

The Victoria Junior School International event is fast approaching and we would love to welcome as many of you as possible into school. Please read the letter from Mrs. Lewis sent out today and we look forward to seeing you on the morning of Tuesday, 17th October to share the wonderful diversity of culture and history that makes our school community so special.

There have been a few incidents recently of children not behaving in the Victoria way. We are working closely with children and families to ensure these episodes are stopped quickly. We are working to update our behaviour management policy and will share that with you soon. There will be a coffee morning to explain the policy and your views are always welcome. It is together that we can make our school the best, most exciting and safest place to come and learn.

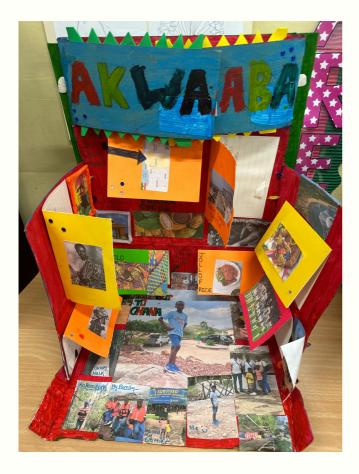
### This week by Mrs Wolczynski

Mr Lee, Mrs Principe and I have had the pleasure of observing some lessons in the school this week. We have been so impressed by our pupils and their fantastic learning behaviour. A big focus for us this year is developing our pupils' retrieval skills, so that they can remember the knowledge they have been taught, and make links to other subjects. We have seen lots of opportunities for pupils to do this in lessons, with activities such as quizzes, paired work and games. We will be speaking to pupils next week about their learning, and looking at their books to see what they have been learning so

far!

## Who we are!

# Take a look at these fantastic projects from pupils in Elm Class!



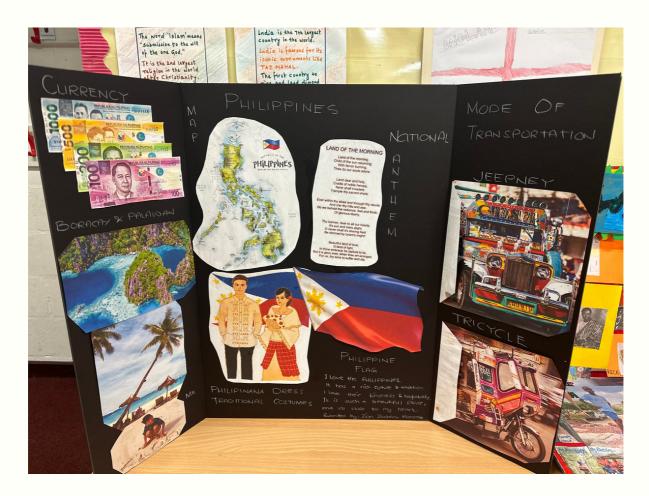
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## **Secondary School Applications**

If you have not done so already, please can you make the application for you and your child's preferred secondary schools. Our website has details of secondary school open days / evenings.

You must apply before the 31st October 2023. Applications received after this date will be treated as late and may not be processed until after 1 March 2024. This will be after the allocation of places have been made to applicants who applied by the closing date. This means that late applicants severely reduce their child's chance of a place at one of their preference schools.

Parents and Carers of pupils with an EHCP who reside in Hounslow, will be contacted by the SEN Team. You do not have to make an application as their placement in secondary school is overseen by the SEN Team. If a child is in the process of being assessed, please still complete an application at www.hounslow.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

Some schools require a supplementary information form to be completed in addition to the common application form. It is your responsibility to obtain, complete and return any supplementary information forms (SIF) for those schools. These forms must be returned directly to the school. Please see individual school websites for details.

In addition to the common application form – all applicants to Rivers Academy West London will be required to sit a CAT (Cognitive Ability Test) before 16 January 2024. It is your responsibility to book the CAT test. Further information can be found on the school website at www.rivers-aspirations.org/parents-information/admissions/

#### **Key Dates**

1 September - Online application system opens 31 October - Closing date for applications 12 December - Closing date for applications from people moving into the borough after 31 October, or for any late applications to be considered as 'on time' due to exceptional circumstances. 1 March National Offer Day 15 March Last day to respond online to the school place offer