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Dear Riverley Families,

I hope you are all well.

As previously communicated in one of our weekly updates, we are thrilled to announce that Riverley continues to excel, achieving recognition as one of the top 100 performing schools nationwide. Additionally, we proudly maintain our position at the top of the league table in Waltham Forest, which is a testament to our longstanding commitment to excellence in education.

Now, we have reiterated time and again that academic achievement is just one way of measuring success. At Riverley, we are devoted to providing a well-rounded education where pupils thrive not only in core subjects but in Artistic Endeavours, in STEM, in Sport and in developing a true sense of self. Our results repeatedly demonstrate that pupils flourish when engaged in an enriched curriculum that nurtures their talents and allows them to discover their true potential. No league table could ever measure the depth of provision at Riverley.



This year has seen us reach new heights in the realm of a different type of performance that being - theatrical expression. We firmly believe that nurturing the art of theatrical performance is integral to our pupils' holistic development, and we are delighted to witness their exceptional progress in this area. Year 2 pupils' recent dramatisation of 'The Great Fire of London' exemplifies our commitment to excellence in this regard. Over the course of this academic year, all year groups will have the opportunity to refine their performance skills while creating high-quality year group productions. And of course, we hope to bear the fruits of this when we all come together as a whole school to immerse our community in Riverley's rendition of Alice in Wonderland to end our Griffin Arts Festival Celebrations.

As we reach the mid-point of the academic year, I would like to express my gratitude to the pupils for rising to every challenge, to every member of staff for always going above and beyond and to you - our families for your continued support and commitment. What a thriving community we are all so fortunate to be a part of.

Wishing you a wonderful half-term break and looking forward to welcoming all children back for the second half of the academic year on Monday 19 February.

With very best wishes,
Ms Reilly
Head of School



HISTORY DAY

Looking back on an incredible day as our entire school came together for a memorable celebration of History Day! Immersed in the past, students explored historical wonders, engaged in exciting activities, and embraced a sense of unity.

This event marks the beginning of a new Proud Tradition—a day where we not only celebrate our past but also set the stage for future generations to cherish and continue the legacy. Thank you to everyone who made History Day a resounding success!



HISTORY DAY



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Artistic Endeavours



We celebrated a remarkable performance by Year 2 - depicting the Great Fire of London, showcasing their talents as part of the Artistic Endeavours provision under the Griffin Guarantee.

Their portrayal was nothing short of magical, captivating audiences with its inspiring portrayal of history. Not only did it entertain, but it also proved to be an educational experience, enriching both performers and spectators alike.

This achievement exemplifies how the Griffin Guarantee enables children to take part in an elevated curriculum, providing opportunities for immersive, hands-on learning experiences that foster creativity, critical thinking, and a deep understanding of diverse subjects.



Enrichment



We were delighted to showcase the EYFS Talent Show, a vibrant display of talent and creativity that exemplified the spirit of High Achievement. This event was a key component of their Enrichment provision under the Griffin Guarantee, serving as both a fundraiser and a celebration of community spirit. The talent showcased by our youngest learners was truly inspiring, reflecting their independence and confidence. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for all of your help with the performances and your generous donations.



Pupils in Year 3 held a successful Afternoon Tea fundraiser, a delightful event that demonstrated their commitment to community engagement as part of the Enrichment provision under the Griffin Guarantee. A joyous celebration was had by all.



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The C.A.R.E Project

Year 4 pupils have had great success in involving the local community in their Griffin Guarantee CARE project. They dedicated their time to supporting Joy and Kukoolala cafe, where their efforts encompassed various tasks such as: cleaning, inventory management, and providing assistance to customers.

Year 4 also dedicated their time to visiting the local Care Home, where they engaged in reading and playing games with the residents. This initiative not only brought joy and companionship to the residents but also provided invaluable opportunities for our students to spend quality time connecting with and learning from their elders.

Year 3 pupils delved into the realm of journalism as part of their Griffin Guarantee CARE project. The children took on the role of interviewers, engaging with stallholders at Walthamstow Market to gather valuable insights for their project: Loving Leyton. Drawing from both family and community interviews, they are poised to craft an enriching podcast in the future.

Through these continuous CARE projects, we are instilling in pupils values of civic responsibility and compassion.



LUNCHTIME CLUBS

This term has seen the introduction of our lunchtime clubs led by our talented Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. These independent young pupils are demonstrating strong leadership qualities whilst cultivating an environment of creativity and inclusivity.

Leading on activities such as: Arts and Crafts, Athletics, Football, Jewellery and Gymnastics, these clubs have enriched the lunchtime experience for all at Riverley.

"I feel empowered when leading a club. I know I am trusted to support younger children with something they are interested in."

"I enjoy Football with the Year 6 leaders. They support us, explain rules clearly and encourage us to push ourselves to try skills we haven't been confident with."

"Leading a Lunchtime Club has been brilliant because it's given me the opportunity to think on the spot, become friends with people in different year groups and show my creativity. Making jewellery has been an excellent way of teaching others a brand new skill."

"I have a passion for running and being part of a new Lunchtime Club has given me the chance to practice this but also think about different ways I can demonstrate my athletic skills."

"The leaders in Year 4 who run the Lunchtime Clubs have been very fair, kind, supportive and friendly. Sometimes it can be tricky to find an activity at lunch but the leaders are encouraging and have been great role models. They always want to play and help me try something new."

NUMBER DAY 2024

Number Day is a Proud Tradition, looked forward to by all and 2024 did not disappoint. With the theme 'Magic Maths', children were treated to a riveting assembly followed by a day dedicated to all activities Maths related. Thank you to all the families who attended the workshop and to everyone who helped raise money towards the NSPCC.





UPCOMING EVENTS

PROUD TRADITIONS

WIDE HORIZONS

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

Key Dates:

Dates	Key Dates
Saturday School will not take place on 10 or 17 February.	
Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February	Half-term Break
Monday 19 February	Return to school for Spring II
Wednesday 21 February	Adult Keep Fit Classes at 09:00 in the Hall
Thursday 22 February	Mini Musicians at 09:00
Friday 23 February	Adult Keep Fit Classes at 09:00 in the Hall
Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 February	School Photos: ensure children come dressed in full uniform and with their brightest smile!
Friday 1 March	Non – uniform day Founders Day – Pupils to wear traditional dress or party/ formal wear
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day – non - uniform day
Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 March	Family Consultations until 19:00 on 13 March – No activity Clubs Family Consultations until 18:00 on 14 March – No activity Clubs
Friday 15 March	Dress up as a Scientist/ a specific concept day Riverley Science Museum – 15:40 – The Great Hall – All welcome.
Friday 22 March	Activity Clubs end No Activity Clubs from Monday 25 – Thursday 28 March
Tuesday 26 March	Upper School Disco 15:25 – 16:30 (Y4-6) <i>Event organised by the RFA</i>
Wednesday 27 March	Lower School Disco 15:25 – 16:30 (YR-3) <i>Event organised by the RFA</i>
Thursday 28 March	Spring Term Ends School finished at 14:00 for all Pupils (No tea-time club)
Monday 15 April	Pupils return to school for the start of the Summer Term

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

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