



Kew Riverside Primary Newsletter

A huge thank you

Thank you so much for all of your kind and generous gifts and well wishes for Christmas. I know it is hugely disappointing that some Christmas events were cancelled during this final week but with rising cases it was the best decision for the whole school community. I hope that you will be able to make your planned journeys to see family and friends this Christmas and that you get to enjoy the festive period.

Thank you to the children also, who have dealt with last minute changes readily and with good nature. Finally, I want to express my gratitude to my staff, who go above and beyond daily, sometimes in the hardest of circumstances. Hopefully they will have a wonderful and well deserved break this Christmas.

We very much hope that schools will reopen as planned on Wednesday 5th January 2022 and at the moment we fully expect them to do so - we have not had any communication to the contrary from central Government. However, we want to be completely primed for any remote learning that might be put in place. One way we can be prepared is to have an up to date understanding of those parents who are key workers and those who do not have access to laptops or computers at home. Please complete this simple Google form - it will take 2 minutes and will really help us plan for any future remote learning.

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Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year from all the staff at Kew Riverside.

Thank you Rotary Club

Thank you very much to the Rotary who donated some Christmas Hampers for families, such a kind gesture and really appreciated

A poem by Otavio and Zeyd



'Together'

We are in unity,
We are diverse,
We are all equal,
That is our Earth.

Last Christmas, we couldn't be together.

This year, we'll make up for it.

Having fun and celebrating tradition,

Helping each other and bringing gifts.

By Otavio and Zeyd - Rhinos

FUEL - Feed Ur Everyday Lives

After a successful summer, where over 1500 children across Kingston and Richmond engaged with holiday activity and food providers, the programme continues to grow with new locations, providers, and activities available for children across the two boroughs. As a reminder, the programme offers completely free access for children receiving benefits-related Free School Meals to attend holiday clubs, sports groups, play sessions and more. With most providers operating in the build up to Christmas, this will help young people have a healthy start to the holiday period. For further information on the programme and the providers that we will be working with, please visit our website at www.kr.afcinfo.org.uk/KRFUEL or contact FUEL@Achievingforchildren.org.uk.

Hot Chocolate and Golden Certificate Winners







Young artists chosen to create Mayor's and Council Leader's Christmas cards

Six young artists have been selected to design the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr Geoff Acton and Leader of the Council, Cllr Gareth Roberts' annual Christmas cards.

After a tough judging session, the below young residents had their entries chosen to be used for the Christmas cards for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Leader of the Council.

The winners are:

- [Anthony Simonov \(Age 11\) Holy Trinity \(Mayor's Card\)](#)

- [Ralphie Morriss \(Age 6\) St Osmunds \(Mayor's Card\)](#)
- [Lilly Sophia Smee \(Age 8\) Vineyard \(Mayor's Card\)](#)
- [Viana Madad \(Age 7\) Hampton Wick Infants \(Leader's Card\)](#)
- [Emma Kecskes \(Age 10\) Kew Riverside Primary \(Leader's Card\)](#)
- [James Carey \(Age 6\) Hampton Infant School \(Leader's Card\)](#)

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Barn Church Art Competition

Well done to Marc and Lucas from Zebra class who came 1st and 2nd in the Barn Church Art Competition with these beautiful masterpieces!





We are hiring!

We have an opportunity for a Learning Support Practitioner (LSP) . Please see our advert on [eteach](#) [here](#) for more details.

SPARK Book Awards - a message

Behind the scenes, we have been gearing up for this year's Spark! Book Awards and teams of teachers from around Kingston and Richmond have been busily reading books for the award.

The longlisted books for our awards are being announced as the Spark! 12 Books of Christmas each day at the moment, so if you are looking for inspiration for some Christmas book gifts or your families want help choosing gifts - please share these widely.

The longlists are being announced on our social media accounts with a different book added in each category each day:

[Twitter](#) / [Facebook](#)

They can also be found on these pages of the Spark! website:

[3-5 picture fiction](#) / [6-11 picture fiction](#) / [7-9 fiction](#) / [9-11 fiction](#)

The final shortlisted books are due to be announced in January and pupils will then get down to reading the books, meeting the authors online and finally voting on their favourites. The winner is announced at the end of June.

And if you wish to make a donation to help provide one of the Spark! shortlisted books to a disadvantaged pupil, you can do so through our [JustGiving fund](#).

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.

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