

Dear Families,

Welcome to our February Newsletter. To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, I thought I would bring the website [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) to your attention. Here you will find a wealth of activities, stories and videos that you may like to share with your children. One of the stories is by Dr. Seuss and, as you can see from the photos below, we have used one of his quotes on our very own Riverside mobile library. Pupils at both Beckenham and SPC love using the mobile library to share stories, enjoy puppet shows and learn key library skills. I have also included some other Dr. Seuss quotes below as I think they really resonate with what we believe in. I hope you enjoy them.

The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.  
-Dr. Seuss

Today you are You,  
that is truer than true.  
There is no one alive  
who is Youer than You.  
-Dr. Seuss

Why fit in when you were  
born to **STAND OUT?**  
-Dr. Seuss

Think left and think right  
and think low and think high  
oh, the things you can think  
up if only you try!  
-Dr. Seuss

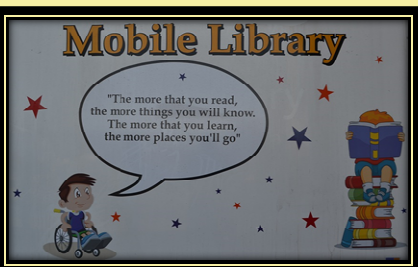
Be who you are and say  
what you feel, because those  
who mind don't matter, and those  
who matter don't mind.  
-Dr. Seuss

I'll bet you know  
a thing or two!  
You're supersmart!  
I'm proud of you!  
-- Dr. Seuss

Today is gone. Today was fun.  
Tomorrow is another one.  
Everyday, from here to there,  
funny things are everywhere.  
-- Dr. Seuss



On the places you'll go,  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting,  
So get on your way!  
-- Dr. Seuss



Best wishes,

Steve Solomons  
Headteacher



## Jobs

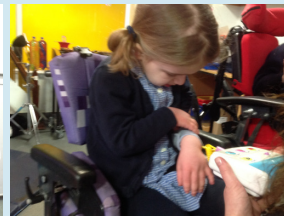
This half-term, we have particularly enjoyed participating in the following activities mainly focussed around our topic 'Jobs':

- In **Fireflies** class we really enjoyed a visit from emergency service workers - police officers with their police car, fire fighters with their fire truck and a paramedic who wrapped us up in bandages. They were all very friendly and we had a great time.
- In **Elephants** class we've been learning about different jobs people have and have especially enjoyed doing this through our 'We're Going on a Bus Tour!' song to the tune of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt!'
- In **Koalas**, we have been exploring all different jobs in our local community. Pupils dressed up as police officers, fire fighters, nurses and teachers. Then we acted out the job role through mime to our friends! We have also been discussing what jobs we would like when we are older. Our pupils want to be rock stars, dentists and break dancers!
- In **Leopards** Class we have been pressing switches to hear siren noises and dressing up like policemen and firemen by trying on different hats - our favourite has a flashing light on! We have also had lots of sensory fun, pretending to create a house on fire using tomato ketchup and then we have taken turns to extinguish the pretend fire with shaving foam!
- In **Challenger** Class we are really looking forward to learning about jobs and how we can 'build a job' through gaining specific knowledge and skills whilst in 6th Form. So far this year, many of the pupils have already completed internal and external Work Experience placements. William completed a placement at Ravenswood School and supported with admin jobs, worked in the Library and completed many other daily roles within a school. Sonali completed a placement at Mrs Bond's Nursery and really enjoyed helping the young children to learn and play. Alex has been supporting Katie in the resources room to prepare various fun and exciting learning supports for our pupils. Darren has been supporting our office staff to complete admin jobs and also helps to welcome visitors to the school. Many pupils have also been supporting on the library bus to keep it clean and tidy and ensure that books are ready to borrow. We really enjoyed the opportunity to carry out work experience placements in Challenger Class and look forward to many more.
- In Science lessons, **Mars** class have been learning about how we change as we get older. We have had great fun ordering photos of ourselves and our teacher at different ages. We were all very cute babies!
- In **Giraffes** class we have been having lots of fun learning about different animal care jobs including a farmer, a vet and a zoo keeper. We have really enjoyed role playing the different duties for each profession such as catching fish, grooming the horse and building cages for the zoo animals. However, our favourite job has been making medicine using water, food colouring and glitter and giving it to the poorly animals with syringes.
- **Beckenham** classes have enjoyed having the emergency services visitors - police officers, fire-fighters and paramedics visiting us in school. They loved dressing up in different uniforms and getting to sit in different emergency vehicles. They especially enjoyed squirting the water from the fire hose!



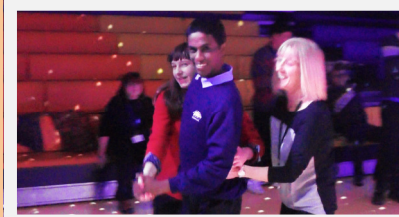
## Jobs continued....

- In **Apollo** class we have been looking at the jobs in the circus. To create a circus in the classroom we set up a carousel of activities that created the feel of the circus. We threw a ball at skittles to pretend it was the coconut shy, splatted foam pies to pretend we were clowns, threw bean bags into a hoop and used ribbon wands like the acrobats. Try creating a circus at home using everyday things around the house. For example: knocking down tin cans with a ball, balancing a cushion on your head and walking across the room like an acrobat or try to throw toys into a bucket or box.
- **Neptune** are enjoying learning about the jobs people do in our families and in our school. Our art work will be based on this so watch this space for your picture!
- In **Hippos**, we have been having fun playing as firemen, squirting water at different pretend fires. One fun way of making a pretend fire is to spray crazy soap onto a plate, then add red and orange paint. Use a water spray to clean off all of the foam until the fire has completely gone out. The Hippos loved doing this and we took it in turns to dress up as a firemen too.
- This term **Saturn** class are looking at different jobs people do in a very sensory way. One of the jobs we are going to experience is a demolition worker. Here we will be having fun at building and knocking down towers of boxes, these are brightly painted by the class and stand at least one and a half metres tall. Lots of fun as we will be encouraging pupils to push them over and anticipate their falling. We will also be trying out the job of an astronaut, a jeweller, a postman and a cleaner - all having a turn switching on the hoover with an access switch and watching shredded paper disappear. We will also have a turn at being a hairdresser, brushing our hair, looking in the mirror and operating the hairdryer via a switch and not just on our heads. Our morning songs are job orientated namely 'It's Been a Hard Day's Night' by the Beatles and 'Mr Postman', here we will be using a BIGmack to make a dog bark and we will be posting letters. We will also be doing some sensory cooking i.e being a baker and pizza maker. We are all looking forward to lots of fun!!!
- In **Pandas** class, we have been busy being doctors and helping our friends to get better. We have been answering the phone, checking temperatures, putting on bandages and squirting medicine onto a big sheet of paper.
- **Earth** class played the interview game. Each pupil picked a job card and then role played an interview scenario to get that job. Tasha was on the interview panel and had to guess what job each pupil was going for, along with the rest of the pupils. It was really fun to be interviewed for a range of jobs including becoming a lifeguard, policeman and dentist!
- So far this term **Venus** has been having lots of fun learning about jobs! We have been choosing which jobs we would like to try, and have enjoyed being doctors, sticking plasters and wrapping bandages, being librarians piling up books and stamping passes, being astronauts going in the space ship and looking at the stars, and being a cook mixing the ingredients up! We have really enjoyed this and are looking forward to exploring many more jobs this term.
- In **Mercury** class we have been having lots of fun learning through our new topic of jobs! We have been bandaging up our arms and legs to be doctors, making a mess and then cleaning it up as cleaners and even blasting off to space as an astronaut!



## Performing Arts News

This month, we held a successful and exciting Performing Arts Integration week with local primary, secondary and special schools. Our friends from Charlton Park Academy, The Priory School, Bromley High School, Balgowan School, Hawes Down Junior School and Poverest School joined us for some fun and creative Performing Arts activities led by our Performing Arts specialists. Each school has requested to take part in further bespoke projects which will create enriching experiences for all our young people.



## PE News



This month, we are proud to announce that our secondary boys' football team won the SLSL Football league cup at Long Lane FC, Kidbrooke.

The side won every game on the day and Alfie scored the winning penalty in a separate competition. Two medals each and a bag of smiles made for a great day! Well done boys!

## Sowing the **SEEDS** for health and wellbeing

At Riverside School, we are always looking for ways to be even better and, at this month's whole school staff meeting, we focussed on wellbeing and would like to share with you five important factors which make up the acronym SEEDS and which we all agree will help us and hope will be good for you too:

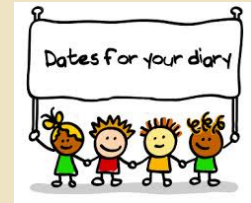
- Smiles and laughter
- Eat healthily
- Exercise regularly
- Drink plenty of water
- Sleep well





Thank you to families who joined us at Riverside Connect this month. Our next event is on **15th March** and is all about Music at Riverside. We do hope you can join us.

For more information about Riverside Connect events, and photos of past events, please visit the Working Together section/Engagement with Families page of our website [www.riversideschool.org.uk](http://www.riversideschool.org.uk)



**Further details for any specific events will follow**

- 15/03/16** - Riverside Connect
- 18/03/16** - Sport Relief Fundraising Day
- 23/03/16** - Performing Arts Showcase: Wind, Rain & Fire
- 23/03/16** - Sibling Easter Egg Hunt (Primary SPC + Beckenham)
- 24/03/16** - Performing Arts Evening Fundraiser

### Congratulations!

To Emma and Jack on the birth of Violet Rose.



### School Emergency Advice: Closures Due to Snow/Severe Weather

In the event of severe weather conditions we will do our utmost to keep the school open. In the rare event that the safety of pupils and staff is compromised due to extreme weather conditions, information regarding school closure can be found on our school website in the Announcements Section: [www.riversideschool.org.uk](http://www.riversideschool.org.uk).

**Unless there is a closure notice on the website, school will remain open.**



### Recipe of the Month - One Pot Moroccan Chicken

(Serves 4)

#### Ingredients

- 4 skinless chicken breasts
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 400g can cherry tomato
- 2 tbsp harissa
- 1 tbsp clear honey
- 2 medium courgettes
- 400g can chickpeas, drained and rinsed

#### Method

- Season the chicken breasts all over with the cumin and lots of ground black pepper.
- Heat the oil in a large non-stick frying pan and cook the chicken with the onion for 4 mins. Turn the chicken over and cook for a further 3 mins. Stir the onions around the chicken regularly as they cook.
- Tip the tomatoes and 250ml water into the pan and stir in the harissa, honey, courgettes and chickpeas. Bring to a gentle simmer and cook for 15 mins until the chicken is tender and the sauce has thickened slightly.

**Be All That You Can Be**