



# The Rivermead Round-Up

## Friday 26th April

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a very busy at Rivermead, with the highlights being a visit from a poet Daniel Thompson and having a photographer in our school, taking photos and videos to update our school website and provide a marketing video. The children have settled very well into the final term of the year, and it is lovely seeing them all engaged and showing a positive learning attitude throughout the day.

### Author visit

Rivermead had a very exciting experience with poet Daniel Thompson visiting us on Thursday. He worked with the year 4 and 6 children on writing positive poetry about themselves. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with him and wrote some wonderful pieces where they celebrated themselves. Daniel also did an assembly to the whole school where he shared his journey to becoming a poet and giving the children tips on how to become a poet themselves. Many of the children also met with him after school where he sold and signed his books. We had a wonderful time with him visiting and would like to thank our wonderful PTA for funding his visit. The children have had a wonderful experience and there is a real buzz around the love of reading, poetry and ourselves too!

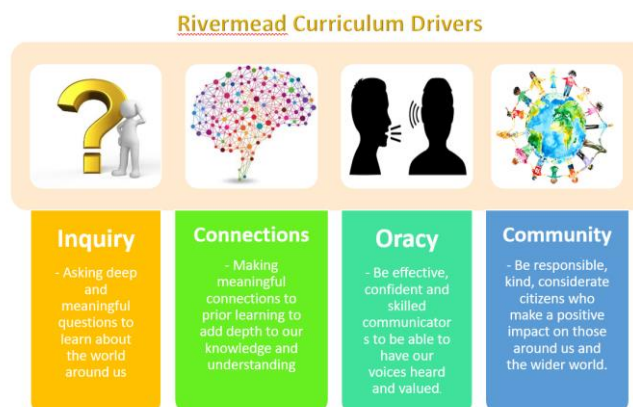
Thank you to Miss Seymour organising the visit from the poet and planning the day ensuring an exciting and inspiring learning opportunity for the children. It was brilliant having children telling me over the day how they now want to be a poet or an author!

### Marketing photoshoot

On Thursday we had the Squid Photography team into the school. This is a service provide through the Trust's central team, where photos and videos are taken over the day to provide materials for the school which can be displayed internal, on our website and through other marketing resources/products. The weather was kind in the morning allowing shots to be taken with children taking part in PE, environmental science, gardening and reading on the storytelling chair. Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring that your child/children where in correct uniform and neatly presented. A big thank you also to the various children from across the school who agreed to be interviewed/videoed discussing different aspects of the show and be part of the school's marketing video. We will inform you when the new video of the school is available on the website to view.

### Learning & Teaching – curriculum enrichment

Below is a summary of the highlights for each team this term:



### **Lower School**

**EYFS:** In EYFS this week the children have been reading the fairy tale, 'The Gingerbread Man'. Using oracy as a driver they have been joining in the repeated refrains and retelling the story. The children had a go at writing some of the things that the gingerbread man said in the story. We decided to make gingerbread men to develop connections in their learning. The children thought about what they would need, we found the recipe and the children were challenged to



- Half term Monday 27th April to Friday 31st April
- INSET DAY Monday 3rd May
- New class lists to parents for 2024-25 Tuesday 18th June (proposed date)
- Transition day Wednesday 26th June
- Sports Day Tuesday 25th June - Reserved day: Thursday 27th June  
Y3 – Y6: 9am to 12pm  
12pm – 1pm: children & parents picnic lunch on the field  
EYFS – Y2: 1.15pm to 3pm
- Year 6 Residential & Year 5 challenge week Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July
- Annual school reports to parents Wednesday 10th July
- Learning reviews Monday 15th July: EYFS  
Tuesday 16th July: Year 1 & Year 2  
Wednesday 17th July: Year 3 & Year 4  
Thursday 18th July: Year 5 & Year 6
- Year 6 Leavers evening & production Monday 22nd July
- End of term Tuesday 23rd July, school finishes at 1.30pm

A variety of trips, visits, workshops, sport competitions, and visitors to the school have been planned by each year group for the term. The dates and information will be sent to parents as they are confirmed.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Brian Prebble



Eco Top Tip- Help animals survive by putting up bird feeders and water baths in your garden. This will ensure they have food for their young in the Spring.

## Achievements

Please forward details to Mrs Nicóla ([jnicola@rivermead.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:jnicola@rivermead.wokingham.sch.uk)) of your child's achievements in their activities outside of school for inclusion in future editions of the Round Up. This week we would like to say well done to the following children:

Abdullah took part in his first wrestling competition this weekend with The British Wrestling Academy and he won 3rd place in the under 24kg category, well done to Abdullah!





## EYFS Growth Mind Set Ladder

We are pleased to mention the following children in EYFS who have tried their best, worked hard and reached number 10 on the Growth Mindset Ladder

Loddon	Dun
Izzy	Olivia
Arthur	Saanvi
Aurora	Rory
Chester	Eeren
Callum	Emily
Verity	Isabelle
	Isaac
	Riley
	Eshan



## This week's Special Book

We are pleased to mention the following children who have worked hard and have achieved a place in our Special Book:

### Lower school's special book

Vivin	Emmbrook	for his continued hard work in class. Well done 😊
Alfie	Kennet	for being a great talk partner and following instructions. Well done Alfie, keep up the great work!
Ella	Hart	for working really effectively with her partner to develop and improve her spelling knowledge.
Arielle	Thames	For showing fantastic resilience and a growth mindset in our maths lessons! Well done. 😊
Juliet	Avon	For always giving 100%. You work brilliantly with a talk partner and independently. You always listen to advice, act on it and continually try to improve. So proud of you 😊
Max	Severn	for contributing excellent ideas to class discussions in every subject this week. Well done 😊

### Upper school's Special Book

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Ben and Megan	Trent	For being such helpful 'morning monitors' and getting our classroom ready for learning by handing out the books we need. Thank you 😊
Zac	Mersey	for always trying his best. He is an excellent role model and he is always kind and caring towards everyone.
Daniel	Congo	for his brilliant reading comprehension answers, you have shown a superb mindset and put a lot of effort into achieving this- keep up the incredible work!
Rehan	Nile	for being such a peneomenal role model. You always uphold our golden rules and show kindness and respect to all.
Ronnie	Amazon	for being consistently kind, positive and wonderful to everyone. You are a true role model of kindness
Josh	Yangtze	for working so hard in writing this week. You gave such great insights into our character in our book and really added depth to our lesson.

## Letters sent home

Arc 2024 primary school anxiety workshop	Sent 23.04.24
Year 3 and 4 tennis festival	Selected pupils Sent 25.04.24

## Notices

Please remember that **Rivermead is a nut free school**. Please do not add any nut products into your childs snacks or packed lunches. We have children with nut allergies in our school and we would like to keep everyone as safe as possible. This includes any Nutella products.

## 2023-2024 Diary Dates

(Please note these are subject to change)

Information and details will be sent closer to the time regarding the various events during the term

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	SEND parent/teacher consultations	Booking closes on 26.04.24 at 4pm
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS	
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Year 4 & 5 Production	Timings to be confirmed – a letter will be sent out in due course
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Half term	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	INSET day	School closed
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Sports day KS2 9am - 12pm, picnic lunch on the field (children and parents/carers), KS1 1.30pm - 3pm.	Reserve Sports day - Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition day	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential trip & Year 6 Challenge week	
10 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports to parents	
15 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Learning review	
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 & 2 Learning review	
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 & 4 Learning review	
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 Learning review	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	Year 6 production performed and Leavers evening	
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Last day of the summer term	Finish at 1.30pm