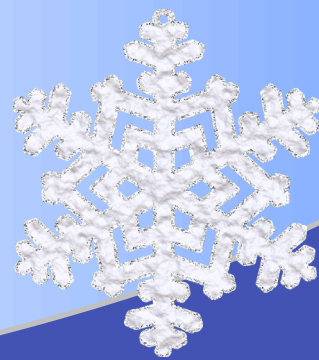




Autumn 2

NEWSLETTER

TWO RIVERS High



As part of the Art curriculum, year 7 and 8 students, and a little help from some sixth formers, created a decoration for St. Editha's Christmas Tree Festival. The theme this year was 'Diversity Gnomes', whereby every student created a gnome and each one is different to represent diversity.

Our tree was on display from Friday 18th to Thursday 24th November. Thank you to all those who voted, the money raised will go towards the upkeep of St. Editha's Church. Your support is much appreciated!
We are awaiting the results.



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



Santa is coming..... Riding on Johnnie's back!

Although a time for celebration is it also a time to say goodbye to a few of our colleagues.

Mrs Edwards will be retiring at Christmas and a number of staff are moving on to other careers and new challenges: Mr Edmunds, Mr Newcombe, Miss Chipman, Miss Welland, Miss Seager, Miss Dix and Mrs Springett. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and wish them all the very best for the future.

Some staff will be moving onto new roles, Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Dixon have both gained promotion to senior teachers. Mrs Harris has moved to become the Pioneer Lead. Miss Holmes the Explorer Lead and Ms Carless the Adventurer Lead. Mrs Dixon and Mrs Milton will lead the Discoverer strand.

We have welcomed many new staff and we hope they enjoy joining us in the new year

Mrs Sarah Howard, Deputy DSL, Mr Guy Illsley, Teacher, Mrs Penny Roberts, Teacher, Mrs Amie Oattes, Teaching Assistant, Mrs Julie Wilson, Teaching Assistant, Mr Alec Spooner, Teaching Assistant and Miss Millie Hadley, Teaching Assistant.

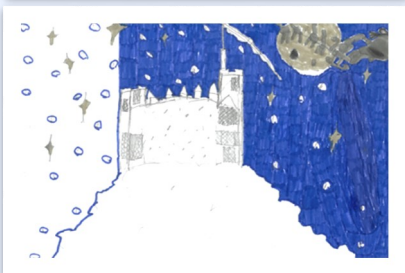


Students from all years took part in the Mayor of Tamworth's Christmas card competition. The theme was a 'Christmas scene in Tamworth'. There are two winners in school...

The winner of over 8 category is Alice-May Goodyear.

The overall winner of the competition is Byron Gallagher.

The winner's designs will be used by the Mayor to send to people around Tamworth and Staffordshire this year. They have also been invited to attend a presentation at the Assembly rooms where they will receive their certificate and prize. **Well done both!**



Upcoming Events

Last Day of Term - Friday
16th December 2022

Staff Training Day - Tuesday
3rd January 2023

Pupils Return - Wednesday
4th January 2023

Parent Workshop Emotional Regulation - Wednesday
25th January 2023



We had another two visitors into animal care this week. Our sixth former Lottie showcased her guinea pigs and their behaviours. We all enjoyed having a pet with them, especially cheeky Hay-Hay! Whilst Everest enjoyed a visit from Johnnie who listened to their reading.

Curiosity have been having weekly swimming lessons this half term. It has been amazing to see them enjoying themselves, immersing themselves in the lessons and learning important skills for their safety such as life savings strategies.



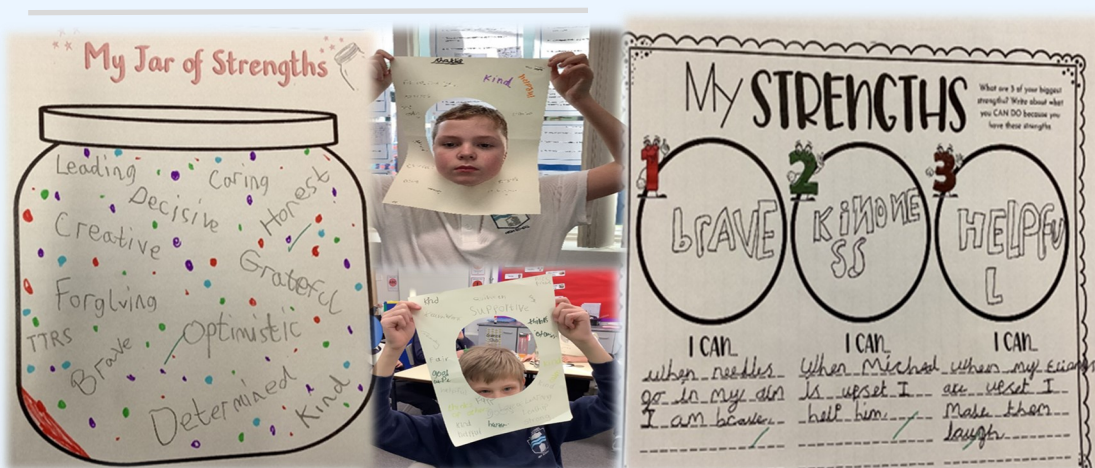
Capella and Polaris have been learning about communities and fundraising as part of their SMSC topic and have fundraised for the school by having a stall at the Christmas fayre. They chose their own ideas, made their own creations, designed posters, signs and advertisements and ran the stalls themselves. Polaris chose to make and sell Christmas snow globes while Capella chose to make and sell the opportunity to play Christmas games such as pin the carrot on the snowman. Both classes did an amazing job!

As part of the PSHE curriculum, Venture have been learning about mental health and wellbeing. They had the exciting opportunity to visit Changes which is a mental health charity based in Tamworth which supports people in the local area with their well-being. We met Yvonne and Tony and were able to see where they work and learn about the amazing work that they do! What an enjoyable afternoon!



In Maths this half term, Ariane and Curiosity have been learning about the four operations and have worked extremely hard! They have learned and used a range of strategies to support them with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Several classes across school having been learning about self-esteem in PSHE. We have learned what it is, and how we can improve and build our own and others self-esteem. Classes have worked on identifying their own strengths and also the strengths and positive attributes and qualities of others.





School



This term Firebird have really engaged with our attention autism learning approach. The pupils have shared lots of enjoyment in what's in the box? lessons. This approach aims to develop natural and spontaneous communication skills through visual and motivating activities. Firebird pupils are joining in with our what's in the box song and clapping along to the tune and then patiently waiting for a surprise from the box. pupils are waiting for their turn and are looking, listening and beginning to anticipate what's coming next. This is really helping with our vocabulary, signing and attention. **Well done Firebird!**



Students in Nova have been writing letters to put into a Time Capsule. Nova opened the Two Rivers Time Capsule that was buried in 2008 when we came to the Torc site. Inside we found informal letters from past students, ideas of what the future would look like, newspapers, Sterling coins, a mobile phone amongst other things. The items are on display in M2.

During the Autumn term, Nova baked cakes and biscuits to sell in school. They raised **£55.45**.

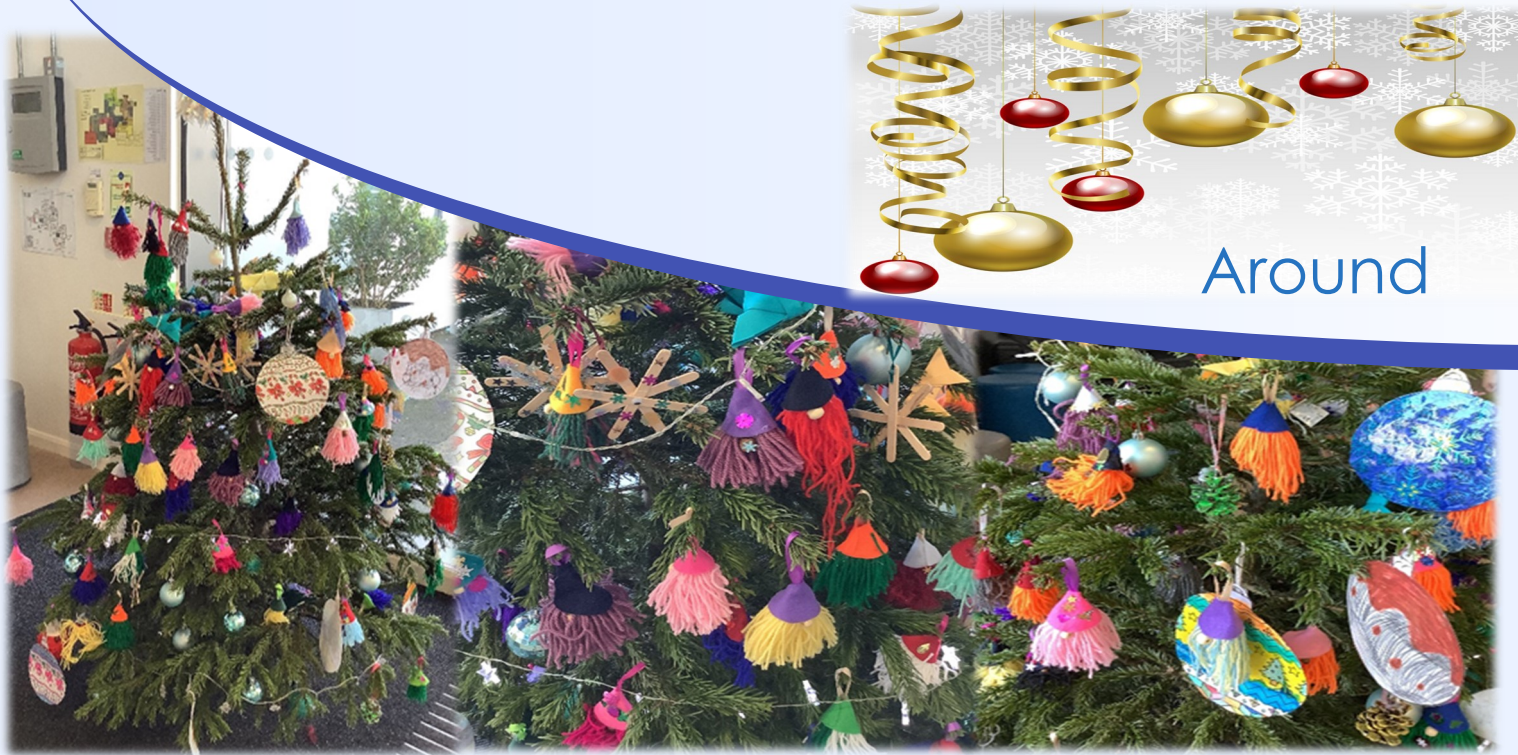
Nova visited a local supermarket during Community Visits and bought cupboard food to donate this Christmastime. We also had a cake and biscuit sale, all baked by the Students themselves in Life Skills. The sale was a great success and we raised **£57.45**. Thank you to everyone who bought cakes or biscuits from us.

We researched food cupboard items and then travelled on the local bus service to the supermarket to spend the money using our shopping list. The food items will be donated to those in need as a Christmas gift from Nova during this Christmastime.



Achievement points — Hot chocolate reward with Senior Leadership Team.





Thank
you ❤️

We would like to thank Morrisons for a very kind donation of our real Christmas Tree. Students have made some lovely decorations for it.



This term in Forest School Firebird have been visiting Sutton Park to experience nature, the students liked the visitor centre looking at the Fox, Badger, birds and the display of other nature items.



It was National Tree Week on 27th November – 2nd December and students took part in bark rubbings, fact finding and experiencing tree seeds and planting some around Forest school .



At the end of term the groups have built a fire to make Hot Chocolate and toast marshmallows. They also enjoyed making Christmas decorations.





School



Bricklaying at Torc College

Titan and Venture Pumpkin Carving



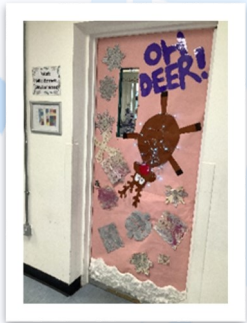
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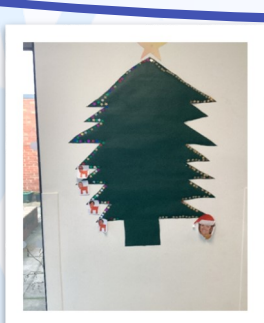
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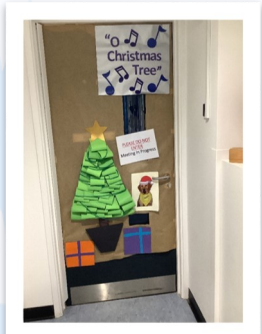
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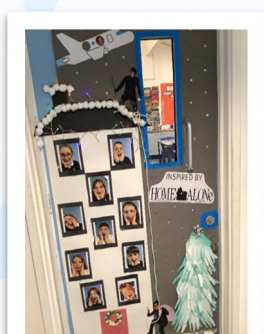
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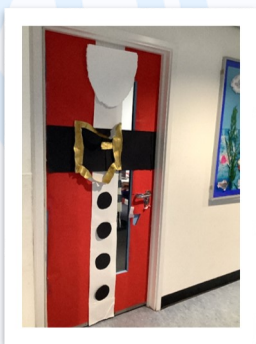
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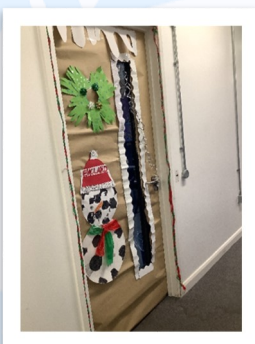
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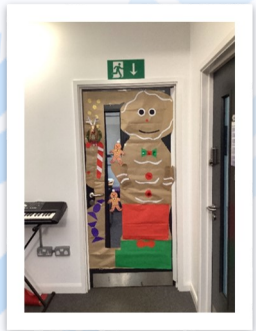
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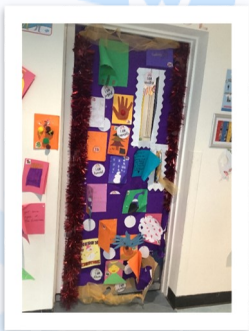
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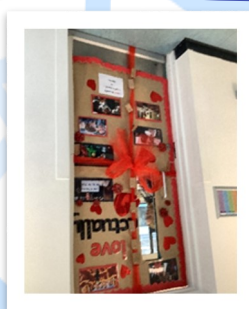
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- Answers:** 1. Mrs Bradbury 2. Polaris 3. Jo Minihan 4. Atesa 5. Titan 6. Miss Brindley 7. Everest 8. Sirius 9. Firebird 10. Mrs Dixon 11. Altair 12. Apollo 13. Intrepid 14. Universe

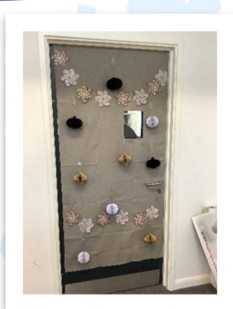
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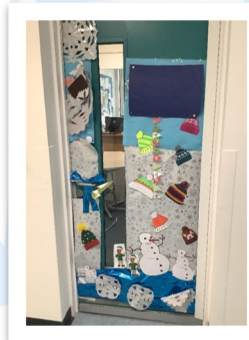
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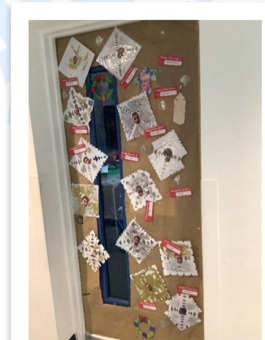
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Answers: 15. Stellar 16. Mrs Edwards 17. Arienne 18. Atessa 19. Sovereign 20. Voyager 21. Nova 22. Mr Silk 23. Capella 24. Venture 25. Artic 26. Curiosity 27. Mrs Milton 28. Mrs Gazey-French

Out and About



Artic have been fundraising this half term as part of their Life Skills lessons. They have sold hot chocolate to staff and have completed jobs around the school to raise money. Artic used the money they had raised in Sainsbury's, which they visited as part of their Community Visit. We bought so much food! We then donated all of the food to Tamworth Food Bank at the Sacred Heart Church in Glascote. **Well done, Artic!**



Universe visited the Sacred Heart Food Bank and donated lots of tinned, dried and packet foods. Universe have worked hard to raise awareness for the food bank this half term. **Well done, Universe!**



Sirius visited the food bank and donated three bags worth of food! They understand the importance of food banks in the communities following their learning this half term in SMSC. **Well done, Sirius!**

Ariane visited the food bank and donated lots of food! They spoke with some of the volunteers at the food bank and have learned how important they are for our community. **Well done, Ariane!**



Miss Buchan visited the Food Bank for a final time during the last week of term, to donate the money raised from the Two Rivers Christmas Jumper day. Mrs Green made a lovely competition that staff took part in to guess the winning Christmas jumper and Mrs Arnold was our winner! Well done to all of the staff, pupils and parents who helped us to raise **£151.50** for the Sacred Heart Food Bank!

Motor Vehicle Sessions at Tamworth College

Students have been learning how to jack up a car and remove the tyres safely, using the garage tools.

They have progressed onto safely using the mechanical car ramp.

