



# SCHOOL NEWS

March 2024

## Message from Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Riverwalk has re-launched weekly assemblies. Our students achieve in different ways and we want to ensure that each of these wonderful moments is recognised and celebrated.

This newsletter focuses on exploring creativity in every classroom.

Kind Regards  
Lukasz Rumanowski  
Academy Head



### Important dates for your diary

Spring (Easter) holiday:

Friday 29th March 2024 to Thursday 11th April 2024.

### Special Events/Activities/News/Focus

Just Chat:

Wednesday 27th March 2024, 10-11.30.

This first session will be an informal meet and greet.



Riverwalk School



# Family Support **NEWS**

*March 2024*

Riverwalk recognises the importance of securing a place for all of our students in the community once they finish compulsory education at 18

To do this, we use the Moving Into Adulthood plans and have the support of a Career Development Practitioner - Christine Walton for professional careers information advice and guidance

Christine has a wealth of knowledge in supporting young people and families and is very much looking forward to supporting young people and their families (Yes - the support is extended to parents and carers and their career pathway too) in the coming months



Christine offers virtual support throughout the week and can be contacted at [how2careers@gmail.com](mailto:how2careers@gmail.com)





# Bears



# NEWS

*March 2024*

Bears class have loved learning about lots of different animals this term. We have enjoyed making a range of different animal crafts using our bodies e.g. we made chicken hand prints and zebra feet. We had fun washing our feet after, using the bubble foot spa! During messy play, which we always love, we have explored different cereals, pasta and spaghetti, gravy, cornflour slime and shaving foam.





# Bumblebee NEWS

*March 2024*



The Bumblebees love to be creative during music sessions. They play with their feet, drum to the beat, dance and sing. Paint is a favourite, not just on the floor and the door but on paper, canvas & homemade tractors too. Using all of our senses in messy play sets us up for the day and makes us happy & chatty.





# Butterflies NEWS

*March 2024*

Butterflies have had a creative time whilst we have been learning about Farm animals and growing plants. The children had a fabulous time exploring a tractor, too; even the rain did not deter them.

We have been practising the alphabet in phonics.

In Art we have enjoyed painting and printing.

Have a lovely weekend!





# College **Post 16** NEWS

*March 2024*

This month in college we have been working on our creativity skills making cards, gifts and easter crafts. Students have explored a range of textures and materials while making choices for colours to add to their work.

We have also been putting our creative touch on cooking. While making cupcakes everyone had a go at decorating and choosing their toppings.

Some students have been working hard on their paper mache models within their AQA lesson



## Reminders from the team

Please remember to supply daily snack for your child and to provide shopping money when requested for their trip to the supermarket thank you.



# Eagles



# NEWS

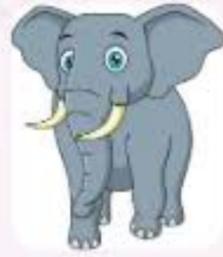
*March 2024*

Eagles have had a lovely start to the term. We have been exploring our emotions and what makes us feel happy, what our bodies do when we feel happy and building our communication skills. We had a fantastic visit from our furry friend Choccy, which the students and adults loved! We have also been building on our independence skills, getting the students washing their own dishes after snack and lunch. Lastly, we really enjoyed getting creative, making mother's day cards.





# Elephants



# NEWS

*March 2024*

What a fabulous Spring term we are having in Elephants. Most recently World Book Day celebrations were great fun - we love dressing up in Elephants and exploring stories in books and through singing, so World Book Day was great! We all made our own bookmarks to take home too.

We have also been having extra visits to main site - we have loved having time on the bikes, finding books in the library and relaxing in the bubble room.

We are focussed on The Farm and enjoy role play in the farm kitchen and being creative in our art sessions. So for our lovely Mummies on mother's day we made super cards using tea bags!

### Reminders from the team

**Easter Activity Afternoon**  
Tuesday 26th March @1:30pm

We look forward to sharing Easter and Spring based activities with you as well as our Easter bonnet parade - please ask if you need any help with this.





# Emus



# NEWS

*March 2024*

Emus have been exploring different world animals since half term. We have looked at giraffes and made some cone giraffes in art. We also explored elephants making some lovely elephant shaped biscuits, where we practised our mixing and rolling skills. This half term we have also been going swimming. We have loved this experience and Emus definitely love being in the water - some of us are really working hard to conquer our fears.



Reminders from the team

Our last swimming day is Thursday 21st March.



# Giraffes



# NEWS

March 2024

All Giraffes have been very creative this month.

We have been exploring paint using brushes, sponges, corks and forks, creating wonderful tulips and daffodils to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

We have made beautiful Mothers Day cards too.

Giraffes have been very busy and artistic but sometimes we all need a good rest :)



Dear parentes,  
Please remeber the last day of term is Thursday 28th March



# Grasshoppers NEWS

March 2024

Grasshoppers have been working hard on our animals topic as well as our regular reading, communication and maths sessions.

For this months newsletter we are showing off the creative work we have been doing in class recently. We are very lucky to have a new music therapy session with Lucy on a Monday morning where we have been singing and playing together as a group. We are also still working with music Dave on a Wednesday for a very musical week all around! We have also been getting creative in our art sessions where we have recently made a world map collage to place our different animals where they live as well as making some lovely mothers day flower card to take home.

Well done Grasshoppers.



### Reminders from the team

Please be aware that Grasshopper Class will **not** be swimming on the last day of term (28th of March)



# Kangaroos



# NEWS

## Kangaroos



It has been all change in Kangaroo Class this Half Term with Lucy and Anna becoming the new Kangaroo teachers in preparation for Shona going to have her baby! We are both really enjoying our new roles and the children have been so helpful in welcoming us.

We have continued with our "World Animals" theme and have looked at the book "Handas Surprise" and learnt what animals live in Africa, enjoyed tasting fruits and created wonderful fruit printing. We made beautiful Mothers Day cards and are now starting to make Easter and Spring crafts. We continue with our phonics and have been busy horse riding once a week!



Please remember the last day of term is Thursday 28th March



# Koalas



# NEWS

March 2024

Over the past few weeks Koalas students have been exploring stories related to ocean and safari animals and used different textures and colours to create their favourite animals in art, as well as some fun Mother's day crafts. In maths, the students have been comparing heavier and lighter using balancing scales and counting in sets. The students also enjoyed having assembly over the past couple weeks on a Thursday afternoon and well done to Jude who got star learner last week!

We are excited to continue learning about different animals and their habitats in the lead up to the Easter break!



### Reminders from the team

Just a reminder that we ask parents to provide a spare pair of clothes for the children in case of messy play activities



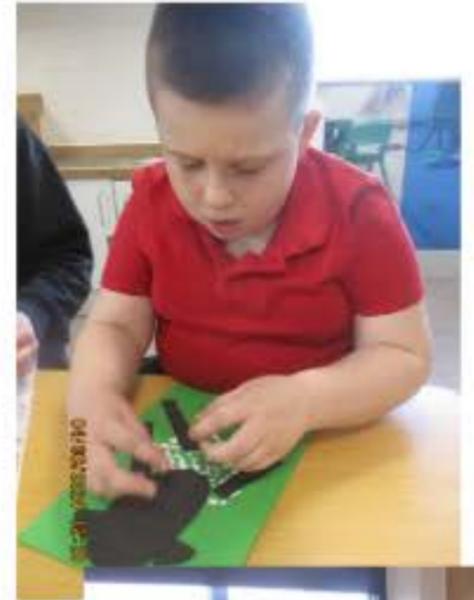
# Ladybirds NEWS

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Ladybirds have had fun in Art this half term. We made bubble wrap print sheep, and mixed shaving foam with paint to create marble art. We got a little messy but had so much fun!

We came dressed up for World Book Day and explored our favourite books, we especially liked *The Gruffalo*.

We hope the mums had a lovely Mothers Day we had fun posing for the pictures, and did great, mark making to decorate the flower.



Reminders from the team  
Ladybirds class Parent 'pop in' afternoon is  
on Monday 25th March 1.45-2.15



# Leopards NEWS

March 2024

In Leopards class we have been getting creative and using leaves to collage different pictures of animals.

We went on a leaf and flower hunt around the school and enjoyed sticking them down with PVA glue.

We have loved joining in with Music Daves music sessions; using the large drum to make loud and quiet sounds and tapping out different rhythms. During life skills we were pairing socks and pegging socks and pants onto a washing line. We all did a brilliant job using our fine motor skills to squeeze and release the pegs.

Leopards have been engaging with Music Therapy and listening to different weather songs while recreating the sounds of rain, thunder and wind using rainmakers, keyboards and guriors.



## Reminders from the team

PE is on a Wednesday morning so please bring in your child's PE kit on this day.



# Lions



# NEWS

*March 2024*



We are really enjoying our farm topic; singing and exploring through some of our favourite songs - Old Mc Donald and 5 little ducks.

We have been creative with our art and explored different textures - adding sand to paint for pink pigs and feathers to yellow ducks.

Painting the windows to create our country scene was - as you can see - great fun!

World book day was fun - exploring stories, and dressing up.

To celebrate mothers day we got creative with using cardboard cyclinders and our fingers to paint flower cards for our lovely mummies.



Reminders from the team

Easter Activity Afternoon

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# Meerkats



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Meerkats class have been focusing on Creativity for the last few weeks. Children have been engaging well in Art activities.

Children enjoyed the collage lesson and to create their own pasterpiece. (Please see pictures). We have been exploring a variety of art tools and decorating the classroom ready for Spring.

Children have been enjoying the Swimming lessons and are becoming more confident in the water. Next week is our last swimming session.

Well done Meerkats.



Reminders from the team:

Last day of the term is Thursday the **28th of March**. After Easter we will start our walks to Nowton Park on Thursdays.

PE kits will be sent home before Easter, please don't forget to send them back to school on Monday the 15th April.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



# Octopus



# NEWS

*March 2024*

Octopus Class have had another busy month. We have welcomed a new student, Qingyu into our class. We have been learning about the seasons of the year and how different weather occurs. The children have been working on their addition skills in Maths. In English we have been writing sentences we have composed. Our topic is Harry Potter, which has lent itself to lots of fun science and sensory play. We have introduced sensory circuits twice a day, which help the children to self-regulate before getting stuck into work.



Thank you to everyone for sending in snacks and drinks for your child



# Orcas



# NEWS

This month in Orcas we have been exceedingly creative! We have engaged well in our sensory story of *Handa's Surprise* along with exploring our creativity skills to make cards, collages and easter crafts.

Students have made choices of textures and colours for their work, marrying in the themes of different characters and diversity with their learning.

We have engaged well in sensory play, creating an extravaganza of crafts and sensory experiences for our world book day! Have a great Easter break!



Thank you to everyone for sending in drinks, snacks and personal care items for your young person.



# Owls



# NEWS

*March 2024*

This month in Owls we have enjoyed creating lots of science experiments. We have made bubble snake, shaving foam rain clouds, dancing noodles and we have made our own slime! We have loved these!!

We have used lots of different creative skills in our weekly art sessions. We've had to use scissors and cut things out. We have had to draw and colour. We have used our fingers to paint. We have had to fold to make concertina folds and made some lovely mothers day cards.

#in our cooking sessions we have made and tasted lots of different things. We loved the mini cheese cakes but our favourite was vegetable wraps. We had to chop, peel and spread these in our wraps then fold them up into little spirals.

As a class we love our music sessions with music Dave. We love dancing and singing along. We get to try lots of different instruments to music. Sometimes we go fast and slow and sometimes we go quiet and loud.

In maths we have set up our own shop. We use this to learn about transactions. We love exchanging small amounts of coins to swap for an activity or something we want to play with.

We were also very creative for world bookday with our costumes!





# Pandas



# NEWS

March 2024

This term we have been learning about Spring. Listening to our new book 'when spring comes'. We have been copying words, learning to spell SPRING and enjoying the sensory story.



We have also been creative and learnt all about; world book day, St David's Day, St Patricks Day and the last week we have celebrating Easter.

Reminders from the team  
Please email weekend news to [pandas@riverwalk.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:pandas@riverwalk.suffolk.sch.uk) on a Sunday or Monday before 10am please.

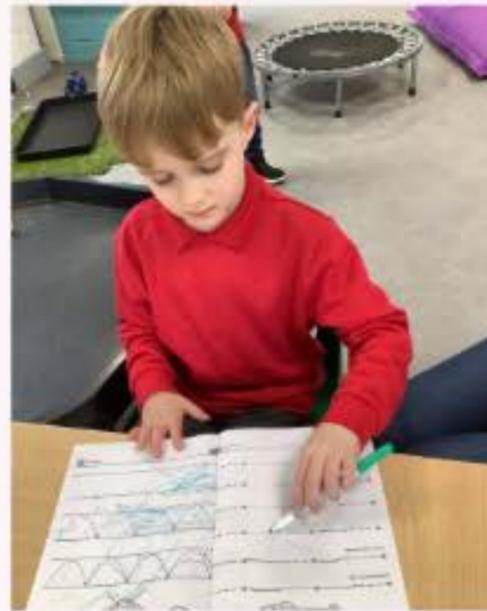


# Rabbits



# NEWS

Little Rabbits absolutely love farm animals. As we learned about it in a creative way, each child expressed their interest in their own way by vocalizing, smiling, pointing at, reaching out. When we're teaching about farms, animals, and the noises they make, we're also helping kids learn phonics, the ability to remember names and associate them with correct animals. We have incorporated phonics into our daily routine, the children amaze us how quickly they memorize the songs, sing along and learn in a playful way.





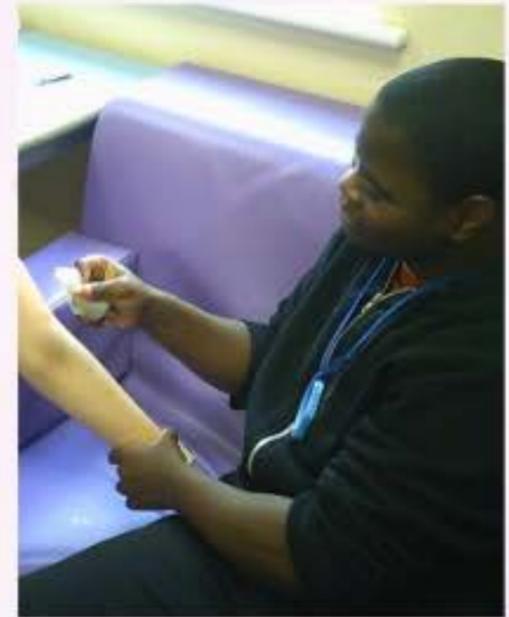
# Raise *Raise* NEWS

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Students have done a great job this month, finishing off their AQA work and developing independent living and life skills.

We hope parents had a great Mother's Day and appreciated the fantastic effort by our students making their Mother's Day cards. In arts and crafts, students finally completed their mighty Viking ships.

Thursday's stir-fry cooking lessons are a success, students have transitioned well to the lesson location and getting accustomed to the increase in cooking ingredients and utensils. After Easter, students will be going to Nowton Park for their community access. Students will have the opportunity to purchase refreshments from the cafe if parents would like to send in £20, this should cover expenses for that half-term.





# Sharks NEWS

March 2024

Sharks have had a very creative few weeks and managed to be really engaged in making lots of Arts and Crafts for World Book Day and Mothers Day. We have been decorating the classroom ready for Spring too and everyone is doing a great job. Children are still working on their writing skills and pencil control in English, simple additions and subtractions in Maths and looking at properties of materials in Science. Outings twice a week to Nowton Park and local Supermarket still happen and everyone is doing really well at being safe and following instructions when out in the community.  
Well done Sharks



### Reminders from the team

PE kits will be sent home before Easter, please don't forget to send them back to school on Monday 15th April.  
Thank you for your ongoing support.



# Tigers



# NEWS

## March 2024

Tigers have shown great creativity during cooking sessions over the past few weeks. They've chosen different toppings to add to porridge and decorations for cupcakes. They loved the visit from the tractor as part of our Farms topic and some children came up with some really good questions to ask the farmer! We are sad to say goodbye to Kirsty who has been at Riverwalk for 17 years! She will be missed but we wish her every happiness in her early retirement!





# Wolves



# NEWS

*March 2024*

Over the past few weeks Wolves class have been busy creating designs for cards, biscuits and pancake toppings.

When creating biscuits, we chose between coloured icings and jam, then something to put on the top. Our Mother's Day cards were made up of a patchwork of papers which we chose and arranged on the card. We were also quite creative in the ways we arranged our Mother's Day plants in the pots!

Our Easter cards will have an Easter Egg theme and involve more work on colour identification and matching.



**Reminder**  
**Parents Open Afternoon for Wolves Class on**  
**Thursday 21st March.**  
**1.50 - 2.20pm**



# Zebra



# NEWS

March 2024

Zebra have had a creative few weeks making Valentines biscuits and cards, Mothers' Day cards and now Easter crafts. The students have made colour and texture choices in their art and cooking projects.

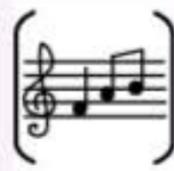
We've also been working hard on our communication skills using the story and familiar rhymes like 10 in the bed and 5 little monkeys to help us build sentences. Music has helped us to make fast and slow sounds as well as loud and quiet and everyone has loved the Ocean Drum for its swooshing sound. The Zebras have spent useful regulation time in the Sensory room, swinging in the hammock, rolling down the slide and spinning the colourful wheels.



We look forward to seeing parents and carers at our Easter Craft afternoon in the last week of the Spring Term. Dates and details will come home in the book folder.



# Music Dave



Music

# NEWS

*March 2024*

Our assemblies have begun again, and they are going really well - the pupils and staff have a great time socialising with peers from other classes, celebrating achievements, singing, signing and having fun. Signing choir is proving very popular too - so much so that we've had to change the timings a bit to accommodate more pupils! Classes have also worked really well on their musical awareness, with lots of children keeping different beats superbly.

