



# The Riverside Reporter



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THIS TERM'S SCHOOL VALUES ARE TO SPOT OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE:

**RESPECTFUL & TOLERANT**



Yr 6 Class meet "The Stinkers"

This week: Y6 POETRY RECITAL, WILLOW CLASS NEWS, "MEET THE STINKERS" P.E. NEWS, LOTS MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND MUCH



## From the Head's Chair



I thoroughly enjoyed our special visit to the Holiday Inn in Maidenhead last night where our Y6 children did us proud in the annual Rotary Poetry Recital. Children from Riverside, along with those from Oldfield, All Saints and Cookham Rise have been working with local poet Coral Rumble to create their own poems – on the theme of Spring. Every child stood up to recite their poem clearly in front of an



audience of some 300 children and adults – quite a daunting prospect – and did so brilliantly. The highlight at the end was a whole class poem that the children had written, learned and performed using sign language – taught to them by Laiba. They were a credit to Riverside, well supported by parents and families and was a real success. Well done to them and thanks to Miss Palfrey, Mrs Azad and Coral Rumble for organizing the experience!

Also this week, Y6 enjoyed a special workshop from the NHS to teach them about the health risks associated with smoking. It was a highly entertaining and interactive session which the children



thoroughly enjoyed, whilst at the same time learning about the damage smoking can cause to the body and the longer term health risks. They saw the amount of tar taken into the lungs by a single cigarette and came away very clear on the dangers of smoking. It was a great session that the children learned a great deal from in an exciting and thought provoking way.



I will finish this week by congratulating the children on their behavior in and around the school. We have really focused on our high expectations of the children as they move in and around the school and I am proud of the improvements I have seen. There are a few children who need some extra support with remembering our golden rules and I am working hard with the team here at school and many families to ensure all of our children enjoy school, are happy and feel safe. If you have any concerns that may affect your child, please do speak to your child's teacher (or come and grab me at the gate) and we will 'nip any issues in the bud'. If we know about it, we can deal with it.



Thank you for all your continued support, have a good weekend and good luck to England in the first Ashes Test match ☺



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## Willow Class News

The halfway point of Term 2 has passed quickly and the children of Willow Class have embarked on a number of adventure journeys during these past few weeks.



Our new topic in Science involves looking at the properties of things in our physical world. We have performed several experiments that have shown some things dissolve, fizz or stay the same in liquid. We've looked at oil and how it can be transformed into rubber, clothes and other things.

Maths is full of fractions this term and I'm happy to say the children are

doing really very well. Horrid Henry is our writing focus this term, since Willow Class must write a Horrid Henry story exactly in the style of Francesca Simon, the author. We have had a lot of laughs looking at what defines comedy and good comedy writing.

Our focus in History is all about a strange race of people in Ancient Mexico called the Maya. Like the Egyptians, they built pyramids, irrigation canals, had huge temples, palaces and a rich history that we have been learning about.

The RE Topic is looking at Islam and what the Quran and the Prophet (pbuh) mean to Muslims. We have had a lot of deep theological discussions about the nature of revealed wisdom, the nature of God, what Saudi Arabia was like in the 'Age of Ignorance' and we are now examining passages from the Quran to see not only what they mean, but how the same messages of peace and goodwill are found in many other religions.

I would like to thank parents for ensuring their children complete their homework and for encouraging them in reading. It is important to get them away from a computer screen and enjoying a good book for at least twenty minutes a day.

Willow Class enjoyed a visit from the Fire Department who showed both Year 5 classes how to use a fire hose, how to break a door



down and how people are rescued from cars. The most important message was on fire safety and this knowledge might just save their lives someday. The most important message was to install fire alarms in the home and test them regularly to ensure they are in working order.



## NEWS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our coffee morning and cake sale last week – we raised £90 which is a great start!

### SWIMMING POOL NEWS : WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We are in negotiations with the Shanley Foundation to see whether they would consider supporting the school to get our swimming pool renovated. This is a BIG ask and we have already sent them lots of information. Something they are keen to know is what our children and families think and why having the swimming pool is so important to us and our community. I know many of our children are inexperienced swimmers and having a swimming pool back on site would really help grow their confidence and potentially save lives one day.



If you can help, please do. Drop a note to the office saying why the swimming pool would be important to us, the school, the children and our families and help us by having your say. The more responses we get, the bigger the chances we have of getting support, so get thinking. A letter or email, maybe with some quotes from your children and any of you who remember the pool when you were at school, would be brilliant! Thank you 😊

## P.E. NEWS

### Netball Competition



We had a tricky away fixture on Thursday against a strong Cookham Rise netball team on Thursday, the final score of which was 3-9.

It was a good game and our team spirit was wonderful to see, we found this a more challenging game for our team but we had some great interceptions all round and we showed great **RIVERSIDE** team spirit and resilience.

Well done team **RIVERSIDE** – despite the loss it gave us the chance to think about some of our tactics for the next game.

Laiba was named Player of the Match and she made some outstanding interceptions!! With 2 goals from Michell and 1 goal from Rehan, they played really well.

Well done to Laiba, Michell, Rehan I, Hizra, Aisha, Laiba Alesha, Bre and Tasmiah and thanks for the action shots too Laiba Alesha and Tasmiah 😊





Furze Platt Senior School will be hosting & organising BOTH High 5 Netball competitions on **WEDS 29<sup>th</sup> NOV. Y3/4 = AM, Y5/6 = PM**

*Please note this is much earlier than this tournament normally takes place. Y5/6 winner will qualify to represent Ascot &*

*Maidenhead SSP at Berks School Games at Bisham Abbey on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Y3/4 is just a local participation event only.*





Jacqui Barnes – P.E. Coordinator

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES & REMINDERS

<p><b>PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS</b></p>	<p>Please ensure you return your school photograph orders to the office with payment so you can receive your child's photos well in time for Christmas 😊</p>	
<p><b>KS2 SATS MEETING</b></p>	<p>We are holding a special information meeting for parents of children in Y6 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. You and your children are invited to hear about how the SATs work, what they look like and how you can help your children to get ready. I look forward to seeing you there!</p>	

## THINGS WORTH CELEBRATING...

### HOUSE POINT TOTALS THIS WEEK...

KITES	EAGLES	KESTRELS	FALCONS
			
<p><b>163</b></p>	<p><b>156</b></p>	<p><b>103</b></p>	<p><b>97</b></p>

## BEST ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK... (Expectation 96%)

<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>		<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>		<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	
<b>OAK</b>	<b>97.9%</b>	<b>MULBERRY</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>CHERRY</b>	<b>96.7%</b>

### 2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Every Day	Breakfast Club open from 8.00am	All
Every Thurs	FS2 Stay & Play                      8.45am – 9.45am	FS2 parents
Every Fri	FS1 Stay & Play AM = 8.45am - 9.45am      PM= 12.15pm – 1.15pm	
Weds 29 Nov	Netball Competition Years 3 & 4    9.00am – 12.00 noon	Years 3 & 4 Netball Team
Weds 29 Nov	Netball Competition Years 5 & 6    12.00 noon – 3.00pm	Year 5 & 6 Netball Team
Sat 2 Dec	Riverside Christmas Fair      11.00am – 1.00pm	All
Mon 11 Dec	SAT's Information Meeting      3.30pm – 4.30pm	Yr6 parents
Tues 12 Dec	KS1 Dress rehearsal to VIP's & reception classes	KS1
Tues 12 Dec	Maple & Mulberry Nativity .... Morning showing 9.30am	FS2
Tues 12 Dec	KS2 – Pantomime “Aladdin” at Magnet Leisure Centre	KS2
Weds 13 Dec	Maple & Mulberry Nativity... Afternoon Showing 1.30pm	FS2
Weds 13 Dec	KS1 – Pantomime “Aladdin” at Magnet Leisure Centre	KS1
Thurs 14 Dec	KS1 – “Nativity” 2.00pm	KS1
Fri 15 Dec	KS1 – “Nativity” 9.30am	KS1
Fri 15 Dec	FS2 – Yr 4 inclusive – Flu Nasal Vaccinations	FS2 – Yr4

**Letter or form to follow / available**

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## RIVERSIDE CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
DECEMBER 11 to 1pm



# BIG NEWS ABOUT THE RIVERSIDE REPORTER...

We are VERY proud of our weekly newsletter and know it is an excellent way to keep you up to date with all school news, events, activities and messages. After Christmas, we will stop giving a paper copy to every child but provide a copy to each family instead. This will help us to save money whilst at the same time saving paper and helping the environment.

The newsletter is uploaded to the school website EVERY FRIDAY and is also sent out on twitter @RiversideMhead These electronic copies also enable you to us translation software –helping to improve access and communication.

If you would like your family to continue receiving a paper copy from January, please indicate this on the form below, letting us know which child and which class. Spare paper copies will always be available in the entrance hall and we will make sure each class has a copy because I know the children enjoying reading the Newsletter too!

Thanks for your support and make sure you stay connected!



## RIVERSIDE REPORTER

Yes please!

I'd like a paper copy of the school newsletter to be sent home for my family each week.

Please could you give our **RIVERSIDE REPORTER** to:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you 😊