



## RIVER ACADEMY

### Student Bulletin

# What's on this week?

## 31st March – 3rd April

### School timings:

Please be reminded of our school timings:

Mon, Tues & Thurs		Wed		Fri	
09:10-9:35	Tutor	09:10-09:35	Tutor	09:10-09:20	Tutor
09:35-10:35	Lesson 1	09:35-10:35	Lesson 1	09:20-10:15	Lesson 1
10:35-10:55	Break	10:35-10:55	Break	10:15-11:10	Lesson 2
10:55-11:55	Lesson 2	10:55-11:55	Lesson 2	11:10-11:30	Break
11:55-12:55	Lesson 3	11:55-12:55	Lesson 3	11:30-12:25	Lesson 3
12:55-13:35	Lunch	12:55-13:35	Lunch	12:25-13:00	Lunch
13:35-14:35	Lesson 4	13:35-14:35	Lesson 4	13:00-13:55	Lesson 4
14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	14:35-15:35	Lesson 5	13:55-14:50	Lesson 5
		15:35-16:30	Elective	14:50-15:15	Celebration Assembly



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WEEK Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Main Course</b>	Meat Ball Pasta Garlic Bread Carrots	Chicken Tika Masala Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	Lasagne Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	<i>Delicious!</i> <b>Fish and Chips</b>
<b>Vegetarian</b>	<u>Vegi</u> Meat Ball Pasta Garlic Bread Carrots	Vegetable Korma Basmati Rice Mixed Vegetables	<u>Vegi</u> Lasagne Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	<b>CHEESE &amp; ONION PASTIES</b>
<b>Jackets</b>	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad	Jacket Potato Cheese/Tuna/Baked Beans/Salad
<b>Dessert of the Day</b>	Apple Crumble Custard	Syrup Sponge Custard	Chocolate Brownie Chocolate Sauce	Jam Sponge Custard
<b>Dessert Alternative</b>	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie	Yogurt, Fresh Cut Fruit, Fruit Pot, Cookie

*Please ask for more information if you have any allergies.*

## PE update:

### Netball Fixtures

## OUR NETBALLERS ARE CHAMPIONS OF READING!

Our amazing superstar netballers won the Reading League this week after overcoming Reading Girls in a closely contested final. After Reading beat Denefield 7-6 in the semi finals, we knew who our opposition would be for a final shot at glory. A rapid start to the game saw us fly out of the blocks and some sharp shooting from Molly gave us an early 1-0 lead. The game ebbed and flowed and momentum swung this way and that, but neither side could make their pressure count as the game remained 1-0 for long periods of time. Some resolute defence from Shakira, Ondraiya and Alisa ensured that Reading Girls did not score the entire match, despite having large spells of possession. Our super shooter Molly then made it 2-0 towards the end of the match to seal the victory for River and with that the trophy and title of Champions for this year. What made it even more special was that some of the parents of our students were in attendance and I am so happy they witnessed our amazing team win the league.

We are so proud of all the girls this year, not just those who played in the weekly fixtures, but those who attended netball club all year. Being the best team in Reading does not happen by chance and the dedication they have shown week in week out has been incredible to see. A special shout out to Miss Moore who has worked with the girls week in week out since September and has made them into champions.



Just a reminder of some local netball clubs in the area for those wanting to join a local team:

**Thunderbirds Netball Club:** [www.thunderbirdsnetballclub.co.uk/juniors/](http://www.thunderbirdsnetballclub.co.uk/juniors/)

I believe this team is based in Theale and training is on a Monday from 5–6pm. Follow the link and there are contact details on the website.

**Laurel Park Netball Club:** <https://laurelparknetball.co.uk/juniors/juniorteams/>

This is a club based in Reading and has youth teams all the way from U11 to U18. Again, have a look through the website and see if this is a club you could commit to.










**Woodley Netball Club:** <https://www.woodley.netball.co.uk>

This is a team just based outside Reading in Woodley and has a large youth section. I appreciate Woodley is a little out of the way but again if this is something you could do then I would encourage you to do so.

### Football fixture

Our final football fixture of the season took us to Prospect School. With the fate of our league position already decided, I challenged the team to be brave, to create and take their chances. In a very evenly contested game against Theale, we drew 0–0 in a game where both teams could have won the match. We came close on occasion with Nabil unable to convert a close range chance, and Theale hit the post in the final minute, so again a fair result here in a game that could’ve gone either way. I think this was a great marker for where the team are and sums up our season. In the table below, Theale came second but by no means did they outplay us. We could have easily pushed up the league and moved into the semi-finals but for a few things that did not go our way.

Moving onto local rivals Prospect who sat just below us before the game. We dominated early exchanges and a brilliant solo goal from Feybian meant we went 1–0 up and deserved to find ourselves in that position. We managed the game really well, which in past weeks we have not. Jayon, Leif and Teodor were fantastic in defence with Luke making some great saves in goal. Saad and Aryan were also brilliant in the midfield. We just about held on for a well earned 1–0 win which propped us up to 5th in the league, just outside the top 4, which was very close. A great debut season coming to a close, already, I am already looking forward to next year!

Position	Team	Season's Results	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	 Little Heath School Boys-U12A	Q	8	7	0	1	19	2	17	21
2	 Theale Green School Boys-U12A	Q	8	5	2	1	15	4	11	17
3	 Highdown School Boys-U12A	Q	8	5	2	1	12	6	6	17
4	 Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School Boys-U12A	Q	8	4	2	2	6	5	1	14
5	 River Academy Boys-U12A	Q	8	3	2	3	3	4	-1	11
6	 Denefield School Boys-U12A	Q	8	3	1	4	4	10	-6	10
7	 Prospect School Boys-U12A	Q	8	1	4	3	6	9	-3	7
8	 The Willink School Boys-U12A	Q	8	1	1	6	6	12	-6	4
9	 The Wren School Boys-U12A	Q	8	0	0	8	2	21	-19	0

### Reading Rockets @ River Academy

I have been in contact with Reading Rockets who have agreed to come into River on a Friday after-school from 330–430 to coach some of our students after the Easter break. At the time of reading this, the deadline for signing up is today, but messages were sent out earlier in the week. The initial plan is

to do a 6 week block, costing £4 a session (£24 overall) and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to sign your child up, it is not too late to do so and I can add their name to the list. If your child receives free school meals, the school can assist with payments. Rowing masterclass Reading Rowing Club are offering rowing taster sessions for pupils of River Academy to experience outdoor rowing on the water. The taster sessions are being held one afternoon during school time, between the Easter and half term holidays. They will last approximately 45 minutes (20 minutes actual water time), in a single stable boat to give students an idea of rowing and what it involves. The sessions are run by British Rowing qualified coaches, who coach at the Club. Following attendance at a taster session pupils can, if they wish, receive further details and costs of learn to row courses, being run by Reading Rowing Club this summer. The cost of a taster session is £6. Please indicate by Wednesday 2nd April if your son/daughter would like to attend and please do so by just dropping me an email on [j.clare@maidenerlegtrust.org](mailto:j.clare@maidenerlegtrust.org)

Thank you to those who have already done so.

### **National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships**

14 River students had a go at the National Indoor Rowing Championships last week and did themselves incredibly proud through the effort, desire and determination they put in over the two minutes. The final standings are below. I would like to express a massive thank you to Will and those at Reading

Name	Distance covered (m) in two minutes	Rank in the country /931 boys /961 girls
Hamza	369	738
Nabil	438	250
Henry	396	539
Atulkrishna	437	257
Sabal	408	451
Yousuf	425	329
Maks	493	51
Chibueze	400	509
Sam	440	245
Kai	348	832
Emma	381	576
Kezia	418	309
Dominique	430	223

Rowing Club for lending us the rowing machines and giving their time to give our students a great experience.



### Lessons:

Just as a reminder that after the Easter holidays we will be moving to our summer PE kit. Whilst the River PE shirt will remain the same, students are to no longer wear tracksuit bottoms or the long, black football style socks. Instead, they are going to be expected to wear crew length white socks (pictured below) and black shorts. The reason for this is because the weather is (hopefully!) going to improve and tracksuit bottoms will not be necessary in the heat. Furthermore, if everyone is wearing white socks, this will create a sense of community and everyone looking the same with no one standing out. I do not mind if there is a logo on them, such as the Nike tick on the socks in the picture below. Please note that students wearing black/grey/blue socks will result in a demerit and breaktime detention for incomplete kit. If this is going to present an issue, please email me and let me know and we can discuss how to move forward.



### Injury/illness in PE

Again, just as a reminder that if your child is poorly/injured and is unable to take part in PE as they normally would, can you please ensure they are still sent to school with their PE kit so they can still get changed to take part in the lesson. Whilst this does not mean they will be taking part as a participant, there are other roles in the lesson they can undertake, such as that of an official, coach, sports analyst, or helping with equipment. Moreover, if it is raining and we still go outside, I do not want the students' uniform to become wet and then they must sit in damp clothes for the rest of the day. If, however, they have broken their arm/leg/foot or are in a cast or on crutches, then there is no expectation they bring in their kit to get changed. Thank you for your cooperation with this, if there are any issues, please email me on [j.clare@maidenerlegthrust.org](mailto:j.clare@maidenerlegthrust.org) and we can discuss how to move forward



# Community Lectures

A new series of FREE public lectures open to all



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**Prem Gill**  
University of Cambridge

**Lecture: Seals from Space- how polar explorers use satellites to study Antarctic wildlife**

Free termly academic lectures for the school and wider community

No need to register - everyone welcome!

The chance to meet academics and ask questions!



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Antarctic ice seal populations can help show changes in the Antarctic ecosystem's status and health. But they live in an ever changing, hard to reach sea ice zone which makes them hard to study. Prem's research project "Seals from Space" meets that challenge in an unexpected way: he researches the seals and their habitat with high resolution satellite imagery. From examining pink poop stains left behind by giant penguin colonies to spotting a lone mother seal with her pup, Prem will show you how satellite images are used to study polar wildlife in the world's most remote and extreme continent, Antarctica.

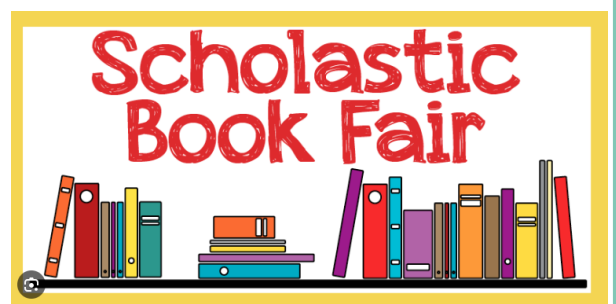


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## Scholastic Book Fair – Thank You!

Another huge thank you for your support with the book fair. With only one year group of students, we managed to raise over £850 in total. This means that we now have over £400 of rewards to spend on books for the library. Your support and generosity have helped ensure that all students at River Academy have access to books and can read for pleasure.



## Monthly Maths House Competition

Answer to the March one was 435 hand shakes ( $29+28+27+26+25+\dots=435$ ). The 30<sup>th</sup> student cannot shake hands with themselves. Only 13 students got the March problem correct, must have been a tricky question.

Try the April one, I think it's a bit easier.

### Maths Problem of the Month – April 25

Answer the question below. Submit your answer to your form tutor or Mrs Strong by the end of the 29th April. You can only submit one answer. All correct answers will be awarded 3 merits.

Put in multiplication or addition signs in the right places between these figures so that the result is correct. Don't forget BIDMAS.

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 = 100$$



### Maths - Kerboodle

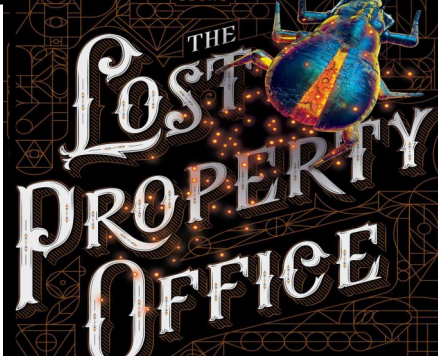
A quick reminder that all students have access to the maths text book we use in school, online, via [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com).

Students have been given their user names and have set their own passwords. If a password reset is needed, students need to speak to their maths teacher. The institution code for the school is **dyu6**.

We are coming to the end of Chapter 4. If any student has missed anything in class or would like to go back through the work, having access to the text book online will be helpful. Please don't get ahead of lessons in school though.

**Lost your blazer?**  
**Can't find your tie?**  
**Walked home in one shoe?!**

**Come and look in our Lost Property Box in  
Reception before or after school**

A decorative sign for "THE LOST PROPERTY OFFICE". The text is in a stylized, white, serif font with a drop shadow. A small, colorful beetle is perched on the word "PROPERTY". The background is black with intricate white geometric patterns.

# The Parents' Corner!

Have some fun on bikes

Easter  
half term  
2025

Sign up for a Bikeability course

Highdown School

Level 1

7 Apr

Levels 1 & 2

7, 8 Apr 2-day

15 Apr

16 Apr

Level 3

10 Apr

14 Apr

The Weller Centre

Learn to ride

8, 9, 10 Apr

Learn to ride - £10

Level 1 - £10

Level 1 & 2 - 1 day £10  
2 day £20

Level 3 - £10

See website for times

Prospect Park

Level 1

9 Apr

17 Apr

Levels 1 & 2

9 Apr

17 Apr



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**HAVE A GO!**

**Would YOU like to have a go  
on an instrument?**

**Come to our 'Have a Go' Event**

**Wednesday 2nd April - RMC@ River Academy**

**5pm – 6:30pm**

'Have-a-Go' Event Register here!



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on an instrument?

<https://forms.office.com/e/YHafxA94vV>