



**Governors
Summer 2024
Newsletter**

Chair of Governor Michelle Green

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we welcome the end of another school year, we want to express a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of you. The events over the last academic year have been a tremendous success. It is inspiring to see staff, families, governors and the wider community come together. We hope everyone enjoyed the events, and we extend our special thanks to Ardeep and all the staff for their exceptional organisation and dedication.

Reflecting on the year as a governing board, we are immensely proud of our business manager, who has worked tirelessly to ensure financial stability despite the challenges, reduced budget and the increased operational costs that all schools are facing across the UK. We are most grateful to the PTA whose ongoing fundraising has been instrumental in supporting the school for a better environment and increased learning opportunities for the children.

Kew Riverside has seen many achievements and memorable moments this year: from implementing the new Magic Breakfast programme which has encouraged the fostering of friendships before the school day begins, to events such as Mother's and Father's Day breakfasts, Garden Club activities, Class Galleries, and exciting trips to PGL in Osmington Bay. We are proud of our cultural celebrations. We are most grateful for the introduction of the iPads and the generosity of the 'Expect Amazing Book Store', which donated over 50 new books. What's more, we've also welcomed new ducklings and a special visitor, 'Fudge' the Labrador.

We greatly appreciate our dedicated staff who are the heart and soul of our school and whose unwavering commitment ensures improving academic results as well as enriched experiences through clubs and trips. They foster a nurturing environment where curiosity is encouraged, talents recognised, and every child feels valued and supported. Their efforts provide children with not only a top-tier education but also a memorable learning experience, filled with moments of joy and discovery.

Looking forward, if you know of any families interested in joining our wonderful school – whether to start in Reception in September or an in-year place, please encourage them to contact the school office. We would love to welcome them and showcase the vibrancy of Kew Riverside.

Finally, thank you again for your continuous support and dedication, we look forward to seeing you in the autumn term.

Wishing you a joyful and rejuvenating summer break.

What governors are saying.....

As we reflect on the journey we've shared at Kew Riverside Primary School over the last couple of years, I am brimming with pride at the tapestry of achievements and successes that adorn our school community.. Recently, our dedication to academic excellence was reaffirmed by the visit of the Literacy Specialist from The Little Wandle. Their glowing feedback lauded our teaching staff's confidence and dedication, particularly noting the remarkable progress in phonics made by our students. These commendations speak volumes about the unwavering commitment of our school community to provide the best possible education. I am thrilled that the school is embracing the latest in technology with the recent acquisition of new iPads, generously purchased with funds from the Parent Association. These iPads are set to be a transformative addition to our classrooms, opening up exciting new opportunities for interactive learning experiences. Our commitment to technology extends beyond the acquisition of devices; we are dedicated to ensuring that our students stay abreast of technological advancements and are equipped with the skills they need to thrive in the digital age. By integrating technology into our curriculum, we aim to provide our students with dynamic learning experiences that bring subjects to life in innovative ways. Additionally, the safety of our students in the digital realm is of paramount importance to us. In light of this, we made internet safety a key focus in the spring term, with ongoing efforts to educate students about online safety practices and ensure that they navigate the digital world responsibly. Beyond academic achievements, we have embraced every opportunity to celebrate success in all its forms. Whether through competitions, showcasing work in our newsletter, or hosting captivating assemblies led by our students, we ensure that every achievement, big or small, is met with enthusiasm and recognition. Another delightful additions to our school has been the introduction of half-termly class galleries, showcasing the impressive levels of work produced by our students across all year groups. It's heartening to witness the pride and sense of accomplishment radiating from our children as they share their achievements with the wider community. Our classrooms have been alive with excitement as students engage in a myriad of hands-on activities, from observing and naming ducklings to participating in special Science Workshops. These experiences not only enrich their learning but also ignite their curiosity and passion for exploration. Our commitment to fostering strong partnerships with parents has been key area of focus for the school and the Senior Leadership Team recognised the immense benefits of insightful parent workshops. The Parent workshops run by the school empower parents with valuable insights into their children's learning journey, fostering a cohesive and supportive school community. As we continue to evolve and grow, the development of subject leader roles and the strengthening of our vertical grouping curriculum have played pivotal roles in providing our students with the best possible education. These initiatives ensure that our curriculum remains dynamic, interactive, and robust, allowing for seamless skill transfer across curriculum areas. In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teaching staff, supportive parents, and talented students for their unwavering commitment to excellence. Together, we continue to provide a nurturing and inspiring environment where every child can thrive and succeed.

CHAIR OF C&A

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Safeguarding is the very foundation of safety at any school. Although many of the processes and procedures are not always seen, it remains at the forefront of teachers minds at Kew Riverside. It is wonderful to be able to share that governors are both impressed regarding the safeguarding culture that has been created and satisfied that the school is meeting the expectations of the Department for Education. An enhanced government focus this year has been attendance and again it has been pleasing to see the school taking great strides in this area. As part of the governing body, I wish to thank each parent for their support and dedication in ensuring that all pupils receive their education through excellent attendance. Your continued support in this area is appreciated and we look forward to even better results in the new academic year.

**LEAD
SAFEGUARD**

It has been a fantastic year at Kew Riverside! As your link governor for Health and Safety I wanted to fill you in on some of the work that goes into keeping the school safe. The school is in a PFI partnership which means that we have an external contractor responsible for maintaining the school to the highest standard. Each year the school is inspected for H&S, and policy is reviewed annually, any issues raised with the building are dealt with by the PFI partner - our School Business Manager does an excellent job holding them to account! The leadership team also constantly review how the building is used and make any necessary changes. Pupils have an understanding on how to conduct themselves responsibly, maintaining a safe and healthy environment for their own safety.

**LEAD HEALTH &
SAFETY**

It has been another challenging year financially for the school, but once again, the school has done a brilliant job of ensuring that it is in a healthy position at the end of this academic year and is well prepared for the new one. The governors continue to be very impressed with the dedication of our business manager, the headteacher, and the staff. Their commitment to providing the very best resources is commendable, and we would like to thank them all for their hard work.

CHAIR OF F&R

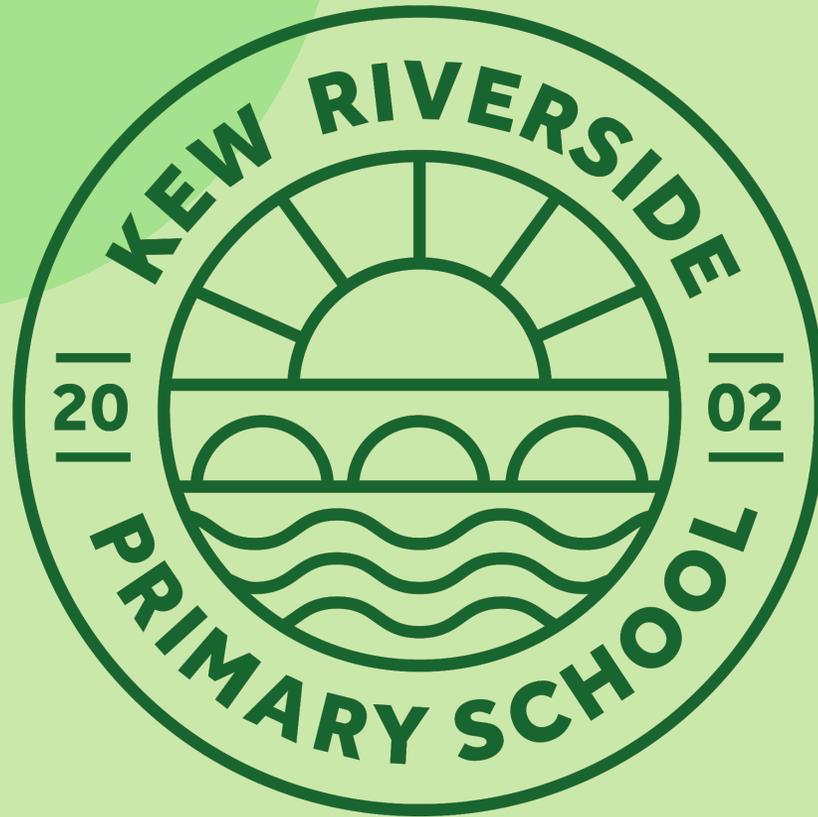
Your Governors

We are a dedicated team of governors at Kew Riverside, consisting of:

Michelle Green - Chair of Governors
Helen Oakley - Vice Chair, Chair of Finance and Resources (F&R), Pay
James Symonds - Chair of Curriculum & Assessment (C&A)
Patrick Neave - Local Authority Governor
Chris Carlson - Safeguarding Lead, C&A
Hayden - Vice Chair of F&R, C&A, Health & Safety Lead, Parent Governor
Donna Connor - Staff Governor
Caroline Gagliardi - Parent Governor, C&A, F&R
Michael Kirker – C&A, F&R
Angus Roy - C&A, F&R

Our governors meet at least 13 times a year to discuss crucial topics including curriculum updates, safeguarding reviews, performance evaluations and budget reports. They actively engage with our school community by visiting regularly, interacting with pupils and staff, participating in events, and supporting community activities. This commitment allows governors to stay informed about educational developments, best governance practices and ensuring effective support for Kew Riverside school.

Thank you from the Governors
We look forward to welcoming you in September



Kew Riverside is a school that offers an exceptional, engaging and enriching educational experience, which enables, energises and elevates all our pupil to become positive citizens of change