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Dear Riverley Families,

As the Spring term comes to an end, it is a time to reflect on the wonderful achievements and unforgettable experiences that we have shared. Although this half term was a little shorter, it has been nothing short of inspirational learning and celebratory community spirit!

Some of the highlights include:

### Griffin Science Symposium

Our Griffin Science Symposium brought two weeks of immersive scientific exploration to our students. Through a variety of engaging activities and experiments, our young scientists delved into an array of inquiries. From feeding farm animals in the playground, to awe-inspiring stargazing sessions in a dome, children had the opportunity to share experiences with friends, and elevate their scientific understanding. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the families who supported our children's experiences through parent workshops and volunteering for out-of-school activities.

### Founders Day

On 1 March, we celebrated another memorable Founder's Day, a testament to our strong sense of community as Griffins across our family of schools. It was heart warming to witness our children express how they want to make a difference through charity work and community service. They showcased their creativity through artwork, prepared delicious food, and penned poignant messages of gratitude to some well-deserving local community members.





### World Book Day

The excitement of World Book Day was palpable as our students showcased their creativity with outstanding costume designs and shared their love for reading. The children thoroughly enjoyed the staff panto, where teachers performed Alice in Wonderland - with a twist - in preparation for our theatrical performance next term.

Of course tales and adventures were brought to life over the course of the day through a range of activities including mystery readers, drama, and older siblings sharing stories with their younger peers.

### Shakespeare Performance

The Year 5 students delivered a stellar performance in their rendition of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, infused with a funky 80's twist. Collaborating with Willow Brook Primary, they showcased their hard work and dedication in learning lines, reciting Shakespearean language and embodying the emotions of characters. Congratulations to Year 5 for an unforgettable show!

### High Achievement

This term, our students have soared to new heights in their learning endeavours. Year 4's dedication to the Young Writers poetry competition was commendable, with each submission exuding excellence. Their poems will soon be published and will be forever found in the archives of the British library; what a fantastic way to share their literary talents!

Additionally, our participation in Design Future London yielded remarkable solutions to local homelessness issues, sparking meaningful discussions within our community. As a result of the consideration given to this project, the children were awarded second place in the competition out of hundreds of entries.

Sporting achievements have also been noteworthy, with our Year 6 tag rugby team displaying resilience and skill in the Waltham Forest Tag Rugby Tournament, and our gymnasts securing first and second place in the Waltham Forest Gymnastic Competition. Our Year 6 pupil, Nicholas, represented his school, Waltham Forest, GST on the international stage in Dubai securing first place in an aquatics comeption.

It has truly been a thrilling half term! Our ambitious students continuously exceed expectations, and with the support of you -our committed families, we've created wonderful memories for all.

As we approach the Easter break, I wish you all a restful and joyful holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 15 April.

Warm regards,  
Ms. Reilly, Head of School





# FOUNDERS DAY



Founders Day is a Proud Traditions across all schools in the Griffin Schools Trust. It is celebrated annually with adults, children and the wider community. As is customary, Riverley pupils dressed in their cultural attire and came together to serve the community, embracing the Riverley Values of Responsibility and Empathy.

Fundraising is a key component of Founders Day as we collaborate as a Riverley Family to raise money for charity. This year we raised funds for the charity Place2Be - who work with us in school to support children's mental health and well-being through one-to-one and group counselling.

Thank you all for your contributions on the day and do look out in our school foyer to see the piece of art work that was created.

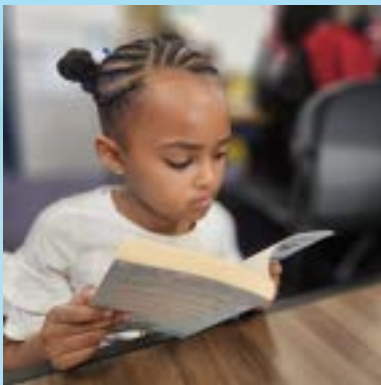


# WORLD BOOK DAY

Every year the children at Riverley take World Book Day to the next level. We have never seen so many creative and inspiring book characters walk through the door. Our day started with our Proud Tradition: the teacher's pantomime. There was a big problem this year as Alice was stuck in Wonderland causing mischief.

We then shared many wonderful moments together as we continued to develop our love of books and shared reading experiences, ending with a Mystery Reader who surprised each class with a fascinating tale. A big 'thank you' to those who gave time to read to pupils and enchant them with the wonderful world of books!

Of course, promoting a love of Reading is prioritised all year round and we encourage all pupils to read widely and often during the holidays. Please visit <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> to register and access a range of free ebooks.





# WORLD POETRY DAY

*As I write, I create myself again and again...*

World Poetry Day was a delightful celebration as pupils and members of the Riverley Family mesmerised the audience with their heartfelt recitals, showcasing the beauty and power of the spoken word. Our pupils' confidence in public speaking shone through as they delivered poems on a range of topics associated with love, friendship, childhood and current affairs. Each verse shared illuminated the power and grace of poetry and we sincerely thank all who performed and attended.



## SHAKESPEARE

Year 5's Shakespeare performance was set in the stunning location of St Mary's church - this year. The evening was a memorable celebration of talent and collaboration, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended. A big thank you to Mr. Guy, Mr Woods and Ms Khannom for all of your efforts in preparing the children. Of course a special mention of thanks goes to all the budding young actors, actresses and to you - our families for your support and attendance on the evening.





# SPORTS UPDATE



The quote: “She’s not a girl, she’s a legend” rings true with our female pupils leading the way in a range of sports.

From gymnastics to football and rugby - these leading ladies have shown great skill and teamwork while demonstrating their exceptional High Achievement and widening their sporting horizons.

Well done to all pupils who showed exceptional skill in every competition!





# SPORTS UPDATE



Year 6 took part in a six week course focused on improving their football skills with Leyton Orient. For many years we have been fortunate enough to partner with our local team collaborating to enhance our offer for pupils. We thank them for their continuous support in inspiring our students to sporting greatness.

Our 'Dance Around the World' club took part in a professional festival: showcasing their talents, leadership skills, teamwork and tenacity. Well done for sharing your expertise and fabulous dance moves!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Nicholas in Year 6 as he represented both his Griffin family and school, as he competed in the prestigious International Aquatics Championship in Dubai on behalf of the borough.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS on securing first place.





# DESIGN FUTURE LONDON

As forementioned - Year 4 students embarked on an exciting journey using Minecraft Education to tackle pressing issues in their local community's built environment. Armed with creativity, problem-solving and innovation, these budding innovators identified concerns in their neighbourhood and proposed visionary solutions to shape a better future for our city.

Our 'Leyton Mega Makers' team made us proud by clinching second place out of hundreds of entries at the final event held at City Hall. Moreover, they had the incredible opportunity to meet esteemed figures like Jules Pipe CBE, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills, as well as George Clarke, an acclaimed architect and Channel 4 television presenter.  
A very well done to our Year 4 team and Ms Grant!



I was truly inspired by all the contestants who took part and enjoyed contributing to making a better future for Londonders.

London is where I was born and where I live. So it was wonderful to see how young minds came together to build a brighter future for my City.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Key Dates:

Dates:	Key Dates
<b>Monday 15 April</b>	Pupils return to school for the start of the Summer Term
<b>Wednesday 17 April</b>	Spanish Day
<b>Thursday 18 April</b>	Eid Picnic
<b>Thursday 25 April</b>	Spring Recital at 09:15
<b>Week beginning 29 April</b>	Summer Term Clubs Begin
<b>Friday 26 April</b>	Earth Day
<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	Wellbeing Coffee Morning 09.00
<b>Monday 6 May</b>	Bank Holiday – School Closed
<b>Week beginning 3 June</b>	Bright Futures Week
<b>Friday 14 June</b>	Sports Day
<b>9, 10 and 11 July</b>	Theatrical Experience

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



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