

January 2022

# Riverside News



## Student spotted!

Does anyone travel to school by train?  
Has anyone noticed the new London Borough posters  
up at Barking station?

Look who was spotted up on the wall.

This is Sienna taking part in the Barking and Dagenham Youth Parade last September with her dance school before performing at Barking Park.



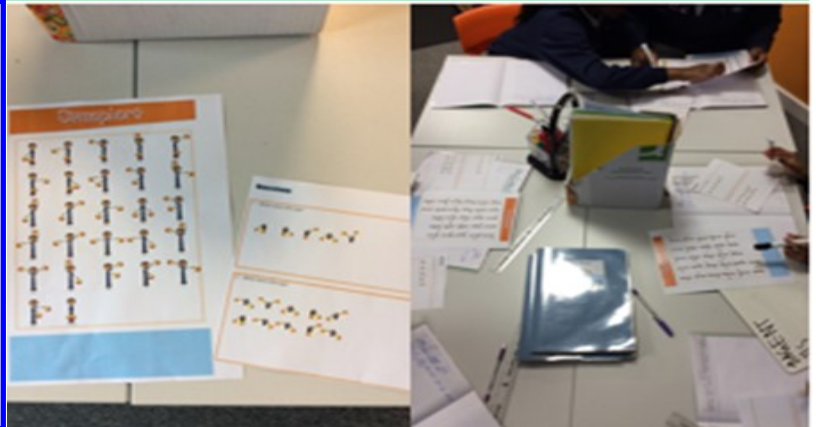
## Year 5 code breakers.

As part of their topic, Year 5 Heron Class have been learning about different codes and ciphers including Caesar Cipher, Morse code and Semaphore.

### Code Joke:

What did the chocolate bar, the marshmallow and the biscuit use to communicate?

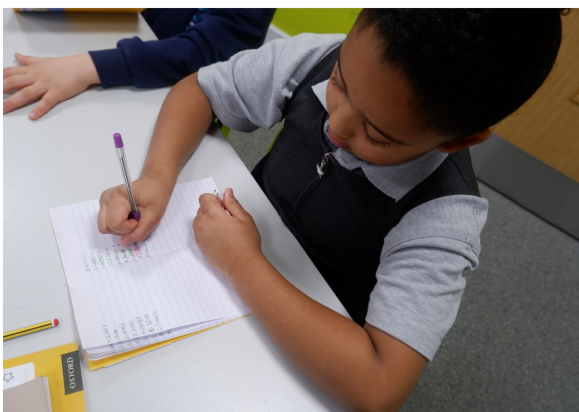
S'mores code.



## Read write Inc

This month in Read Write Inc we have been working extra hard in our spellings, especially when it comes to the tricky words.

Our goal has been to get all our spellings right!



## Aliens have landed!

Miss Nawaz spoke to parents this week about the phonics screening check for year 1.

The phonics check has 20 real words and 20 nonsense (alien) words.

Children have been practising alien words in class and parents were given words to practise at home too.

If you would like a set of alien words to practice at home please speak to your child's teacher.

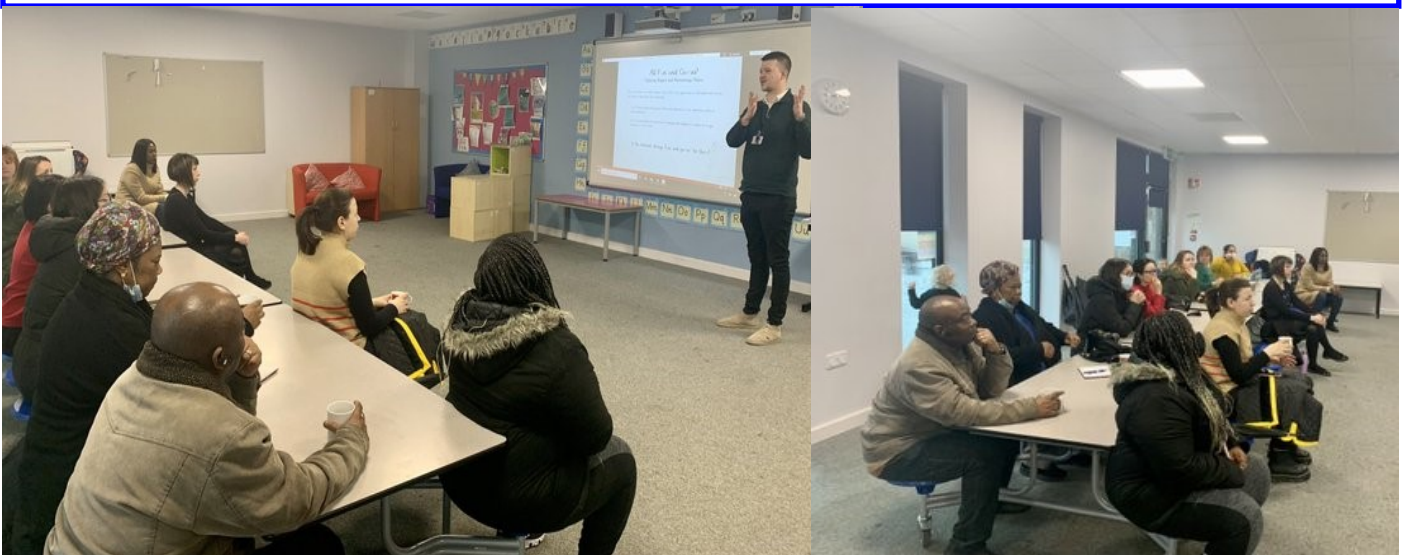
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# Safer internet day

This week we have celebrated Safer Internet Day 2022. We have been looking at how to stay safe online especially when playing games online. It is essential as adults that we have conversations with our children around their use of social media and what games they play online as over 50% of young people have spoken to strangers through in-game chats.

Parents that came to the coffee morning to discuss internet safety and to raise awareness, agreed that this was a very important topic which was addressed by Mr Jones in an approachable way and was very informative.

If you would like to have some useful conversation starters that will enable you to have these conversations with your children without there being added pressure please do feel free to contact the school and we can send you out useful information.



## Victorian Year 1



Year 1 Trout class decided to start learning in 2022 with a WOW!

As part of their School Days topic they dressed up as Victorian children and made scones.

They have investigated what it was like to be a Victorian child and have decided that it was not very pleasant.

Did you know that Victorian children worked at the age of 5 and did not go to school until it was made compulsory in 1880?



## World book day

This year world book day is on March 3rd.  
On this day we will be asking children to dress up as their favourite book character.

We are also going to ask children to make a story box. This is where you make a model from a scene in a book.  
Below are some examples.



## Riverside Trips and visits.

In January, Riverside Primary went to watch Alice in Wonderland at the Peacock Theatre.

We had so much fun singing, dancing and shouting "OH NO SHE DIDN'T" and "OH YES SHE DID".

We also went on other exciting trips: Year 2 visited the Saatchi Gallery; Year 4 went to the Horniman Museum and Year 6 visited the Science Museum.



## Twitter

At Riverside Primary School we utilise Twitter to share and celebrate your child's learning.

With this mind, remember to follow us on Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/RVSPPrimary>.

## Blue Abyss

As part of the 'Blue Abyss' topic, year 4 visited the Horniman museum and aquarium. They learned all about different animals, their habitats and how they are adapted for survival. To enhance their experience, they also had the opportunity to handle and examine various artefacts relating to their topic.

They visited the aquarium, which housed many different underwater species from various locations around the world!



## Key dates for Spring 2

25 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee morning with Headteacher
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Curriculum Evening 3.30pm and 5.15pm
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week Parents invited in for lesson drop ins.
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Lunches
24 <sup>th</sup> March	KSI SATs Parent Meeting – 3:30pm & 5:00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS – Easter Bonnet making afternoon with parents
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Key Stage 1 – Easter Bonnet making afternoon with parents
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Key Stage 2 – Easter Bonnet making afternoon with parents
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Odd Socks Day
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Bonnet parent parade – EYFS and Key Stage 1 9.15am
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Bonnet parent parade – Key Stage 2 2.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Reports to be sent home to parents
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 5 class assembly Last day of term finish at 1.15pm

### Eco committee

This term we formed our very own Eco-Committee who have been working very hard to make big changes to our school and local community. We have lots of exciting things planned for next term, including assemblies and fundraising events, and we hope to share lots of energy saving tips with you all throughout the month.

### PE KITS

Can you please ensure that children return with their P.E kits on Monday 21st February.

Please remember to name your child's PE kit as it can be very distressing when they are lost and very frustrating for you to obtain another.

### School uniform

#### Girls Winter

Navy blue cardigan with school logo  
Grey polo with school logo  
Black/Grey skirts  
White socks  
Black/Grey tights  
Black shoes (No boots or trainers)  
Black/Grey trousers

#### Boys Winter

Navy blue Jumper with school logo  
Grey polo with school logo  
Black/Grey trousers  
Black/Grey socks  
Black shoes (No boots or trainers)

#### Boys Summer

Navy blue Jumper with school logo  
Grey polo with school logo  
Black/Grey shorts  
Black/Grey socks  
Black shoes (No boots or trainers)

#### Girls Summer

Navy blue cardigan with school logo  
Blue checked summer dress  
White socks  
Black shoes (no sandals)  
Black/Grey trousers

#### PE uniform

Navy blue t-shirt with school logo  
White shorts  
Black plimsolls  
Navy PE bag with school logo  
Black tracksuit bottoms

Please ensure your child uses the **Riverside Primary book bag** and not a rucksack.

**Pupils must not wear:**— Hoodies, sportswear or sweatshirts, leather or denim clothing.— Any kind of boots (wellingtons are allowed in wet weather/snow but must be changed when inside the school buildings)