



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Headteacher Highlights

What a wonderful week we have had to end the first half of the Spring Term! This week, we marked **Children's Mental Health Week** as well as **Safer Internet Day**. The children took part in special assemblies focused on the safe use of AI and shared their learning with the rest of the school. Well done to everyone for understanding the importance of staying safe online and knowing what to do if something makes you feel worried or unsure.

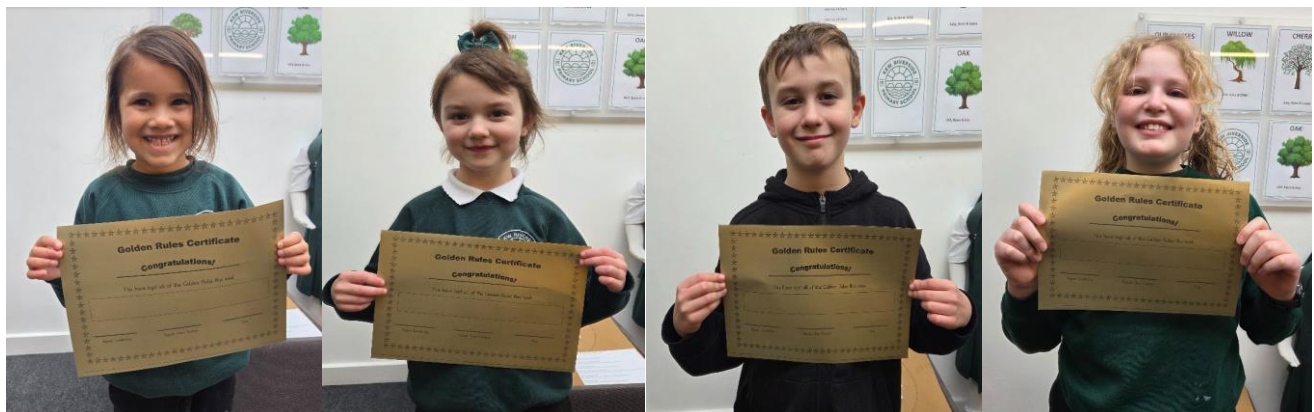
Our art topics have now come to an end, and the Kew Riverside artists have been showcasing their skills through their final pieces of artwork. These have ranged from beautifully crafted Canopic jars inspired by Ancient Egypt to paintings influenced by the Impressionists. We are so proud of the creativity, care and effort that has gone into every piece.

As always, I am incredibly proud of everything our pupils continue to achieve at Kew Riverside, supported by such a wonderful school community. I wish you and your families a restful half term and send my best wishes to all those celebrating festivals next week. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



## 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 for the last two weeks 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!



## Willow Class Celebrate Pancake Day

Pancake Day arrived a little early for Willow Class this year – and what a fantastic day it was! Our celebrations began in the classroom with the delightful story Mr Wolf's Pancakes. We loved reading about Mr Wolf's efforts to make his own pancakes and the unexpected surprises along the way. The story made us laugh and also helped us think carefully about instructions and ingredients.

Inspired by the book, we worked together to write a list of everything we would need to make our own pancakes. The children did a brilliant job remembering the key ingredients. There was lots of discussion about flour, eggs and milk, and why each one is important.

Next, we headed to the Food Tech room, ready to become real chefs! The children carefully measured and mixed the ingredients to make a smooth batter. They learned how to sieve flour, stir mixtures thoroughly and pour the batter into the pan. With a little help from the adults, everyone had the chance to cook their pancake. We even practised our flipping skills!

After working hard in PE, we were definitely ready to enjoy our tasty treats. The children chose their favourite toppings – either classic lemon and sugar or delicious jam. There were lots of smiles as we sat down together to eat. It was a wonderful day filled with reading, writing, maths, teamwork and cooking. The children learned so much while having great fun – and the pancakes were absolutely delicious too! Well done, Willow Class!



# Spring 1 Galleries

This week, we were delighted to host our Spring 1 Galleries, and what a fantastic celebration of learning it was! All of our pupils amazed us with their fabulous half-term homework projects. It was wonderful to see how confidently our pupils spoke about their work, proudly sharing their learning with their class communities. The creativity, effort and enthusiasm on display were truly impressive.

Well done to everyone for your hard work — keep it up, Kew Riverside!

**Cherry Class** focused on their learning about Castles and Seasonal changes.



**Ash Class** focused on their learning about Sound and Ancient Egypt.



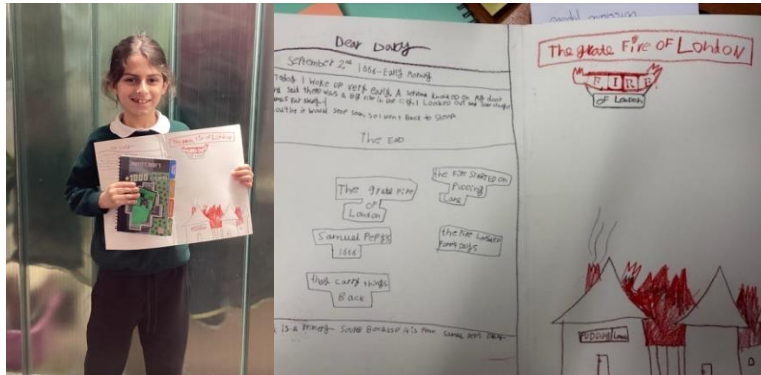
**Oak Class** focused on their learning about Light and The Mayans.



The photographs only show a small number of the incredible work produced by our pupils – well done to you all!

# History Competition Winner

Huge Congratulations to the winner of our History Competition! Our superstar from Ash Class created a primary and secondary source of evidence based on the Great Fire of London. Well done for demonstrating your history skills – we were all really impressed!



# Ash Class Sculptors

Ash Class have been working incredibly hard in our new Art Studio, *The Meadow*, creating their very own Canopic jars out of clay. This exciting project links perfectly with their current topic on Ancient Egypt.

Inspired by the traditions of the ancient Egyptians, the children carefully designed and sculpted their jars using a range of artistic techniques. They demonstrated fantastic skills in modelling, constructing, and carving as they shaped the clay into beautiful, detailed creations.

Canopic jars were considered sacred in Ancient Egypt and were used to store and protect the internal organs of the pharaohs during the mummification process. Ash Class thoroughly enjoyed learning about their historical significance and bringing this fascinating piece of history to life through art. We are so proud of their creativity, focus, and effort – their finished jars look amazing!



# Attendance and Punctuality

This year our whole school attendance target is at least **96%** - we know that children who have between 96-100% attendances 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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Willow Class – 95%**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cherry Class – 93.9%**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ash Class - 93.8%**



## Dates for the diary

### 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February: Half Term

2/3/26: Year 6 Bikeability

4/3/26: Willow and Cherry Class trip to Holly Lodge

5/3/26: World Book Day

6/3/26: Willow Class trip to Kew Bookshop

12/3/26: PTA Mother's Day Stall

13/3/26: PTA Mother's Day Breakfast

18/3/26: International Day

**27/3/26: Last Day of Term 2pm Finish**



Term dates for the next academic year are now on our website – a reminder that family holidays should not be booked during term time.

## 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 Keeping Children Safe 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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