



# SCHOOL *NEWS*

*October 2024*

## ***Message from Senior Leadership Team***

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the leaves turn and we embrace the crisp autumn air, our pupils have returned from their half-term break with renewed enthusiasm and a thirst for knowledge.

October was another month full of excitement, including our Halloween celebrations. Most classes engaged in trick-or-treating activities, visiting one another and admiring the spooky outfits. It was a joy to see all the creativity and enthusiasm.

Looking ahead, I am thrilled to announce the relaunch of our Communication Cafe. This initiative will not only bring students together to prepare some of the snacks but also support parents in teaching our students about healthy and balanced diet. I want to assure you that this is an inclusive project, and we will make careful considerations for students with dietary restrictions or specific needs.

I also want to thank all the parents who attended our recent 'Just Chat' and Parental Engagement events. Your participation and support are invaluable to us, and it was wonderful to see some new faces among the familiar ones. We hope to see even more of you at future events, as we continue to strengthen our school community together.

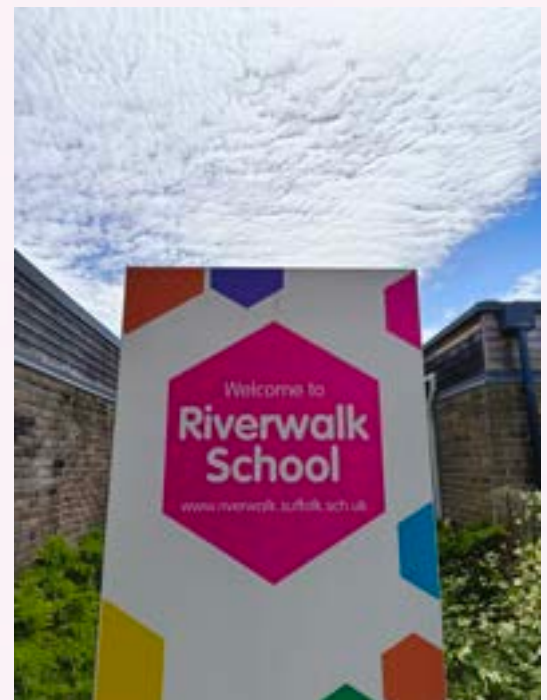


Kind regards,  
Lukasz Rumanowski  
Academy Head



### Important dates for your diary:

- 11-12th Nov- Photographer
- 21st Nov- Parents Evening





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# Family Support **NEWS**

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Please come along to the  
next Just Chat session on  
Wednesday 13th  
November at 10.00am to  
11.30am

There will be an EGM for Friends of Riverwalk School on Monday 25th November at 10am.

All parents/carers and staff are welcome.

We will be voting in a new committee and handing over the charity status.

The PTA requires a Chairperson, Secretary & Treasurer to be voted into these roles. They will be registered as Trustees for the Charity with the Charity Commission.

Please attend if you have an interest in filling one of these roles or if you would like to join the committee.



# Bears



# NEWS

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Bears had great fun getting creative with Autumn fruits and vegetables, exploring with tools and hands, taking prints with paint and obviously tasting!

We have continued to enjoy being physically active especially during rebound therapy (on the trampoline), yoga and soft play!

We are enjoying whole class Music Therapy sessions with the new music therapist as well as singing and signing with Jess. Our favourites have been 'Autumn leaves are falling down' and 'Five Little Field Mice'!





Riverwalk School

Bumblebee



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making



communicating



acting spooky

learning with other classes





# Butterflies NEWS

*October 2024*

## **Butterflies have had a creative half-term.**

In science we have been using our senses to explore different smells, tastes and textures.

We loved sniffing, touching and tasting the ingredients in cooking. Then we got to eat the food we made. Yum! Surprisingly, the burnt bread was popular!

We also looked at what happens to the when we mixed wet and dry ingredients together.

To support our receptive communication skills, we have been practising following instructions by looking at picture sequences to help us make simple models and pictures.

We are so proud of our Butterflies.



Jumping in puddles and exploring mud are playtime favourites. If you have not done so already, please send in labelled wellies, waterproofs and warm clothes.



# College **Post 16** *NEWS*

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College have really enjoyed all our amazing Halloween adventures this month. we have been exploring spooky pumpkins, playing Halloween Bingo as well as a halloween treasure hunt in the main playground.





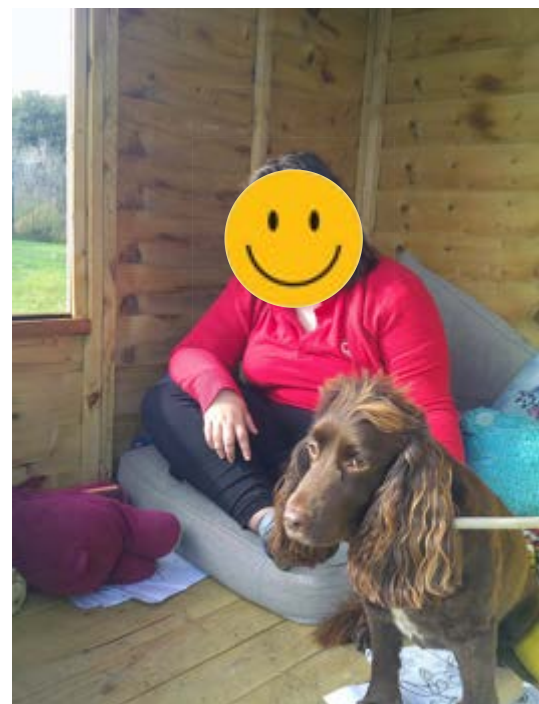
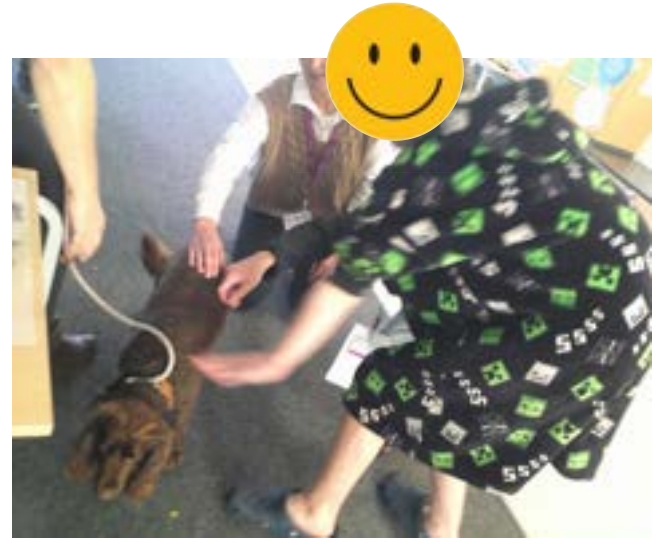
# Eagles



# NEWS

*October 2024*

Eagles had a very busy term. We worked hard to settle in our new class and to make a new friendships. We all enjoyed a visit from a therapy dog called "Choccy".





# Elephants



# NEWS

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We are really proud of the amazing progress our children in Elephants class have made this half term.

We have been working on playing and learning together, and the children have been developing their sharing and turn taking skills. When accessing the continuous play provision, the children have been working alongside adults, learning how to share toys and other equipment with their friends and noticing what their friends are doing. They have been coming together in small and large groups to learn together - a firm favourite being cooking, where everyone sits together around a large table to work as a group. It's been lovely to see children handing out plates and cutlery to their friends and waiting for their turn to mix, scoop, spread and stir.  
Well done Elephants class!!!!



Please could you make sure your child has welly boots and some spare socks and trousers in their bags as the weather starts to get a bit wetter. - everyone loves a puddle!!





# Emus



# NEWS

*October 2024*

Emus have been working really hard this half term; especially on our Phonics. We have been listening and identifying environmental sounds from around our home! We have enjoyed exploring our class text 'Through The Forest'. In Science we have explored plants, flowers, leaves and seeds with all of our senses. In Art we have been exploring mixing of primary colours.

### Message from the team:

With the colder, wet weather approaching please can we ask that you send in waterproofs and wellies for your children. Also, if you haven't already, please could you send in photos of the children and their families for our history topic. Thank you.





# Giraffes



# NEWS

*October 2024*

Giraffes class had a great half term, doing mark making, phonics, trips to the library, enjoying Choccy the dog visit, messy play and maths. Giraffes are looking forward to doing lots of christmas activities.



Message from the team:  
Please can the children have clothes suitable for the ever changing weather. Thank you  
Giraffes Team



# Grasshoppers NEWS

*October 2024*

In Grasshopper class this month we have been working hard and have been having lots of fun with a Halloween theme to our lessons. In Science we looked at how pumpkins grow and scooped them out to find what's inside them. We counted pumpkins and monsters in maths and described where the spooky spiders are in communication. The students also really enjoyed getting stuck into some creepy craft making decorations for our Halloween party. We have also been having loads of fun in class singing along to lots of Halloween songs. We really liked the 5 little pumpkins song where each pumpkin was a different emotion which we could act along to.



Reminders from the team  
As the cold weather approaches, please ensure your children have suitable cold and wet weather clothing, including wellies.



# Kangaroos



# NEWS

*October 2024*

Kangaroos have had a busy half term. We have been working really hard on learning our phonics sounds and practicing writing them. We have also enjoyed learning tricky words with our 'tricky word songs'. In science we have been exploring lots of different seeds. We especially liked Halloween week where we investigated pumpkins. We enjoyed 'trick or treating' where we visited all the other classes and liked welcoming them into our class too.





# Koalas



# NEWS

*October 2024*

It has been a wonderful first half term back at school. We have been working really hard on our phonics, learning how to identify environmental and instrumental sounds. We have enjoyed exploring our senses in science, looking at, smelling, tasting, hearing and touching lots of different things. We enjoyed dressing up for halloween before we broke up. This half term we are looking forward to going swimming on Thursday mornings.



Reminder from the team:  
Don't forget to bring swimming kit  
on Thursdays



# Ladybirds NEWS

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Ladybirds Class have been working really hard this half term. We have been exploring the continuous provision inside and outside having lots of fun exploring new games and activities. We have been great at turn-taking on the swing with peers. In class we have been learning about our senses in Science, we liked tasting different foods, feeling different textures and listening to different sounds. We have had lots of fun doing halloween dress-up, art and exploring pumpkins. We have also been going down to the big playground and have had fun exploring with our friends as well as, going on the swings and pirate ship.





# Leopards NEWS

*October 2024*

Leopards had lovely first half term . Children have settled and have been maintaining friendships and consolidating our routines. In our last week of term we enjoyed some Halloween trick or threatening and decoration making.

We've enjoyed a variety of PE sessions this half term. We have had a go at tennis, basketball, aiming at a target and balancing on a variety of equipment!

Leopards also managed to visit the library for group reading.



## Reminders from Leopards team

Please keep sending appropriate clothing for the weather and also a snack everyday.

Keep an eye out for Personal Plans in school bags and also a copy of the time tabel for the rest of this term



# Lions



# NEWS

*October 2024*

The first half term has whizzed by with lots of happy and busy children in Lions class.

We have been working on playing and learning together and it's lovely to see children beginning to take more notice in activities around the room. Favourites have been magic carpet, cooking, painting, singing and music. Lots of us love getting messy with the paint and some of us worked really hard to spread and sprinkle to make fairy bread. The instruments are always popular with our little Lions, they do like to make a noise!

Building towers with the giant foam shapes was really fun, especially when we made them fall down... crash!!

We also loved saying hello to Choccy the dog. Some of us were brave enough to take her for a walk around the classroom.

Well Done Lions Class!





# Meerkats



# NEWS

*October 2024*



We are really proud of the amazing progress our children in Meerkats class have made this half term. We have been working on getting to know each other, playing alongside our peers and sharing our favorite activities. This half term we enjoyed horse riding and PE. Children worked on gross motor skills, running, crawling, jumping, climbing and balancing.



Well done Meerkats class!!!!



Reminder:  
Could you please make sure your child has welly boots and some spare clothes in their bags.





# Octopus



# NEWS

*October 2024*

Octopus Class have had a fun-filled half term. We have explored our senses in Science and revised counting to 10 in Maths. The children have enjoyed reading Spinderella in English and working on our reading and spelling in Phonics.

We have also completed lots of athlectics in PE, learned about instrument families in Music, and been inspired by Paul Klee and Vincent Van Gogh in Art. We have had fun sharing with friends, practising life skills and celebrating Halloween and Diwali!





# Orcas NEWS

*October 2024*

What a busy first half term we have had in Orcas class. Our new classmates have settled in well and have been making friends and getting to know our routines. In our last week of term we enjoyed some fantastic All Hallows' Eve celebrations with pumpkin carving, apple bobbing and spooky music and dancing! We hope you all a happy and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing what the winter term holds!



Remember to send in hats and gloves for outside play as the days start to get colder. "Friday Fun Cafe" will be starting back up this week!





# Owls



# NEWS

*October 2024*

What a lovely first half term we have had in Owls class. Our new classmates have settled in well and have been making friends and getting to know our routines. In our last week of term we enjoyed some Halloween activities and decoration making. We've enjoyed a variety of PE sessions this half term. We have had a go at tennis, basketball, aiming at a target and balancing on a variety of equipment!

We wish you all a happy and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you after the break.





# Rabbits



# NEWS

*October 2024*

Rabbits had a very busy term. The children got lots of opportunities to explore and use their senses in messy play, phonics, PE, music, play, art, interactive whiteboard, counting songs etc.

In phonics the children have learned to join in with songs and rhymes to clap, stomp, shake and dance. We love exploring sounds that instruments make and listen to quiet, loud, slow and quick sounds. The new children have settled in well now and are more familiar with the class routine.





# Raise



# NEWS

*October 2024*

Last half-term was very busy for Raise student. In arts and crafts students made autominal paintings to be added to our wall display.

Visisting the outside gym in PE.

Learning about what plants need to live, planting basil, watering them until they are ready to take home.



students will be doing rememberance sunday related arts and crafts next Monday. In December our students will be making bath bombs that will go on sale in the staff room. All raised funds will be reinvested to purchase future resurces for our enterprise project.



# Sharks NEWS

*October 2024*

Sharks have exceeded expectations brilliantly - their musical performance of 'Glue' in the middle and upper school assemblies was absolutely fantastic - and it was wonderful to see their focus, enthusiasm and enjoyment when performing to an audience. They continue to enjoy and engage in our curriculum, including some of the finest costumes ever seen for our Halloween celebrations, and a superb Guy! We've been working very hard on our social skills too, as well as working as a team.



Reminders from the team



Please congratulate your Shark for being amazing for the first half term of the school year!



# Tigers



# NEWS

*October 2024*

This first half term has been an enjoyable journey as the children in Tiger Class settle into their new routines! We've been busy learning to share and work with both new friends and adults in the room.

Our small group activities have been a hit, especially the messy play where we got our farm animals delightfully muddy in chocolate mud!

Dressing up and tackling puzzles have also captured the hearts of many little Tigers, while others have shown off their impressive coordination skills, smashing those bean bags with rackets during PE. Wow, what a sight!

We've also had the pleasure of meeting Choccy the dog, who has helped us demonstrate our caring nature as we gently stroke him. It's been a wonderful start to the year, and we can't wait for more adventures ahead!





# Wolves



# NEWS

*October 2024*

Wolves class has had a really busy half term. We have been working hard on practicing our fine motor skills; we really enjoyed using computer during our ICT lesson and exploring counting songs. We have been playing with sounds during our phonics and science lessons.

We had a lot of fun during our swimming sessions; we had lovely time with Choccy the therapy dog. We also had a nice time during our music therapy sessions.

We enjoyed Halloween activities such as exploring pumpkins and sticky spaghetti during our messy play.

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# ZEBRAS



# NEWS

*October 2024*

It's been a fun and busy first half term and the children in Zebras class have been working very hard. We have been working on place value in Maths, sharing stories and working on pencil control and writing skills in English and learning about sound in Science. This half term the children really enjoyed Tennis lessons, creating autumnal art, cooking and some visits from Choccy the therapy dog. In the final week we also enjoyed some Halloween themed activities and a highlight was taking part in 'trick or treating' around the school.

