charity, Book Aid International.
- Wearing nightwear, children and parents go to their classroom at 5.30pm (nightwear is optional!). Children can bring blankets and sleeping bags if they wish.
- All families will be provided with a small 'midnight feast' snack in class and attend a storytelling session led by a special guest in the hall

### **Parent-teacher Meetings**

These will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March (2-5pm) and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March (3.30-7pm). Booking details will be sent out shortly.

## Mastery Maths Parent Workshop – 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

### BBC 500 Words Story Writing Competition

500 Words is a story writing competition for children between 5 and 13 years old.

Entry opens on Monday 15 January 2018 at 08:00. Entry closes on Thursday 22 February 2018 at 19:00. All the information can be found here

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

#### House Points



5360



3908



4582



5002

### Community Events

#### Consultation on proposed alterations to Barnes Primary School

Richmond Council is consulting on proposals to expand Barnes Primary School to three forms of entry and to establish a specialist resource provision for children with ASD and associated complex needs. Details are available [here](#).

**Marble Hill Play Centres**, half term activity camps please see leaflet for more details.

### Key Stage 1 (Giraffe, Zebra & Elephant)

#### Giraffes

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#### Zebras

**Cake Sales** 23<sup>rd</sup> February, please remember to bring cakes in for the sale.

#### Elephants

**Kew Gardens** 7<sup>th</sup> March please see letter for more details and make payment online.

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

#### Monkeys

**Swimming** – Please remember to pay online.

#### Crocodiles

#### Rhinos

**Public Speaking** – 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February please pay £1.00 towards this as PTA have donated funds to part supported the event. Please remember without the PTA and your donations events like this may not be able to continue.

**Head's Award Evening** – 22<sup>nd</sup> February (7-8pm); individual children and their families will be invited by letter in due course.

#### Lions

**Cycle Training** – 5<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> February copy has already gone home in your child's book bag.

**Pensford Field** on the afternoon of 6th February to complete a variety of habitat and environment investigations. Please can the children bring in suitable clothing and footwear for this time of year (wellies, coats, jumper etc). No permission slip is necessary but please let the office or Rachel know if you do not wish your child to attend.

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**Neasden Temple** – 28<sup>th</sup> February please see attached letter and make payment online or at the office along with completed consent form.

**PGL June 2018** – This PGL trip will be after the May half term from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> June. **Please note 4<sup>th</sup> June is an inset day, but will be the start of PGL.**

### Key dates for your diary

12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Assembly – Crocodiles Class Parents welcome
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Bingo Night – PTA Event
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent-teacher meetings 2.30pm – 5.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent-teacher meetings 3.30pm – 7.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Singing Festival
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class Assembly – Zebra Class Parents welcome
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Children's Cinema Night – PTA Event
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Assembly – Elephant Class Parents welcome
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School starts all children</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Assembly – Giraffe Class Parents welcome
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Spelling at Home – Parent Workshop 6.00 to 7.30
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Assembly – Rhino Class Parents welcome
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> June	SATs Week
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> June	PGL Osmington Bay – Lion Class
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School starts all children</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonic screening
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>

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

### Library Times

Monday 08.30-08.50 and 3.30-4pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 3.30-4pm

Thursday 3.30-4pm (until Christmas)

Friday 3.30-4pm

Children from all year groups are welcome to visit on any day. Children in Giraffes to Crocodiles must be accompanied by an adult; Rhinos and Lions can visit by themselves.

<b>Slips to be returned/Attachments to bulletin</b>			
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Giraffe Class</b>	<b>Zebra Class</b>	<b>Elephant Class</b>
Parent leaflet Vision			Kew Gardens
<b>Monkey Class</b>	<b>Crocodile Class</b>	<b>Rhino Class</b>	<b>Lion Class</b>

## **PTA**

All parents and carers are automatically part of Kew Riverside's PTA and being involved in any way you can is a great way to meet new people and raise money for our fantastic school. We have regular meetings and are always planning the next event so if you can help in any way or have some great fundraising ideas then please talk to your class reps.

You can keep up to date on school news via the school's website <http://www.kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk/> on twitter @KRPS2039 or our Facebook page which if you want to become a member of please search for us at "Kew Riverside Primary School PTA" and you'll be asked by admin to verify your child's name and class before you are approved.

Lots of great events happening throughout the year and we all look forward to seeing you and your families getting involved!