

Dear River Bank parents and carers

As you can see below, our pupils have had a busy month. They have been involved in a number of trips and activities to support their learning and despite this being a short half term, I think everyone is ready for a break!

Mrs Muktadir (Bumblebee) will be leaving us this term. We are so grateful for the work she has done this term in Bumblebee Class and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Barton will join as assistant head in EYFS and take over the class when we return. We also say goodbye to Mrs Fiza from the Y1 team as she relocates.

We hope that you all have a wonderful time during the holidays, especially to our families who have or will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr, Holi and Easter. With my best wishes, David Sansom

School Trips

Nurture Group had a wonderful visit to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo. On arrival we headed straight to the chimpanzee house, the children were able to see Bonnie the Chimp who was sat right next to the viewing window! The children took part in a classroom session, learning about animal groups (mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibian and fish). We explored the butterfly house, how to spot different animals and sort the animals into their groups. By the end of our trip it was agreed that our favourite animals from the day were the crocodiles and the penguins.

EYFS

The EYFS children (and staff) had a wonderful morning on Monday when they were visited by Animal Edge Farm. The visiting farm brought a range of animals including a pony, rabbits, goats and a hen all on to our school field. The children were really excited and loved the opportunity to stroke, hold and pet the animals. Some brave children were even given the chance to feed them. After having the chicks this half term as well, our reception children really have had some wonderful animal experiences to bring their learning to life.

Year 2

Year two took a trip to the Working Woodland Forest in Maulden. We spent the day exploring different woodland habitats, discovering a range of animals in the forest and also did some den building! Unfortunately, there were no Gruffalo sightings!

Year 3

Year three recently embarked on their trip to London! River Bank pupils boarded the open-top bus, ready to explore the capital city. We travelled through the iconic streets, we marvelled at renowned landmarks such as the London Eye, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street and the Shard. We crossed over London Bridge and looked at the boats below us on the River Thames, we even had the chance to wave to the friendly police officers stationed outside Scotland Yard. We were really excited when we spotted the flag flying high at Buckingham Palace. After a morning filled with breath-taking sights, our afternoon took us to the Science Museum, where we immersed ourselves in the wonders of the space exhibition.

Year 4 Residential

Year four had a great time on our residential trip. The pupils fully participated in activities ranging from archery, fencing night line, Jacob's Ladder and the famous LEAP OF FAITH! Children experienced time away from home; learning some independence skills as well as making the most of the two day sleep over with their friends. Our children were excellent for the duration of the trip – photos of the visit can be seen on our Twitter page.



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Year 5

Year 5 visited London Zoo as part of our rainforest topic. While at the zoo, we visited the rainforest exhibition where children were able to get up close with animals such as sloths, monkeys and many more. The children behaved excellently and thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Sporting Events

We have taken part in a lot of sporting events this month. Well done to all the children who have represented River Bank.

Year 5/6 Girls' Football

Asiyah, Tabita, Samma, Khadija, Suraya, Daisy and Alisha.

Year 5/6 Netball

Aaira, Ayana, Mariya, Mariya, Alisha and Eida

Year 5/6 Let girls play

Alina, Lily, Leia, Sahij, Daisy, Suraya, Aisha and Melissa

Year 5/6 Indoor Cricket:

Abdul, Hassan, Valentina, Alina, Ali, Omar, Zainab and Halima

Year 5 Boys' Football

Mao, Hamza, Zohaib, Albon, Alexander, Yusuf and Sol.

Year 3/4 This girl can

Adelina, Hafida, Amira, Inaiya, Meher, Tayeba, Lola and Liyana

Year 1/2 Tennis Festival

Sulayman, Sudipta, Yousaf, Ayah, Zidan, Navil, Muhammad, Kachiside, Umaima and Franciszek

School Council

The school council have had a very busy month. They decided there was a need for playleaders during breaktimes to help support their peers. They held votes in their classrooms and each class now has a playleader who proudly wears a red high visibility jackets outside; they have been doing a fabulous job, well done! An Easter egg competition was organised – well done to Aizah (YR), Saffiyah (Y1), Hafsa (Y2), Mishal (Y3), Liyana (Y4), Jakub (Y5) and Khadijah H (Y6), who were the winners. We will be holding an Eid bake sale after the holiday, further information will be sent via email.

Parking

We are receiving more and more calls from local residents complaining about parents of our pupils parking and causing obstructions. Please ensure that when using the local roads you drive sensibly and park considerately and more importantly for the safety of our pupils.

School Day

Our busy office staff are always on hand to help. However, they are often interrupted during the day with parents bringing in their child's lunch or PE kit. These visits also interrupt the class as the teacher has to stop the lesson to receive the message. Please ensure your child brings everything they need for the school day.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28th March

Breakup for the Easter Holiday

Friday 12th April

Training day – school closed to pupils

Monday 15th April

Training day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 16th April

School open for summer term

Tuesday 23rd April

Important Internet Safety meeting for parents 8:45am

Tuesday 23rd April

Y1 Parent phonics meeting 2:45pm, further info to follow

Wednesday 24th April

Lark class assembly, parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start

Wednesday 1st May

Robin class assembly, parents welcome, 8:45am for a prompt 8:50am start

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

Mon 13th to Thurs 16th May

Y6 SATS week

April's value of the month is RESPECT