



The Riverside Reporter 21th July 2022

Message from Mrs Lahive

Ancora Imparo - I am still learning



Happy Holidays Riversiders!

What an exciting year it has been with so many things to celebrate! From news of the DFE's plans for a new build to being awarded Educate's 'Most Inspirational Primary School', it really has been a year with the Wow Factor! How have we managed to do it all? Well only the best team could have done it in such style and that's the beauty of Team Riverside – everyone has worked together to give our children a great year after all the challenges of recent times – parents, governors, PTA and staff I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

BE KIND: On Tuesday, Mrs Benson gave a special thank you to her team who have helped her in Benson's Bistro by treating them to a scrumptious afternoon tea at Bake My Day. [CLICK HERE](#).

At the Leavers' assembly, our Y6 Kingfisher parents showed their gratitude for all the staff who have helped their amazing children during their Riverside journey. Their kind words and thoughtful gifts meant the world to us all.

BE A GREAT LEARNER:

Over the year, we have enjoyed sharing so many happy memories especially as we have been able to take our learning outside again with lots of fabulous trips! From days out on the farm to the lake at Bala, all our children have been enjoying magical learning experiences which we have been lucky to have had funded by INEOS. The company have been so impressed with the wonderful work we are doing that we will be able to continue creating more adventures again next year as part of our Passport of Possibilities project! During the sweltering heat on Monday, we enjoyed an afternoon of culture when the Adder class entertained us with their impressive violin musical recital. [CLICK HERE](#)

READERS, WRITERS AND TALKERS OF THE FUTURE

As you know, we have had a huge focus on poetry this half term. Due to the hot weather this week, we will share these poems at a special welcome back in the autumn term. Thank you again for the support you have given encouraging our children to read regularly this year and we need your help to keep this going over the summer please. Please check out our 'Summer Reading Challenge' [CLICK HERE](#)

Check out our Book Club having fun at Waterstones when they chose a book for the summer hols. [CLICK HERE](#)

Finally, as we bring the good ship Riverside safely into dock again, we have to say goodbye to some of our ship-mates. Firstly, Mr Shankland – Riverside's very own Hercules and Chess champion – has been given a permanent teaching post at St Joseph's. We wish this very talented, young teacher the best of luck in his new post. Also leaving our teaching team is Miss B, who has made such a huge impact supporting our children with their phonics and reading, we wish her success as she pursues her career as an Educational Psychologist. Mr Jennings (Co-Chair) and Mrs Blakemore both retire from their roles as governors and I thank them, on your behalf, for all their support and guidance over the last years which has been second to none. Last, but certainly not least, to our incredible Year 6 Kingfisher class who are now ready to fly the nest. Having just enjoyed their beautiful assembly I know it is time to let them go even though we do struggle with this as we have known and loved them for so many years. They are all a credit to their families and are truly great ambassadors for Riverside. This is the end of their Riverside story but the start of the next exciting chapter. Once a Riversider ... always a Riversider! We are always here for you!

I hope that you and your families enjoy a lovely summer holiday. We look forward to setting sail once again on September 5th - full steam ahead!

Mrs Lahive 😊

RPL Sporting Heroes ★★★★★ 5 Stars of the Year! Y6!



Attendance



Congratulations to Y2 who have ended the school year with an overall percentage of 92.5%. We are aiming for 100% attendance every day.

Why good attendance matters: To learn anything from school, children need to be in school. Almost all our lessons build on previous learning and if a child is missing sessions, then they are going to struggle when they return as they will have missed previous learning. This will make it much harder for them to gain all the benefit from their time at school. Therefore, parents, we need your help! Please ensure your child comes to school every day. We understand children are sometimes unwell. Please call or message school before 9:30am each day to notify us the reason for your child's absence.

Please note that medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible and holidays are not permitted during term time. Holidays will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances, please request a form from our Attendance Officer Miss. Evans in the school office at least 4 weeks before the start of your holiday. Please see the Attendance Policy on our website for further details.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Dates for your diary / reminders / Dates for your diary / reminders

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term
Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd September	Inset Days
Monday 5 th September	First day back for pupils
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October	Half Term