



Kew Riverside News



Friday 28th February 2025

Headteacher Highlights

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting weeks ahead. It has been fantastic to see the children return with such enthusiasm and determination, which makes the team at Kew Riverside extremely proud.

Our first week back began with a special assembly led by Lucy Freer from Magic Breakfast. Lucy spoke to the children about the importance of a healthy, well-balanced breakfast to fuel their learning throughout the school day. She was particularly impressed by their participation and the thoughtful questions they asked during the session.

To complete the week, we have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating our diverse school community with International Day, which started with an incredible morning of sharing food, poetry and poetry,

Looking ahead, we are excited to mark **World Book Day** on **Friday, 7th March**, with a very special guest: **Korky Paul**, the renowned British illustrator best known for the *Winnie and Wilbur* series. It promises to be an inspiring day for all!

We look forward to a fantastic half-term filled with learning, creativity, and celebration.



Golden Certificates

A huge well done to our Golden Certificate winners from last week. Thank you for championing our school values and showing excellent learning behaviour. We are lucky to have such wonderful role models in our school.



Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to the children who went over and above the week before half term and were nominated by the staff in their classes for a hot chocolate with Ardeep. There were even some special heart shaped marshmallows for Valentine's Day! Thank you for being the best that you can be. Keep it up!



Maple Class Library Visit

On the last Friday of half term, Maple Class were lucky enough to visit Kew Library. Emily greeted us with her usual kindness and created an excitement about the joys of a library. We loved looking through the amazing variety of books and enjoyed reading independently on the comfy seats or sharing a book with our classmates. We ended our trip with a lovely reading of fun book. This trip has really inspired us to get a library card and celebrate our enjoyment of literature.



STAFF RAFFLE PRIZES

This week, more of the winners from the Christmas Staff Raffle have been enjoying their experiences!

On Monday, Cherry Class became a cosy cinema for one very lucky Cherry! Loveen, the winner of our raffle, got to bring five friends along for a special movie night, and what a fantastic evening it was! Dressed in their comfiest clothes, the group settled onto beanbags with popcorn and tasty snacks, ready to enjoy *Charlotte's Web*. With front-row seats and plenty of treats, the VIP guests had an unforgettable experience. What a wonderful way to spend an evening—relaxing, snacking, and enjoying a great film with friends!

Well done to Loveen, and thank you to everyone who took part.



International Day 2025



This morning, the Kew Riverside community came together to celebrate International Day—a wonderful tribute to the many cultures, countries, languages, and heritages represented by our school.

The day began with a whole-school shared breakfast, featuring delicious dishes from around the world. From French crêpes and Turkish börek to Indian parathas and Armenian pastries, everyone enjoyed a truly global feast. Everyone made a huge effort by dressing up in national dress or in the flags and colours of their country.

Following breakfast, we were treated to an inspiring showcase of poems and songs performed by our talented students in a variety of languages, including French, Turkish, Polish, Italian, and Sinhala. Throughout the day, classes continued to share stories and experiences, deepening our appreciation for the diverse backgrounds that make up our school community.

What a fantastic way to celebrate our values of inclusivity and learning from one another! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event such a success.





Going Green at Kew Riverside

We are absolutely thrilled to share some exciting news from our allotment area! Thanks to the generous support of the Richmond Climate Action micro grant, Kew Riverside has made a fantastic start in creating a vibrant green space for our pupils. The earth has been meticulously prepared, and we can barely contain our enthusiasm as we eagerly await the arrival of the soil delivery.

Once the soil is in place, we'll be ready for our brilliant Wednesday club to kick off the planting! This initiative not only nurtures our pupils' green fingers but also fosters a deeper connection with nature and the environment. We can't wait to see what delicious vegetables and beautiful flowers will bloom in our new garden. Keep your eyes peeled for updates on our blossoming allotment adventures – it's going to be a wonderfully rewarding journey! Thank you to Lisa M and Lesley for making this all possible.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Following feedback and requests from busy parents, we have decided to extend the deadline for applications to **12pm on Friday 7th March**. Please click [here](#) to apply.

Thank you to those who have applied already.



Building Works Update

We are delighted to announce that the building repair works at Kew Riverside have been successfully completed.

Thank you for your patience and support throughout the process



One Step at a time!



Ash Class has been busy in Computing, putting their programming skills to the test by creating their very own pedometers using Micro:bits! The children learned how to code their devices to count their steps, turning them into mini fitness trackers.

It was amazing to see the excitement as they tested their pedometers by walking around the classroom and the school. Everyone was really impressed with their creativity and problem-solving skills. Well done, Ash Class – keep stepping up your coding skills!

Penguin Day in Willow Class

To wrap up our Blue Penguin project, Willow Class had an exciting Penguin Day! We dressed up as penguins and enjoyed a day full of creative activities.

We started by making paper plate penguins, then worked together to create a polar landscape with icebergs and penguins. We followed the Penguin Dance and had a waddling challenge down the corridor with 'eggs' balanced between our feet like emperor penguins. One of the highlights of the day was building igloos out of marshmallows and toothpicks! We used our creativity to design our very own igloos, and some of us made some really impressive structures.

We learned lots of penguin facts along the way, for example, how emperor penguins are the largest species! It was a lovely day, filled with learning and laughter, the perfect way to end our penguin project!



Attendance and Punctuality

This year our whole school attendance target is at least 96% - we know that children who have between 96-100% attendance at school are the happiest and most successful learners; we are grateful to all of our parents and carers who are committed to supporting their children with this.

Our top three classes for attendance **in the week before half term** were:

1st Place: Ash Class – 97.6%

2nd Place: Cherry Class – 95.8%

3rd Place: Willow Class - 91.2%



Dates for the diary

4/3/25: SATS Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents at 9am

4/3/25: Maple and Ash Class trip to Kew Gardens

5/3/25: Cherry Class Visit to Buddhist Temple

6/3/25: Maple and Ash Class to Holly Lodge

6/3/25: Oak Class visit to Air Raid Shelter

7/3/25: World Book Day

13/3/25: Under the Sea Drama Workshop (YR-3)

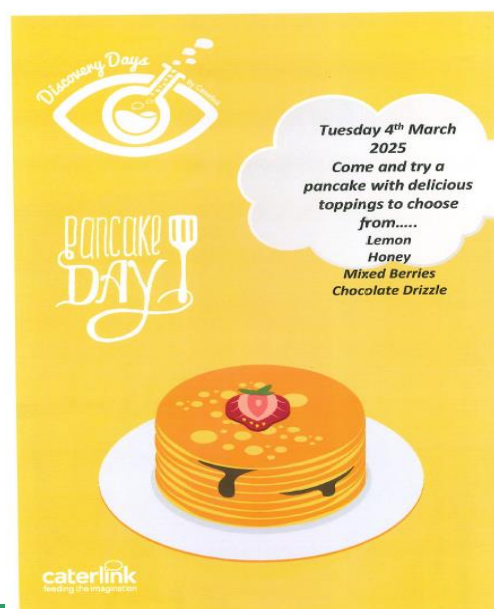
14/3/25: Year 6 to Junior Citizenship (Richmond Park)

25 & 27/3/25: Spring Term Parents Evenings –

Online booking opens from 7-21st March via Scopay.

Library Visits this term:

21/3/25: Willow & Cherry Classes (Kew Library)



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.

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