



Kew Riverside News



Friday 12th January 2024

Headteacher Highlights

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful break with your friends and families. It has been lovely to welcome back the children this week, who all seem ready for a busy and exciting Spring Term. As always we have lots of exciting learning planned, which you will find out more about in the curriculum letters that have been sent out by each class team. We also have a new list of homework projects for this half term – I can't wait to see the children's creations.

I am delighted to welcome back Anna, who has returned to work after maternity leave. Anna will be working with pupils from across the school, supporting pupils to achieve their full potential.



Golden Certificates

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



Big Schools Birdwatch 2024

On Wednesday, Jess led a special assembly about the RSPB's Big School's Birdwatch! Big School's Birdwatch is the world's largest wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like us take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

During the assembly children learnt all about the common British Birds and their distinctive characteristics, giving them a head start for when they go out to birdwatch later this month. We will be keeping a tally of the different birds we see in our locality and reporting back to the RSPB.



Willow Class Veterinary

This term Willow Class are learning all about identifying and naming animals. Their home corner has transformed into a vets surgery and the children have really enjoyed taking on the role of vet, receptionist and customer. Many of their toy animals have been bandaged and injected but you will be pleased to know that they now all healed! Well done Willow Class.



Online Safety Reminders

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinecollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort these out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unboxed. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't installing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password is protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of writing for sites such as the *Guardian*, *Times*, *Wired*, *PC Pro*, and *Computer Weekly*. He's appeared regularly on TV, such as on *Newsnight*, and radio, including on BBC *Newsnight*, *Radio 4* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.

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Attendance and Punctuality

The top classes for attendance this week were:

- 1st: Ash Class: 96%**
- 2nd: Maple Class: 94%**
- 3rd: Cherry Class: 89%**



Dates for the diary

15/1/24 – Maple Class start swimming

16/1/24 – Football Match

17/1/24 – Tag Rugby Match

W/B 5th Feb – Children’s Mental Health Week

6/2/24 – Safer Internet Day

W/B 12th Feb – Half Term

Half Term Homework Galleries

We are really looking forward to this half term’s homework projects. The gallery days will be as follows:

Willow: Thursday 8th February at 3pm

Cherry: Friday 9th February at 9am

Maple: Thursday 8th February at 9am

Ash & Oak: Tuesday 6th February at 9am



Thank you to everyone who takes the time to attend and speak to our pupils about their learning!

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:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

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avirdi@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk

- Chair of Governors:

Michelle Green 020 8487 8437

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- Single Point of Access (SPA):

020 8547 5008 Out of hours: 020 8770 5000

- Local Authority Designated Officer:

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