



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Headteacher's Highlights

Happy New year to you all and welcome to what I know will be another fabulous term at Kew Riverside! I hope you all had a wonderful break and spent lots of valuable time with friends and family.

There are lots of exciting things planned for the Spring Term in terms of our curriculum, enrichment opportunities and improving the school site. I'm sure you have noticed all of our new signage across the school, which was put up over the Christmas holidays – we are really pleased with them and thank you all for your positive feedback.

I am delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our team. Dilek Maltepe has joined Maple class as a Learning Support Assistant and Galina Agrawal, a student teacher, is also with us for this half term. I know that they will both do a fantastic job in supporting our pupils to achieve their full potential.

## Governors Update

As you are aware we now have a new Chair of the Governing Body, Michelle Green, who succeeded Stephen Hyams at the end of the Autumn Term.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank Jen Cropley and Peter King, two of our long serving governors, who stepped down from the Governing Body at the end of last term. Both Jen and Peter have supported the school in many ways by working alongside the community to ensure that we can provide the very best for our pupils. Their dedication to the school has been appreciated by all and we wish them the very best for the future. I would also like to welcome Chris Carlson, the newest member of our Governing Body, to the Kew Riverside Community.

Thank you to all our governors for your ongoing support and encouragement.

## 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 at the end of last term for going over and above. Thank you for being super role models and for following our school rules.



## Meet Our Staff Superheroes: Vanya Nikolova

This is my 7<sup>th</sup> year at Kew Riverside and it is absolutely fantastic to be part of this wonderful community.

When I am not here, helping our lovely children learn, I love to spend my time with my family. My two sons, who are 13 and 10, make sure I am kept busy at all times! I also love languages and am currently learning Swedish.

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



## Attendance and Punctuality

At the start of the new term, it is important to remind the school community about our attendance target of **96%** for all our pupils. It is vital that children aim to be in school every day and on time to ensure that they are able to make good progress in their learning. If you require any support with this, please arrange a time to speak a member of the Senior Leadership Team.



The top three classes for attendance this week were:

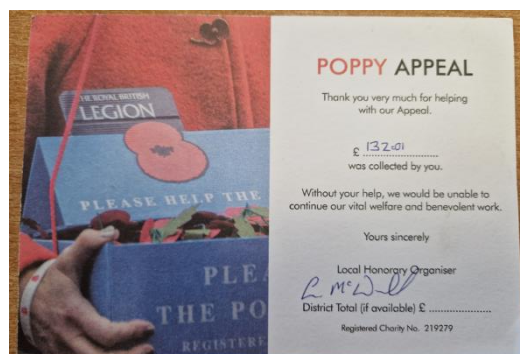
**1<sup>st</sup>: Cherry Class 91%**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Oak Class 87%**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Elm Class 81%**

## Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all your generous donations back in November, which helped us to raise a grand total of £132.01.



## Moments of Triumph

This week we have re-launched our Moments of Triumph programme, which is designed to help children to develop their emotional resilience, communication, initiative and leadership skills. Each child will be given a target card, appropriate for their year group, with 10 Moments of Triumph that they will aim to achieve before the end of the school year. Children will work on some of these in school but many of them can be done at home with the family. When complete, children can bring in the evidence to show their class teacher and earn rewards which will be shared in assembly.



## Pupil Voice

All the children have been invited to apply for the position of a Pupil Parliament Minister. The Pupil Parliament will replace what has been previously known as the JLT and be made up of two children from each class, who will meet regularly with Ardeep and other members of staff, to represent the views and opinions of The pupils in our school.

To apply children have been asked to write a letter to Ardeep about why they would like the role, what skills they have that make them ideal for the role and any ideas they have for improving the school. All letters must be received by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Following this classes will vote to choose who they want to represent them in the Pupil Parliament.

Our Year 6 Pupils have also been invited to apply for the role of School Ambassadors. We are looking for children who promote our school values and are positive role models, who really care about our school and celebrating it's successes.

Good luck to everyone applying, I am really looking forward to reading your letters of application.



## COMPETITION WINNER!

Congratulations to our competition winner, who has won a brand new school rucksack!



## TISSUE DONATIONS

We would be really grateful if families could donate tissue boxes for their class. Many thanks in advance.





*You're invited to our*

# OPEN DAY

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Arrive / Refreshments 9am

Headteacher presentation 9.15am

Tour 9.30am

Followed by the opportunity to ask questions.

To reserve your place please email [info@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk) or call 0208 487 8437  
(during half term please leave a message and we will get back to you)

## Dates for the diary

**Maple & Elm Class Swimming:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Open Day:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

**Cherry Class Trip to Holly Lodge:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

## 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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