

## Dear River Bank parents and carers

We have started March in style with the brilliant World Book Day. We had the entire school in the hall for assembly and were able to enjoy giving prizes for our 'caught reading' competition as well as appreciating each others' outfits. World Book Day is not just about dressing up, although we enjoy this part. Reading is at the heart of our purpose as a school and we know how powerful reading can be. Please encourage your child to read to you or themselves daily and share with each other the lovely stories you are reading.

This half term we have welcomed Miss Williams to our year four teaching team in Otter Class. Mrs Kelly has joined us as Operations Manager and brings a vast amount of experience to our team.

Best wishes, David Sansom.

## Year 6 SATS

Our year six pupils will be completing their SATs in the week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> May – please ensure full attendance in this week.

## Sporting Events

During February a number of our pupils have represented our school at sporting events. All the children showed excellent sportsmanship, determination and were a credit to our school. Well done to you all.

**Rapid cricket:** Amelia, Hafsa, Hamza, Hrishikesh, Ibrahim, Laya, Renars, and Sonia.

**Multi sports:** Amira, Esha, Ibrahim, Joshua, Mahirah, Nahid, Rimas and Yousuf.

**Multi sports:** Adrian, Afreen, Lily, Mahir, Maya, Muhammad and Musa.

**Netball:** Aimee, Alijah, Aleksandra, Kainaat, Liliana, Asmaa, Alaia and Rahmah.

## Year 4 Residential

Our year four residential to Overstrand in Norfolk is fast approaching. Parents and pupils have been provided with the information they require. Below is a link to those who would like a reminder. We look forward to an exciting few days with hopefully good weather. <https://www.riverbankprimary.org/attachments/download.asp?file=2585&type=pdf>

## Energise Luton Easter Holiday Camps – here at River Bank Primary

After the huge success of the summer and Christmas Holiday Activity and Food camps offered through Energise Luton, booking is now open for the Easter camps. There's a wide range of activities and camps across the town to make sure that children on income-related free school meals benefit from great fun, enriching experiences and enjoy a healthy meal together during the Easter break. Places can be booked online using the link and information below, or parents can ring the team and book by telephone (01582 400 272)

**Online booking link:** <https://activeluton.coordinate.cloud/list>

**Booking information:** Parents/carers will need to create an account and, for those who are on free school meals, will also need to tick 'Yes' and then use your free school meals code which is **RBPS22**



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## School Nursing Team

The school nursing team will be in over the next couple of weeks to carry out hearing and sight tests with our year one pupils. If there are any concerns parents will be contacted by the school nursing team. They will also be carrying out height and weight checks with our year six pupils.

## Year 6 Residential

It is not long to go until our year six residential in the Isle of Wight in May, we would like to remind parents that the balance is due on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

## Parent Governor Craft and Cake Event

Our parent governors will be running another craft event on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March after school. Look out for further information coming soon!

## School trips

Year two took a trip to Amersham. We spent the day exploring different woodland habitats, discovering a range of minibeasts in the forest and also did some pond dipping! We were so excited to have found newts, beetles, centipedes, pond snails and woodlice eggs on our trip.

Year 5 visited Warner Brothers Studios in Watford to round up our English topic on Harry Potter. The children had a fantastic time seeing all the sets used for the filming of the movies – some of the sets they enjoyed the most were: Diagon Alley, The Forbidden Forest and Gringotts Bank. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and were complimented by members of the public for their exceptional behaviour.

## Year 5 CHILL Study

Year 5 had a visit from CHILL (Children's Health in London and Luton) who are evaluating the effects that pollution may have on children. They delivered an excellent workshop to the children that educated them all about how important the brain is and how it constantly sends messages around the body via the nerves.

## Free Legal Advice

River Bank Primary is pleased to announce that we will be facilitating an advice surgery in partnership with Greystone Solicitors for parents and carers on a monthly basis starting on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The sessions will be by appointment only on the last Wednesday of each month between 1pm and 3pm. Sessions will aim to support parents on matters like family law, child contact arrangements, domestic abuse, divorce and child and matrimonial finances. Please contact our family team for appointments.

## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 hearing screening
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 hearing screening
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Kingfisher class assembly 8:45 for a 8:50 prompt start
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 weight and height screening
16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 residential
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Governor craft and cake event
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Robin class assembly 8:45 for a 8:50 prompt start
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair – further information to follow

March's value of the month is **COURAGE**