



Kew Riverside News



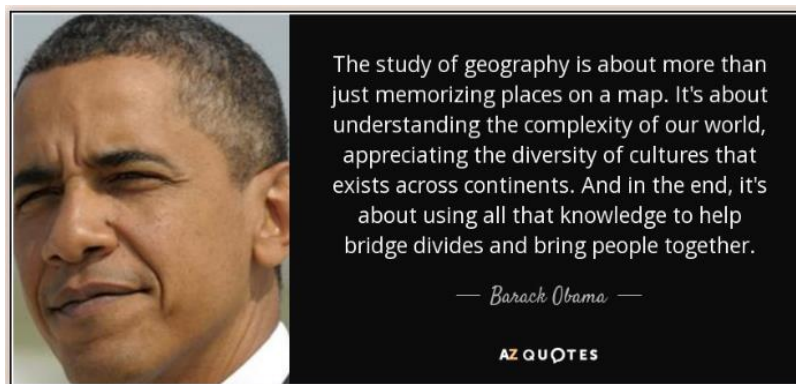
Friday 6th March 2026

Headteacher Highlights

This week has been a wonderful week of celebration at Kew Riverside. We have proudly celebrated our artistic talents by showcasing our artwork and inviting parents to appreciate and admire the creativity and hard work of our pupils. It was a pleasure to see so many families joining us and sharing in the children's achievements.

Of course, we have also celebrated the sheer joy of reading with our annual World Book Day celebrations. The excitement around books and storytelling was clear to see, and it was fantastic to witness our school community coming together to promote a love of reading. Thank you to everyone in the school community for your support and time in ensuring that these events are such successful and enriching opportunities for our pupils.

This week, Lisa M led an assembly all about geography, exploring the key skills we are developing — from fieldwork to understanding human and physical features. I am looking forward to the children sharing more of their geography learning over the next few weeks.



Golden Certificates

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



Celebrating Our Kew Riverside Artists

A huge thank you to all of our parents and families who attended our recent Gallery Walks to celebrate the artistic creativity and flair of our pupils.

Just before half term, all of the children completed their Spring Term art blocks, which included drawing, painting and sculpture. Their work was inspired by their friends and families, their History learning on Ancient Egypt, and famous artists such as Claude Monet and Giuseppe Arcimboldi.

We have been incredibly impressed with the quality, imagination and effort shown in the artwork produced. It was a real pleasure to open our doors and share the children's creativity with you. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping our pupils to thrive and shine.



Oak Class Scientists

In Science this week, Oak Class explored how craters are formed by carrying out a fun investigation. We created our own craters by dropping objects, of different size and mass, into a tray of flour. We compared what happened when objects had different **masses** and **sizes**, and observed how heavier or larger objects often made bigger craters when pulled down by **gravity**. The pupils carefully recorded their observations and discussed how the force of gravity causes objects to fall and impact the ground. It was a fantastic hands-on lesson that helped everyone see how mass, object size, and gravity work together in the real world.





WORLD BOOK DAY



A huge thank you to all the children and families who helped us celebrate World Book Day in such a wonderful way! It was fantastic to see the effort that went into the amazing costumes, and the children loved taking part in our special catwalk during assembly where they proudly showed off their creative outfits.

Throughout the day, the children also visited our Reading Café, where they enjoyed spending time reading a book while having a drink and a biscuit or two, a lovely way to celebrate the joy and love of reading together.

Across the school, classes took part in a variety of book-themed activities which inspired imagination, creativity and a passion for stories. It truly was a fantastic day, and a wonderful time was had by both the children and the staff team. Thank you again for your continued support in making events like this so special for our school community.





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Willow and Cherry Class at Holly Lodge

The Willows and Cherries enjoyed an exciting trip to Holly Lodge where they explored the topic of living things and their habitats. During the visit, the children took part in pond dipping and were fascinated to discover the different creatures living in the water, they found a variety of creatures from insects to frogspawn!

They also learned about animal habitats and worked together to build their own suitable habitats using natural materials found in the woodland. One of the highlights of the day was rolling logs to look for insects and other small creatures hiding underneath. The children were thrilled to discover a variety of minibeasts—and even spotted a newt! It was a fantastic hands-on experience that helped bring their learning about nature and habitats to life.



Year 6 Bikeability

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have taken part in the Bikeability programme this week. Each afternoon, the children have been out in the local area developing and practising key skills such as bike control, road positioning, observation, communication with other road users and negotiating junctions. These are important life skills that promote independence and safety and they have all worked extremely hard.

Thank you to the staff and instructors who supported the programme and ensured such a positive and successful experience for our pupils.



Oak Class Become First Aid Heroes

Oak Class had an exciting and hands-on PSHE lesson this week, where they were fully immersed in learning the basics of first aid. The children were particularly enthusiastic about discovering how they could help in an emergency. Working in small groups, they carefully followed step-by-step instructions to practise putting someone into the recovery position.

The practical nature of the lesson meant everyone was actively involved, supporting one another and building confidence as they learned these important life-saving skills. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and teamwork as the class explored how to respond safely and responsibly in emergency situations.



PTA EVENTS

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

THURSDAY, 12TH OF MARCH

Small gifts will be on sale
at school for children to buy
to someone special.

GIFTS INCLUDES: SWEETS & CHOCOLATES,
PLANTS, MUGS, RELAXING TREATS AND MORE.

£1 - £3

(We would appreciate if you could send
exact change, please)



SAVE THE DATE

BREAKFAST WITH MUM

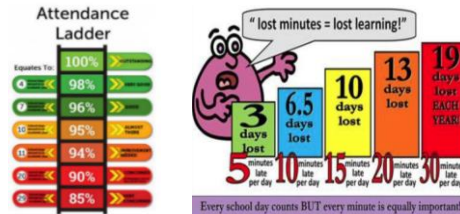
FRIDAY | 13TH OF MARCH | 8:30 - 9:15AM
SCHOOL HALL

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 the week before half term were:

- 1st Place: Ash Class – 89%**
- 2nd Place: Oak Class – 85%**
- 3rd Place: Cherry Class - 83%**



Dates for the diary

W/B 9th March: Science Week

- 12/3/26: PTA Mother's Day Stall
- 13/3/26: PTA Mother's Day Breakfast
- 16/3/26: Year 6 Trip to Junior Citizenship
- 18/3/26: International Day
- 18/3/26: Kew Library (Cherry Class)
- 19/3/26: Cherry Class Trip to Tower of London
- 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.

Spring Term Parents Evenings

- 16/3/26: Willow Class 1-6pm
- 23/3/26: Cherry, Ash and Oak Class 1.30-5pm
- 24/3/26: Cherry, Ash and Oak Class 3.30 – 7pm

For Willow class bookings will go live for parents on Arbor from **6pm on 10th March until 9am on 16th March.**

For Cherry, Ash and Oak class bookings will go live for parents on Arbor from **6pm on 10th March until 9am on 20th March.**

If you have any queries please speak to Lisa in the school office.

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.

Key contacts:

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