

## Dear River Bank parents and carers

Welcome back after the February half term break. We have a busy half term planned so please take note of all of the information below. Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families who will be starting this month of prayer, fasting and reflection. A letter relating to pupils fasting will come home with children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 today.

Best wishes, David Sansom

## Science Week

Our school was abuzz with excitement as we celebrated Science Week in grand style! From awe-inspiring experiments to quirky workshops, our pupils were immersed in science throughout the week. One highlight of the week was undoubtedly our assembly where 'Jokey Joel' made a simple beach ball defy gravity with the power of a leaf blower! But the fun didn't stop there! In our interactive class workshops, pupils were able to make peculiar sounds, watch magic tricks, create gooey slime and even launch rockets! Each year group had its own special Science Day, tailored to their curriculum topics where classes learnt about the life of famous scientists, completed quizzes and an art task, year 5 even grew their own sea monkeys! In EYFS we were joined by our live chicks, which hatched before our very eyes! To wrap up the week in style, we celebrated a dress-up day, with pupils and staff alike donning the attire of their favourite scientists and scientific professions. A big well done to everyone who entered into one of our competitions! Have a look at our Twitter page to see the winners!

## World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7 March 2024. World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits. Entries for the book cover competition ends on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Don't forget to use your book token in your nearest participating book store. The token redemption period is from 15th February to the 31st March 2024.

## Maths Videos on our Website

On the maths section of our website (<https://www.riverbankprimary.org/page/?title=Maths&pid=263>) there are now videos showing key methods for the four operations in maths. These videos are closely linked to the school's calculation policy and are designed to help parents understand the methods that children are taught at River Bank as well as supporting children at home.

## Congratulations

We have received the exciting news that Lindy Gray (Hare Class teacher), has given birth to a healthy little boy. Many congratulations to the new parents!

## Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultation Meetings will be held on the dates below. Our online booking system will open on the 4th March at 07:00am to enable you to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. We will send out a reminder notification when our booking system becomes live.

Tuesday 12th March 2024 – Lark Class (held separately due to Mr Eddings being called for jury service)

Tuesday 19th March 2024 – EYFS, Year 3, 4 and 6 (excluding Hare Class)

Thursday 21st March 2024 – Year 1, 2 and 5 (including Y3 Hare Class)

Appointment times, subject to availability, will be between 13:20pm – 18:20pm



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## Food Allergies

We have children and staff in our school with severe nut allergies. Due to the severity of this allergy we ask parents to be mindful of what food items they put in their child's lunchbox, please ensure that they do not include any nut based products. Please contact our family team if you require any clarification.

## Sporting Events

The following pupils represented our school at sporting events:

Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football: Asiyah, Amira, Victoria, Amira, Tabita, Nafisa, Laila, Samaa, Mariya and Daisy

Kurling: Aron, Khadijah, Rayaana, Faizah, Fayha, Rehan, Rayhan and Sami

Year 5 and 6 Basketball: Umar, Daniyal, Shuaib, Ayana, Eida, Lexi-May, Khadija, Mohamed and Alisha.

Year 5 Football Tournament: Mao, Hamza, Zohaib, Alban, Mitul, Alexander, Yusuf and Hrishikesh.

Year 5 and 6 Football: Victoria, Amira, Nafisa, Laila, Samaa, Tabitha, Khadija and Asiyah.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone that took part in Shine Bright Wear Bright, to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 2024. It was lovely to see so many people in bright clothes throughout the school. We raised an amazing £561.75 towards vital funds to support the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people across Luton and Bedfordshire.

## Local Area

We have a very good relationship with the residents who live close to our school. However, we do often receive phone calls from home owners to complain that parents of our pupils are parking across their drive ways, blocking roads and driving too fast. If you have to bring your child to school by car, please be considerate to those living close to the school and drive at a sensible speed when driving on local roads to ensure the safety of all road users and pedestrians.

## Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 London Zoo trip
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent meeting Lark Class
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Willow class assembly parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 London trip, Hare and Mole class
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 London trip, Mole and Squirrel class
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS, Year 3, 4 and 6 (excluding Hare Class)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Kingfisher class assembly parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1, 2 and 5 (including Y3 Hare Class)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Farm visit
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Local church visit
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Working Woodland trip, Woodpecker and Dove class
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Sparrow class assembly parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Working Woodland trip, Owl and Starling class
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter Holiday
29 <sup>th</sup> March – 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term - children return to school

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