



It has been another busy half term at Riverside Primary.

Year 6 and Year 2 have approached the SATS assessments with a can do attitude and should be proud of their achievements.

Reception have had some special fluffy visitors, chicks! They were a welcome addition to the class and were especially helpful for the sow and grow topic this half term.

Year 2 visited Queens House, it is a beautiful building that hosted lots of amazing paintings. This made for an incredible Big Write recount the following week.

Hands on Science visited Reception, Years 3, 4 and 6. Reception had a lovely light workshop. Year 3 investigated the pull and push of magnets. Year 4 participated in a digestion lesson and Year 6 had a gruesome circulation and heart activity, where they dissected real hearts.

Year 5 visited Thriftwood Scout Campsite and had an adventurous PE lesson with activities like climbing, archery, Cresta run and orienteering.

The School Choir joined other schools from around the borough for young voices. It was a very long day but enjoyed by all that took part.

The Eco-committee were invited by Mayor Cllr Fergus to the Thames boat launch.

The next half term promises to be just as busy. The Key dates are on the last page.

## A Letter from the Parent Governor.

Dear Ms Hart,

Riverside Primary School hosted a range of educational and cultural events this term to strengthen the community spirit.

It was an absolute pleasure to watch a well coordinated and practised assembly on the Islamic celebration of Eid Al-Fitr to mark the end of Ramadan. Well done to all the pupils for their brilliant reciting and singing skills and demonstrating their cultural knowledge and awareness as according to Ofsted 'Cultural capital is the essential knowledge that children need to prepare them for their future success.'

During the Maths Investigation Morning, to celebrate the National Numeracy Day, the pupils were presented with age appropriate hands on investigations to develop their numeracy skills in a fun and enjoyable way. The challenges were welcomed with lots of enthusiasm from both the parents and the children. Thank you for this amazing parental involvement opportunity.

Last, but not least, everyone was very impressed with the attendance at the Cultural Day. All of the children proudly presented a range of personalised Art and Crafts to celebrate diversity. The vastness of food from different countries, and the colourful traditional clothing or clothing matching the colours of national flags, without a doubt helped to bring us all together. What an impressive and admirable initiative. Hope there will be many more future opportunities for families to get directly involved in the school's life, as the research confirms these could have a positive impact on the academic and overall achievement levels of the children.

On behalf of the parents, I would like to thank all of the members of staff involved in planning and the delivery of the above events. Your efforts have been recognised and appreciated by the proud parents.'

Best wishes,  
Mrs Mandzyn  
Parent Governor

It is always lovely to receive such positive feedback from a member of our community.  
Thank you to the parents for supporting our events and the educational visits that enhance our curriculum.

# Cultral day

It was wonderful to celebrate some of the different cultures within Riverside Primary last week. Staff count down the days for this event as it is a highlight of the year. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side and we had to resort to plan 'B' rather than celebrating in the sun. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's parade and sampled some of the delicious food that was on offer.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the afternoon.



What was your favourite dish from the afternoon?

Let us know if you have tried cooking something new after cultural day?



# Late Gate

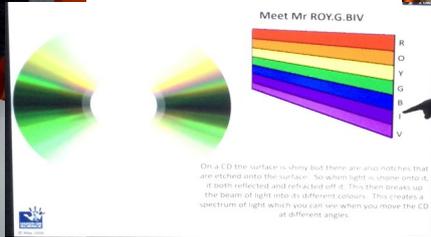
In the month of May we **lost** 19 hours and 51 minutes of learning due to children being late. This has a huge impact on the children, it disrupts lessons, affects achievement and can be upsetting for your child.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time.

LATENESS LEADER BOARD	
 Carp Class	0 hours 0 minutes
Seal	1 hours 18m minutes
Heron	1 hour 20 minutes
Dragon.fly	1 hour 26 minutes
Eel	1 hours 33 minutes
Valley	2 hours 18 minutes
Swan	Over 3 hours
Duck	Over 4 hours
Trout	Over 4 hours

This month, the 'Hands on Science' team provided a hands-on Science Day at our school. Reception had a lovely light workshop exploring shadows and reflections. Year 3 learnt about mighty metals in their massive magnets workshop. Year 4 had a digestion workshop for their topic Burps, Bottoms and Bile and Year 6 had the opportunity to dissect a heart in their circulation and heart workshop for their topic Blood Heart.

We all had great fun and learnt so much about Science!



## Exciting Eco news!

The Riverside Eco-Committee have an exciting announcement...

On Monday the 13th of June we will be launching Riverside Refills; a brand-new, eco-friendly shop selling washing up liquid, body wash and handwash. All profits will be going to the school, so come along with a reusable bottle and help support our Eco-Committee and Riverside Primary. All products will be sold in 500ml quantities - if you do not have a 500ml bottle, we do have reusable bottles available to purchase too.

On the day of the launch, the shop will be open from 8:45am to 9am, and it will reopen from 3pm to 3:15pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!





# Trip Gallery

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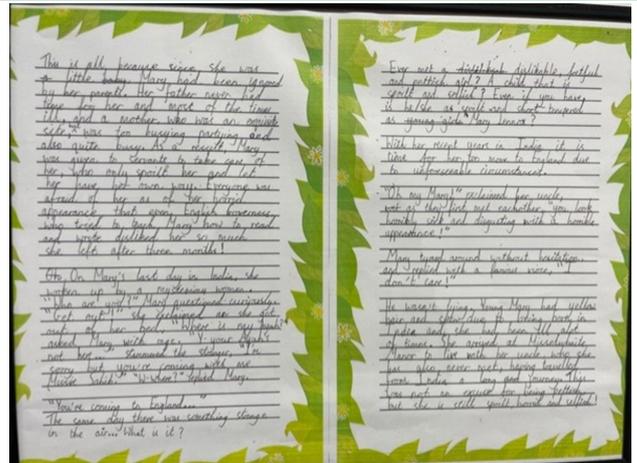


# Key dates for Summer

9 <sup>th</sup> June	KSI Disco – Moved date
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Class Assembly – World Environment Day
13 – 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week
13 – 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment Week
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reading Curriculum Evening 3.30pm and 5.15pm
27 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Residential
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 Musical Instruments Showcase
5 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents' Evenings
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition days for the children.
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leaver's assembly.
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term. <b>School finishes at 1pm on this day</b>

## Heron classes secret

Year 5 have been completing some wonderful writing this month. Based on the classic text 'The Secret Garden', they have been writing their very own story opening with action, description and dialogue. Excellent work!



## Riverside Primary Eco – Committee

were very fortunate to be able to attend a very exciting and special event.

We were invited to attend the maiden voyage of the Uber Boat from the new Barking Riverside Pier!

The children had a guided tour on the river cruise up to Tower Hill and back.

