



RIVER VIEW HOUSE NEWSLETTER



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Improvement Updates from Annabelle Lowe (Head of School)

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our families for your continued support and partnership. This year has been one of positive change and development for the school, and we are grateful for the trust, patience and encouragement you have shown as we have worked together to improve outcomes for our pupils.

We hope that the changes and improvements introduced this year will help to provide greater consistency and stability for all pupils moving forward. Our recent transition afternoon was a great success, helping pupils to prepare confidently for the next stage of their journey. Looking ahead to September, we are also excited to be redeveloping our breakout spaces to create calm, welcoming and purposeful environments that further support pupils' wellbeing and learning.

On behalf of everyone at River View House, I would like to wish all of our families a restful, enjoyable and peaceful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back in September and continuing to work together throughout the new academic year.



Careers in Art Workshop

Last week, all pupils had the exciting opportunity to participate in a workshop led by local artist Richard Bellin. Richard shared insights into his artistic practice, discussing both his creative work and the day-to-day running of his studio. Following this introduction, pupils worked in small groups to contribute to a large collaborative artwork. The session provided a valuable opportunity for creativity, teamwork and self-expression, and pupils engaged enthusiastically throughout. The finished pieces were fantastic, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the experience and taking pride in their contributions.



Sports day

This week, we held our annual Sports Day at River View House. Pupils took part in a wide range of exciting activities, including relay races, welly boot throwing, "Soak the Teachers", a penalty shootout and the ultimate obstacle course. Despite the warm weather, pupils demonstrated excellent enthusiasm, determination and teamwork throughout the day. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, supporting one another and embracing the spirit of friendly competition.

A fantastic day was enjoyed by all, and we are incredibly proud of the effort, sportsmanship and resilience shown by our pupils.

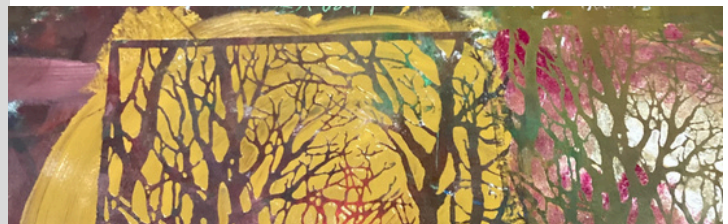


Leavers' prom

On 19th June, we celebrated our seven leavers with a special Leavers' Prom. The day began with a whole-school assembly, where we reflected on the pupils' journeys through school, learned more about their achievements, and enjoyed looking at photographs from their primary school years.

In the afternoon, the leavers attended their prom at Kintbury Village Hall. The event provided an opportunity for pupils to celebrate together, enjoy 'pizza and cake', and dance the afternoon away with their friends and staff.

It was a wonderful occasion and a fitting way to mark the end of their time with us. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success and happiness as they move on to the next stage of their journey.



Enterprise week

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we held an Enterprise Week in June. Each tutor group was given a budget of £50 and challenged to develop a business idea with the aim of generating a profit.

Pupils embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, demonstrating creativity, teamwork and entrepreneurial skills throughout the week. A wide variety of stalls and activities were organised, including snack sales, food prepared for staff and pupils, and a handmade jewellery stall.

The competition was closely contested, with all groups working incredibly hard to make their projects a success. Congratulations to Thames tutor group, who were crowned the overall winners.

Well done to all of our pupils for their effort, commitment and creativity. It was a fantastic week and one that was enjoyed by everyone involved.

Key Information

Start of next term

Pupils start term on Monday 7th September.

Uniform reminder

Our uniform consists of white polo shirts, black trousers and school hoodies and black shoes. No football shirts are allowed to be worn to school please.