

Autumn 2021



NEWSLETTER

TWO RIVERS High School



On 8th October we wore yellow to raise awareness of world mental health day. Lots of pupils took part in wellbeing lessons, learnt about mental health issues and how they affects us. We have also been learning about ways to regulate our emotions and improve our own wellbeing.

Welcome to our latest Two Rivers High School.....Newsletter!

With the addition of 3 extra classrooms (see back page) we have welcomed a large number of new staff and students to our school this year and everyone has worked wonderfully well together helping people settle in. COVID, sadly, has still had an impact but staff and students have worked well in keeping our COVID secure routines in place to ensure everyone's safety.

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Clegg who is moving on to work in Derbyshire and we wish her well.

Thank you for your support. Miss Brindley (Headteacher)



Harvey in year 10 has very kindly donated a book to the school library. This book has been written by Matt Brown and Rhys B Davies, who is Harvey's cousin.



This stunning book of fictional geography and topography, draws inspiration from the world's most loved books, films and television productions. A kaleidoscope of invented buildings, towns, countries, forests, mountains, rivers, oceans, shipwrecks and sunken cities are brought to life in these beautifully illustrated maps, examples include Grimm's fairy tale forest, the Caribbean coasts of Treasure Island and Hogwarts castle.

This book will make a stunning addition and I am sure the pupils will enjoy this book for many years to come. Thank you Harvey!

Upcoming Events

Term Ends - Friday 22nd October 2021

Training Day - Monday 1st November 2021

Pupils Return - Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Last Day of Term - Friday 17th December 2021

Around



During Global Awareness week, Curiosity learnt about floods and flood defences. We made our own flood defence using a range of materials and tested it out by flooding pretend houses! Afterwards, we talked about why some were more successful than others at protecting their houses against a flood.



In SMSC, the Explorers have been learning about what it means to be British. This has included looking at different religions such as Christianity. We were able to ask a Christian person different questions and have them answered. We have also started making our own stained glass windows!



During Global Awareness week, the Explorers learned about music from different cultures. They made their own musical instruments using a range of different objects and materials.

Curiosity have had cooking lessons this half term. They have worked really hard and have enjoyed making cheese and cucumber sandwiches, boiled eggs on toast, an omelette, a cup of tea and cookies!



School

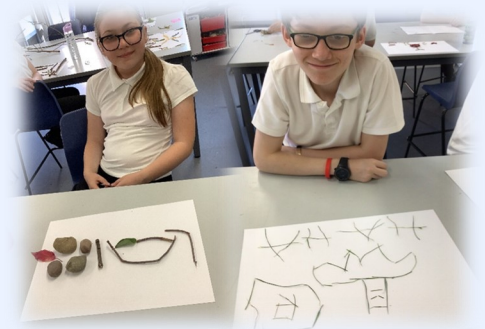
"Venture have been looking at the topic of rounding in maths this week. We have used a variety of resources to help us to learn how to round up and down including dice games. Well done to our rounding



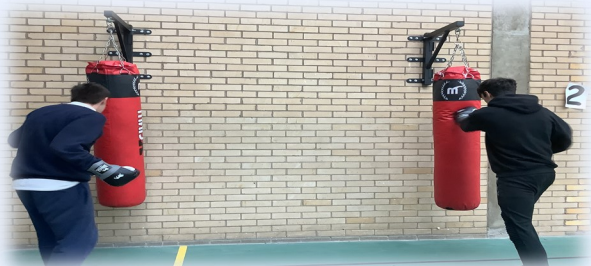
Galaxy enjoyed their Environmental Studies lesson and planted some winter flowers and shrubs in recycled containers that had been made by Pioneers. They all joined in with filling them with compost and then each planted one of the flowers. A splash of winter colour for the front of the building!



In Art lessons for Global Awareness week, Explorer students learnt all about the environmentalist and Artist Andy Goldsworthy. Students made their own 'Land Art.'



Two students from 6th form have been working at Belgrave Community Garden helping the local volunteers with maintaining the allotments and garden. Their first week they were planting new bean plants ready to pick in the spring. Last week they cleaned off the wooden seat shelter. Then turned it on its side to paint it, ready for the winter weather.



Sports News - We have had an excellent uptake of places for Extra-Curricular sports clubs after school. The number of pupils participating in Rebound, Dance, Football, Boxing and Badminton has been great to see. We received funding over the holidays from Active Sports for equipment to help support our after school provisions which has been well received and which our pupils are benefiting from.

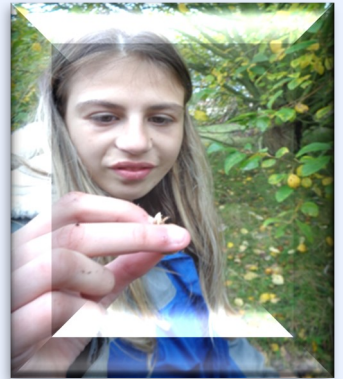
In September, we welcomed Alistair Crawford, Deputy SEND lead for the National College, who delivered an assembly to our Explorers and Adventurers regarding participation in sport. This assembly was to officially kick-start our involvement in a funding project from Sport England. During the assembly, pupils had the opportunity to take on the staff in sporting challenges. The highlight of which was seeing Mrs Bradbury show Mr Boon how to rugby tackle properly!



Around School



During mental health week groups talked about what keeps their minds healthy and looked for yellow around Forest School to make happy yellow faces and yellow hearts . Some groups have been building dens working on their team building skills and we were very impressed with some of the team leaders as they were very caring giving their teams rest breaks and tailoring their team skills to the different jobs.



All groups have been busy planting trees, plants, bulbs and seeds ready for next year, providing food and homes for our wildlife in Forest School. But most of all the students have been enjoying all weathers, fresh air and just spending time with their friends outside.

Pictures of our lovely new classrooms and a therapy room. Mr Edmonds and the students are currently giving the garage a makeover. They have painted the floor and are building new work benches ready for engineering lessons.

