



Kew Riverside News



Friday 26th September 2024

Headteacher Highlights

This week, we were delighted to host the first of our **Open Days** for prospective parents looking to join our school community in **September 2026**. It was a successful and positive morning, which included a tour of the school and presentations from myself, Lisa from Willow Class, and some of our fantastic pupils. The visiting families were very impressed and shared some lovely feedback about the welcoming atmosphere and engaging learning environment. A big thank you to **Anne-Claire**, one of our parent governors, and **Priscila** from the PTA for joining us and supporting the event—it was greatly appreciated.

Throughout the week, **Kat, Will, and I** had the pleasure of visiting classrooms to see the incredible learning taking place. We were particularly impressed with:

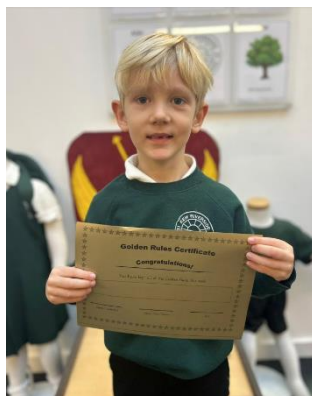
- **Willow Class**, who were learning how to use *talking partners* and *talking treasure* to support collaborative learning;
- **Cherry Class**, who were busy writing their own imaginative stories based on *Bog Baby*;
- **Ash and Oak Classes**, who were developing their Maths fluency and working with great focus and enthusiasm.

During Wednesday's assembly, I led our first **School Forum**, where the children explored the theme of **inclusivity and celebrating differences**. I was truly impressed with their thoughtful and mature reflections on how our different cultures, beliefs, and heritages enrich our school community and help us all learn from one another.

We're looking forward to seeing many of you next week at our **"Everything You Need to Know About Kew" Evening on Tuesday 30th September**—we hope you can join us!

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 last week and were nominated by the staff in their classes for a hot chocolate with Ardeep.

Thank you for being the best that you can be. Keep it up!



Meet Our Staff Superhero: Katy Mackale

Hello, I'm Katy! It's been such a pleasure getting to know all the children, and I feel truly honoured to be part of the Kew Riverside community. A big thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome.

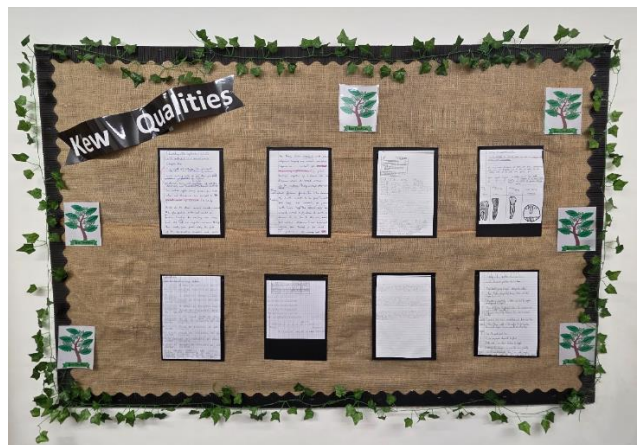
A little about me—I love the theatre, whether it's watching films, plays, or musicals (my favourite is *Wicked!*). I'm also a keen reader and enjoy spending time with my family—including Riley, our lively cocker spaniel—when I visit them in Scotland. Day to day, you'll often find me listening to audiobooks or Taylor Swift while enjoying a walk around Richmond Park.



I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone even better and seeing all the exciting things the rest of the year will bring!

Celebrating our Kew Qualities

A huge well done to the first set of children who have been selected by their teachers to have their work displayed on our new Kew Qualities board celebrating presentation, handwriting and taking pride in our work!

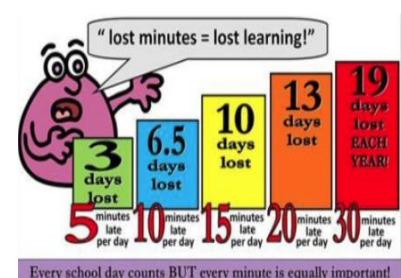


Attendance and Punctuality

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 last week were:

- 1st Place: Cherry Class – 94.7%**
- 2nd Place: Willow Class – 94%**
- 3rd Place: Ash Class - 93%**



Year 5 Residential to Juniper Hall

Our Year 5 pupils have had a fantastic time on their three-day residential trip to Juniper Hall this week. Alongside Will and Jess, the children enjoyed an exciting and enriching few days packed with adventure and learning. Activities included hiking through beautiful natural surroundings, setting mammal traps to study local wildlife, and developing essential survival skills. It truly sounds like an amazing few days, filled with memorable experiences and lots of fun. We're sure that after all the fresh air and activity, both children and adults will sleep very well tonight! A big thank you to everyone who helped make this trip possible, and a special thanks to Will and Jess for accompanying the children and helping create such a fantastic experience.

Day 1

Year 5 have arrived safely at Juniper Hall!

Everyone has settled in really well and spirits are high. We're just setting off on our first hike, using compasses to help guide our way. After exploring the beautiful surroundings, we'll head back for a well-earned dinner.

The children are excited for two days packed with fun and adventure!



Day 2

Last night, we carefully set out our mammal traps, making sure they were well camouflaged and placed in spots where small woodland creatures like mice, voles, and shrews might be hiding. After breakfast this morning, we headed out to check our traps—and what a success! Out of 15 traps, 5 had caught mammals. We were thrilled to find two voles, one shrew, one mouse, and even a yellow-necked mouse! It was so exciting to see the results of our hard work. Now we're deep in the woods, learning survival skills and enjoying another fun-filled and adventurous day here at Juniper Hall!



Day 3

Our last day at Juniper Hall has been an unforgettable experience! Yesterday, we learned some fantastic fire-lighting skills, and we wrapped up the evening with a campfire, singing songs and roasting marshmallows under the stars. This morning, the kids had a blast spending their pocket money at the tuck shop, mostly picking up souvenirs to remember their time here. Later today, we're heading out for an exciting orienteering activity. It's been such an amazing few days, and everyone's had an absolute blast! The kids are already excited to share all their adventures with their parents when they get home. We can't wait to return!



Do You Know Someone Who Could Be a Great School Governor?

Here at Kew Riverside Primary School we're looking for **two new Governors** to join our Governing Board.

As parents and carers, you'll know how important strong governance is in supporting our school to thrive. While this opportunity is **not open to parents of current pupils**, we would love your help in spreading the word and reaching people in your wider networks who might be interested.

Please do share this opportunity with friends, colleagues, neighbours, or professional contacts who might be a good fit. For more information about the role, or to arrange an informal chat, please contact the school office.

Thank you.



Need support with home life?
Unsure how to handle a situation with your child or navigate changes in your family life? We're here to help.



FAMILY SUPPORT DROP-IN

1st October 9am to 11am

To book a 20 minute appointment email [Belinda- bnorfolk@darell.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:Belinda-bnorfolk@darell.richmond.sch.uk) or speak to the school office.

Tuesday 30th September

Everything you need to know about Kew evening...

Refreshments and bar from **5.30pm**
Presentations from Headteacher and Acting Chair of Governors at **6pm**.

A creche facility will be available and run by members of the Kew team.



Dates for the diary

30/09/25: Everything you need to know about Kew Riverside **5.30 – 6.30pm**

30/09/25: Reception to Y3 Workshop: Castles, Knights and Princesses

3/10/25: Boys and Girls Football Tournament at Sheen Mount School

7/10/25: Oak Clas trip to Westminster Abbey

8/10/25: Everything You Need to Know About Willow Class Meeting **9.15am**

W/B 13/10/25 : NSPCC Talk Pants Week

16/10/25: Tag Rugby Tournament for year 5 & 6

W/B 27/10/25: Half Term

3/11/25: INSET DAY (School Closed)

4/11/25: Children return to school



AUTUMN 1: Class Galleries

21/10/25 at 9am: Ash Class

22/10/25 at 9am: Cherry Class

22/10/25 at 9am: Willow Class

23/10/25 at 9am: Oak Class



[Live link](#)



Thank you to all those who have offered their support to read with children or help making resources.

The QR code and live link is above for anyone you would like to volunteer.

We will be in touch next week with more information ...

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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