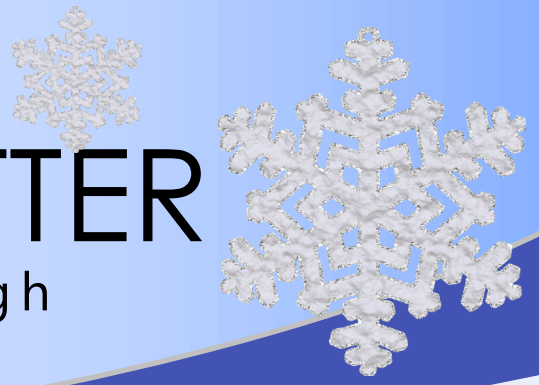




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NEWSLETTER

TWO RIVERS High



Christmas Tree Festival

As part of the Art curriculum, students created a decoration for Lichfield Cathedral's Christmas Tree Festival.

Our theme this year was 'Top Tree', whereby students recycled plastic bottle tops and creatively transformed them into Christmas decorations.

You can see our tree on display on Saturday 27th November 2021 to Sunday 2nd January 2022. Please vote for our tree as the best dressed. Voting costs £1 and the voting box is next to the tree. All money raised will go towards The Friends of Lichfield Cathedral, who support the work of the Cathedral. Your support is much appreciated!

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

What a wonderful week we have had to end the term. It has been busy with activities such as trips out, the Talent Show and the Christmas Fayre where it was a joy to see so many parents joining us throughout the day. Thank you for your continued support over what has been a difficult half term. Merry Christmas and good health and happiness to everyone in the New Year.

As the year comes to an end, we say goodbye to: Linda Buckingham, who has worked in Staffordshire and for Two Rivers High School for over 25 years, she is retiring at Christmas and also Andy Smith (Fidelis) who has worked with us for many years. We wish them all the best for a long and happy retirement.

Steffi Thompson is leaving High School to spend some time at our Primary site as part of her Teaching training. Rebecca Albrighton is leaving us for new career opportunities.



Two Rivers School have recently appointed Stephanie Sheriff as a Parent Governor.

Please join us in sending congratulations to Stephanie.

Students took part in the Peter Pan themed 'Virtual School Art' competition. The brief was to draw their favourite 'happy thought'.

We had lots of creative entries, but congratulations go to Rosie Boucker-Scott, her artwork was chosen as one of the winners from a number of Schools in Staffordshire. Her Mamma Mia and Blackpool design has won her tickets to see Peter Pan at the Garrick Theatre and her artwork will be displayed in the Little Green Frog café opposite.



"Think of happy thoughts and you'll fly"

Upcoming Events

Last Day of Term - Friday
17th December 2021

Staff Training Day -
Tuesday 4th January 2022

Pupils Return - Wednesday
5th January 2022

Half Term - 21st to 25th
February 2022



Around



Galaxy have had a fantastic term! We have been reading the book 'Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World' in English and learning about the history of the women we had read about. In science, we have been identifying solids, liquids and gasses. We explored ice, water and steam and we thought the ice was so cold but the steam was warm so we had to be very careful! In the last few weeks, we have had a special visitor in our classroom- our cheeky elf Tinsel! He causes mischief overnight and we love seeing what he has done every morning! Well done Galaxy!



Everest have been learning all about the Victorians. We have been on a class trip to Tamworth to photograph some fantastic Victorian buildings. Everyone was very well behaved and produced some lovely photos. We also took part in a Victorian school day. We tried writing on blackboards, practising cursive handwriting and we made some rag rugs. Even the staff dressed as Victorians! We learned how to play marbles as well.



This term, the students have worked incredibly hard; they have written their own song about what it feels like to change school. They wrote the lyrics and the melody themselves and have provided their own accompaniment playing a range of instruments, some of which they hadn't tried at all before. They have made fantastic progress – their performance skills have really improved.



Many Thanks to Specsavers, Ventura Store, who have kindly donated 60 hi-vis jackets for our students to use when we go out into the community.



We were lucky enough to receive a very kind donation of a real Christmas tree from Morrisons- Gungate.

The students have had great fun making decorations to hang on the tree.





School



In Forest School we have been celebrating National Tree week by planting trees and making decorations to do some tree dressing to celebrate how lucky we are to have trees.



The 6th Form option group have spent some of their lessons refurbishing a garden chair and bench that had been donated to the school. They stripped it all down, assessed what could be reused and even made new parts for the bits that were beyond repair. They chose the colours and painted it all to protect it from the elements.

It now sits under the new shelter where the children can change in and out of their wellies and waterproofs for Forest School. Well done to all involved!

Tamworth Borough Council have generously donated a litter picking trolley to our school. We were also given litter pickers, gloves, bag hoops, sanitising, hand gels so that students can keep the school and surrounding public footpaths and streets litter free. We already have the Great British Spring Clean for 2022



Our call for a donation of computer consoles and games was answered by Mr Lee – Grace Lee's father. The students and staff would like to thank Mr Lee for his generosity. As the winter months are upon us, the consoles and games are keeping our young people entertained during the lunch-times.



We have signed up to the National Online Safety Site. Parents and carers can access free information and guides which will help keep our young people safe.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/two-rivers-high-school>

Click the link to enrol



Walk and Talk



Around

The after-school Walk and Talk Club has started on Wednesday this term and has proved a success. Names can be added to the waiting list.

Hola a todos!

What an extremely busy term this has been for our language learners here at Two Rivers High School. The introduction of Spanish to the curriculum is proving to be a success! Students have taken the challenge of introducing themselves, mastering the Spanish alphabet, learning numbers, describing celebrities and describing pets all in Spanish! Some students even took on the challenge to teach the Spanish alphabet to someone at home.

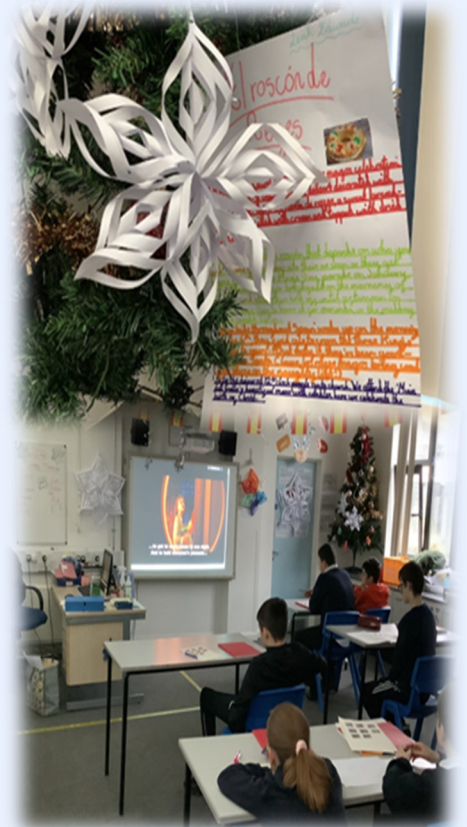
In addition, we have also been learning about how Christmas is celebrated in Spain. This starts a little earlier in Spain with "La loteria de Navidad" on the 22nd December. Remember to leave your shoes out for the arrival of "Los Reyes Magos" so the Three Wise Men know to leave your toys there on the 6th of January!

Finally, students got the opportunity to watch a Christmas film in Spanish with English subtitles! Students have made amazing progress in such a short space of time. Keep up the good work!

Next term we will look forward to our Spanish Spelling Bee, which aims to find the best Spanish spelling bees at Two Rivers High School. We have some amazing linguists this year who I am sure will enjoy getting involved in our lunchtime club to practise and see how many Spanish words they can spell in one minute. Could you be the next spelling bee champion?

Feliz Navidad!

Senorita McAndrew



Pioneers & Nova had the opportunity to go bowling at Strykers with their classmates and as you can see from the photos a great time was had by all!





School



Johnnie has been reading with Everest. He came down to our classroom and listened to students read. He filled them with confidence and improved their reading fluency.



Some of our students had a surprise visit— Santa visited Nursery and said hello to a few high school students who were in the playground.

Students from Stellar have organised and implemented group led projects in Environmental studies. One of the groups was successful in receiving funding for recycling bins for plastic. These bins are now being used around the school building. Another group came up with the idea of purchasing refillable water bottles and selling them to pupils in school to raise money for Sea Turtles. These bottles will soon be on sale for pupils to purchase and will also help reduce plastic waste.



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Congratulations
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Raffle winners: 1st prize (Hamper) - Jack D (Intrepid)
2nd prize (Celebrations) - Mrs Thiravithul (TA)

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Congratulations
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Best decorated door: 1st - No.3 (Artic) 2nd - No.8 (Capella)
3rd - No.24 (Nova)

Well done to all the students and staff for your hard work. They all look fantastic!





Prom

On Thursday 9th December, the sixth form were finally able to celebrate and see all our students singing, dancing and generally having a fantastic time.

Along with our current students, it was also great to see so many of our former students at this special evening.



Night



celebrate with their Christmas themed prom. It was lovely to have a fantastic time.

young people from previous years return to enjoy their





Christmas Doors

Can you guess
which door belongs to who?



(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)



(5)



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- (23) - Altair (24) - Nova (25) - Universe (26) - Arctone (27) - Sovereign (28) - Mrs Gazey-French (29) - Mr Silk
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