



Kew Riverside News



Friday 26th April 2024

Headteacher Highlights

There has been lots of excitement at Kew Riverside this week with the arrival of duckling eggs and the Explorer Dome, both of which have provided our pupils with lots of enriching learning opportunities as you will see from the photographs below. Both Year 4 and Year 5 have channelling their inner musicians as they have started both brass lessons in year 4 and keyboard lessons in Year 5 as part of their music curriculum; I am really looking forward to seeing what the children have learnt later this term. Will, our amazing maths lead, enjoyed visiting Maths lessons on Thursday and was delighted to see the excellent learning that was taking place across the school. Keep up the fantastic work Kew Riverside!

I am delighted to announce that our wonderful Deputy Headteacher Kat is expecting her second child over the Summer holidays. Kat will be going on maternity leave later this term and I am currently recruiting for a Deputy Headteacher to cover this period. We all wish Kat the very best and look forward to hearing about the arrival of her new baby.



Next week Cherry Class are off to the Tower of London, Year 5 are visiting the Houses of Parliament and Maple Class are taking part in an Egyptian workshop to support their learning in history. I can't wait to hear all about it!

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.



Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to the children who went over and above for the last week and were nominated by the staff in their classes for a hot chocolate with Ardeep. Thank you for being excellent role models and being the best that you can be.

Keep it up!



The Explorer Dome

On Wednesday our school hall was transformed when the Explorer Dome came to visit. All the children across the school had a session inside the dome to find out more about space, light, the environment, the weather and much more. Everyone really enjoyed the experience and left the dome with huge smiles on their faces!

A huge thank you to Jess for organising this wonderful experience and to the PTA for helping to fund it.



The colours were amazing!

I liked the rain which made a rainbow.

I like the plasma lamp and the light when my finger touched it.

I loved the whole thing!

The Sound of Music



A huge well done to our Year 5 pupils who have been learning to play the keyboards this half term. The children have been learning the names of the different notes and keys and how to find them quickly on the keyboard. We are looking forward to hearing more about the progress that they are making during the course of this half term.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent volunteer Liisa who has been sharing her musical talent and leading these sessions.

Duckling Watch!

On Monday, Willow Class were thrilled to receive the delivery of their duckling eggs! The children have been observing the eggs carefully and predicting when the first ducklings will hatch. Four out of the five eggs hatched on Wednesday causing much excitement amongst the pupils and staff, especially when tiny plastic ducks appeared across the school in celebration of this momentous event.

On Thursday, Willow Class took on the important task of naming our ducklings. We took all suggestions and had a choice of 14 names to choose from. We then held a democratic vote and the names with the most votes got through to the next round. We considered the last 8 and then voted again. The winning names were Sunflower, Stripey, Softie, Fluffy and Gucci.

Everyone is looking forward to learning more about the ducklings and watching them grow.



New Reception Cohort

On Wednesday morning we were delighted to welcome some of our new reception parents to school for an informal meeting. It was a great opportunity for parents to see the school in action, whilst meeting various members of the school community including Helen, the vice Chair of our Governing Body. We are looking forward to more meetings this term to help support the smooth transition of our reception pupils this September.

Thank you to everyone who supported with this event.



Welcome!

Attendance and Punctuality

Our top three classes for attendance this week are:

1st: Ash Class: 97.1%

2nd: Maple Class: 96%

3rd: Cherry Class: 95.7%



REMINDER:

Our school day now starts
at **8.50am** for all pupils.

Dates

30/4/24: Y5 Trip to Houses of Parliament
Cherry Class trip to the Tower of London

01/5/24: Maple Class Workshop in school

06/05/24: May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)

W/B 13th May: SATS week for Year 6

15/5/24: Maple Class assembly at 2.45pm

W/B 20th May: Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL

W/B 27th May: HALF TERM



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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