

# RIVERLEY NEWS

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Dear Riverley Families,

I hope you are all well.

I would like to express our gratitude to all families who completed surveys and offered feedback in any ways – this is how our school community continues to grow and thrive. You will receive an additional issue with this newsletter which clarifies generic themes that arose from our last survey; we do hope that you find it useful.

As we look ahead to our priorities for the next academic year, I would like to take a moment to pause and reflect on the fantastic opportunities that our children have engaged in, this year, as a result of your commitment and dedication in supporting our school community. From representing families on each of our pupil leadership teams, to running inspiring Science workshops, enabling our children to develop as architects, artists, engineers, costume designers, footballers and everything in between – you have made a real difference to the lives of our children.

With your support, we would like to strengthen these partnerships in the next academic year and re-establish our Riverley Family Association, post pandemic. We are so grateful to our founding members for their past fundraising efforts and achievements and look forward to recruiting some old and new members who are committed to ensuring that: all children **Achieve Highly**, we celebrate and build upon new and existing **Proud Traditions** and we provide experiences that truly **Widens** our children's **Horizons**.







Ms O'Dwyer, will be the key staff member leading on this and would like to welcome anyone who is interested in collaborating on projects for the next academic year to a coffee morning on Thursday 23 June at 09:00. We will also provide a virtual link for those who cannot attend this meeting in person, but are keen to take part.

We endeavour to deliver an exceptional extra-curricular offer and have a wide variety of free activity clubs on offer to all pupils. Over the past year, we have been able to extend our clubs offer due to a number of families assisting a member of staff in delivering a club. Clubs such as cooking, arts and crafts and football are always over-subscribed so if you would like to assist in running a club from 15:30 – 16:30, we would love to hear from you. Your helping-hand will ensure that even more children are provided with opportunities to develop their skills and talents.

This half-term has seen the birth of a new tradition: we celebrated our first Spanish Day - where the children immersed themselves in Spanish culture and were provided with a breadth of activities and opportunities to develop their language skills across the curriculum. At present, we all look forward in anticipation to our Griffin Arts Festival, next half-term. It is a much loved time for the children as they will participate in a wide range of artistic endeavours from Monday 27 June until Thursday 7 June. Our GAF festivities will end with our whole school theatrical production, based on the themes of Harry Potter, on Thursday 14 July. We cannot wait to invite you all along, this year.

I hope that you all have a glorious half-term break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school for the beginning of our last half-term on Monday 6 June.

With very best wishes,

Sabrina Reilly  
Head of School

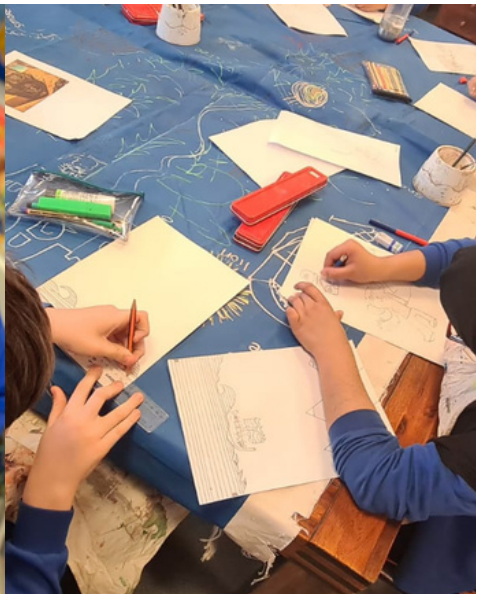






Spanish Day was a roaring success this half term. From designing to creating, cooking and baking, our Riverley children reveled in the days festivities.

Activities ranged from exploring Gaudi architecture, Picasso self portraits, making salsa and designing Spanish flags. The children also participated in a flamenco workshop where they attempted the 'floreo' and the 'braceo', dancing the day away.





"My favourite moment at Kingswood was when we had to climb a ladder which got higher and higher. My friends and teachers believed in me so much that I was able to overcome this challenge."  
Mariya



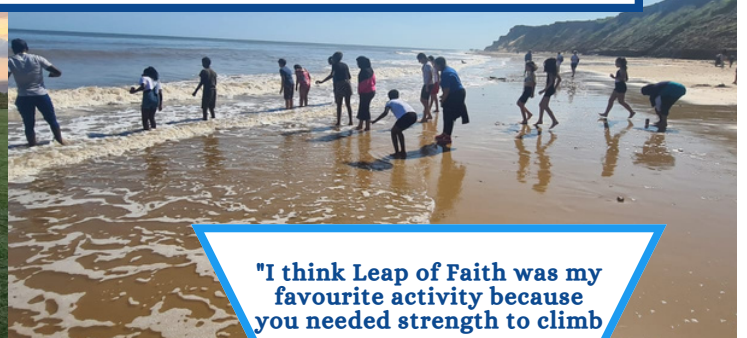
"My favourite moment at Kingswood was the Leap of Faith as you had to face your fear of heights. I was impressed with myself as I conquered my fear." Eli



"My most memorable moment at Residential was the Night Line. This is because this activity helped me develop leadership and confidence skills. Also I gained trust in my peers as it was a blindfolded course."  
Chloe



Year 6's residential trip to Kingswood, Norwich, was a memorable experience for all. Set in the beautiful town of Cromer, the children immersed themselves in a range of outdoor activities developing their resilience, team building and confidence. The children proudly demonstrated their Riverley values as they showed tenacity in the face of new challenges and have made memories to last a lifetime.



"I think Leap of Faith was my favourite activity because you needed strength to climb up a tower and resilience to overcome a fear of heights."  
Brooklyn



"As a Sports Ambassador, it is important to encourage everyone to take part because we can help people's lives. My goal was to motivate everyone to achieve their tasks."

One of our Proud Traditions in the Griffin Schools Trust is our Challenge 26 through the month of May. Inspired by the 26.2 miles of the London Marathon, Challenge 26 was established with a dual focus of encouraging our students to take on an active challenge as well as fundraise for a good cause. This year, come rain or shine, the children took part in a range of sporting activities. We thank all our families for helping to contribute towards 'Get Kids Going' and raising a total of £1710.19, as the children took part in their sponsored walk around the school and local area.

A special 'thank you' goes to Noah in Sapphire for single handedly raising an astounding £310.60!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Key Dates:

Dates to Remember	
Friday 27 May	Big Sing – Jubilee Celebrations Picnic in the Park 12:00 – 14:00 Families Invited Dress as a King or Queen or in your best clothing End of half-term – school finishes at 15:25 Tea-time club operates as normal
Monday 6 June	Children return to school for the beginning of Summer II Year 4 Children begin Swimming in the Olympic Swimming Pool
Tuesday and Wednesday 14 and 15 June	22/23 Reception families – drop in sessions
Thursday 16 June	Schools Street Consultation from 15:00 – 18:00
Thursday 23 June	Re-establishing Riverley Family Association Coffee Morning at 09:00
Monday 27 June – Thursday 7 July	GAF fortnight
Friday 8 July	INSET Day: School Closed to children
Monday and Tuesday 11 and 12 July	Nursery Home Visits – Nursery remains open for all children
Wednesday 13 July	Family Drop in Evening 15:30 – 17:30 Collect your child's end of year report and come and see their books. <b>Please speak to your class teacher if you want to book a 1:1 meeting.</b>
Thursday 14 July	The Harry Potter Experience Families and friends invited – more details to follow
Thursday 21 July	School finishes at 14:00 (no tea-time club) Children begin their Summer Break

## Our Riverley Values



Creativity  
Ambition  
Responsibility  
Empathy

We care about our learning, our school and our community



For more information or to find out what the children are discovering each week please visit:

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