What an Eggciting week it has been with the arrival of some new members to our Riverside family - yes it's baby chick time in The Willows! The children have been following our core values: be kind, be safe, be a great learner to make sure the chicks are happy and loved. In true Willows' style they invited lots of us to share in the joy of the chicks! click here and click here and click here.

## We are Talkers!

Nursery Rhyme Fun : On Talking Tuesday, our Acorn class entertained their new friends in St Alphonsus School in Manchester with some of our favourite nursery rhymes and listened to them tell Riverside some of theirs. Then it was off to share them with the eggs waiting to hatch... click here.

## Be A Great Learner

Every day Counts at Riverside ! We miss you when you are not here!

Miss Evans was jumping for joy when we were visited by the LA officers for Attendance and Punctuality. They were very impressed how well our children came into school and settled down to their learning so quickly. Thank you all so much for making it a smooth start to the day and getting your children here on time. Congratulations to everyone and especially Miss Evans and her Attendance Avengers! Click here

## We are Great Learners

On Tuesday, the Larks and Kingfishers had a wonderful day of art and religious reflections making Celtic knots and re-enacting the parable of the Good Samaritan - probably one of the best stories ever about one of our core values: be kind! Click here Some of our children shared their learning with other children about 'Identity' with a trip to Thingwall Primary. Click here All of Key Stage 2 enjoyed the Experience Easter with our friends at the URC Hall today - we enjoyed shaking our palm leaves!

## We are Scientists at Riverside That's For Sure

The STEM Club explored the wonderful world of food technology this week with some tasty fruit kebabs. Click here and the Adders investigated light with shadow puppets. Click here

## We are Geographers!

The Larks have been becoming experts in mountains this week. Just ask them...click here

## We are Sporting Heroes!

Mr Walsh and Mrs Egan took our Y4 dodgeball team and represented Wirral in the Merseyside Games this week and did amazingly well. They played brilliantly to win their group of six and were so unlucky in the semi-final. After drawing 2 all, they lost narrowly in a one game shoot out to a team from Bootle. It was a wonderful experience for them and we were so proud of them as they finished 4th overall out of over 60 schools who entered.

## Building Update

This week we had to submit information towards the LA's bid to the DFE (Department for Education) for plans to improve our school building conditions. The LA have put $£ 1.7$ million towards the bid and thank you for all your support and work towards helping to improve the building as parents, which I am sure will make our application even stronger. The DFE have made many announcements about their commitment to raising standards and improving facilities for children and I am sure you will agree with me that our wonderful children deserve only the very best- they deserve a building fit for the $21^{\text {st }}$ Century. We will hear if the bid has been successful in the summer term. You will be the first to know!

With only one more week to go can I just thank you all for being part of Team Riverside and helping make this very challenging term, with so many absences, still an enjoyable one with our top priority being the children. It really is a joy to meet them coming in to school every day so excited to be here- telling us about their new reading books, that orangutans only eat with their feet and if we're lucky even getting a go on their new bike! What a great job!

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Seedlings
Acorns:
Otters:
Conkers:
Bluebells:
Adders:
Larks:
Ravens: Kaylum
Kingfishers: Theo JK
Brambles: Cayson
Willows: Denny
Remy
Ted \& Jamie

Nancy
Archie

## Attendance

The race for the first Mr. Potato Head party is on! Which Year group will win this half term?

Seedlings:
Acorns:
Otters:
Conkers
Bluebells

Finley \& Alyssa
Esmai \& George
Skylah F \& Macie


| Adders: | 3 pieces |
| :--- | :--- |
| Larks: | 5 pieces |
| Ravens: | 3 pieces |
| Kingfishers: | 8 pieces |

## Be on time by 5 to 9!

## Dates for your diary / reminders

Tuesday 5th April: Wednesday $6^{\text {th }}$ April: Friday $8^{\text {th }}$ April: KS2 STEM science day Y1, Y2 \& Brambles visit to Church Farm Term ends (Spring Break $11^{\text {th }}$ to $22^{\text {nd }}$ April)

Advanced Notice:
We have been informed that our school will no longer be needed as a polling station for any future local elections. Therefore, we will no longer have an inset day on Thursday $5^{\text {th }}$ May. We will let you know as soon as possible, when the rescheduled inset day will be.

Reminder:

If your child has a school dinner - or has in the past, please ensure your meal account on Arbor is up to date, as we are coming to the end of the financial year. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

