



Spring 2019

# NEWSLETTER

## TWO RIVERS



*Gung Hay Fat Choy!*

Year 7 and 8 pupils celebrated **Chinese New Year** by having a party! They wore red t-shirts (for good luck) and attempted to eat noodles with chopsticks. Everyone played Chinese games and made lots of noise with their drums in the dragon dance.

## Welcome to the Two Rivers High School .....Newsletter!

### Ofsted

As I am sure you are all aware, all schools are to be held accountable to the government by inspections led by Ofsted. The purposes of these inspections should be to provide the public and government with a professional account of the quality and standard of provision within schools. In January we were visited by two inspectors from Ofsted. They experienced what it was like to be at our school, speaking to students, staff, governors, observing a typical school day and taking on board parent views from their questionnaire.

I am pleased to announce Ofsted found the school continues to be **Outstanding**.

Below are some quotes from the report:

*"Pupils in every year group make strong progress and move on to appropriate destinations when they leave the school."*

*"Leaders have built on the strengths identified in the previous inspection report and have taken effective action to make further improvements."*

We are delighted that the hard work and dedication of the staff and students at Two Rivers High School has been recognised. Thank you for your continued support.

The full Ofsted report will be available on the Ofsted website by the end of the month and we will provide a link to this on our website.

### Upcoming Events

**Half Term**  
18th—22nd  
February 2019

**Coffee Morning**  
**PIP payments**  
1st March 2019

**Book Fair**  
11th March 2019

**Sponsored Walk**  
12th April 2019 at  
High School

**Easter Holiday**  
15th —26th  
April 2019

Outstanding  
Provider

2018 | 2019

2014 | 2015

2009 | 2010

2006 | 2007



# Around the School



## Telling Tales

This term **River T** have been studying *Hansel and Gretel* as part of their English work on Fairy Tales. Students have made puppets and props to help retell the story and also written the story in their own words. During educational Visits, students have also visited Tamworth Library and read other Fairy Tale books. Before returning to school staff at Roasters Café treated them to toast and orange juice.

## Feed the Birds

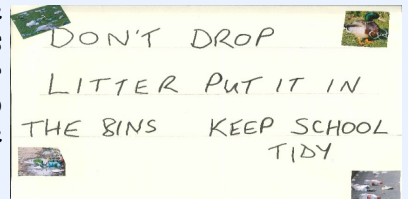


Thank you to everyone who sent in their two pence's to feed the birds. You have raised £35.33. New feeders have been brought as well as a variety of bird feed to encourage the birds into the Forest School area so that the students can observe them and count them for the Big School's Bird watch.



## Middle School

Middle school have been looking for ways to help improve the local community. Over the course of the next few months, students from the middle school have decided to participate in a litter pick around the school grounds and local area. Middle B pupils took this a step further and have penned a letter to the local council requesting for more bins to be placed around Glascote Heath to support the work that we will be doing.



Students looked at the different enterprise activities at **Planters Garden Centre**

## Upper School—English

Mrs Wain and Mrs Gazey-French have been delighted with the progress made by all students in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form. Upper 1 and 2 have worked really hard on improving their writing skills and took their exam this term. The results were fantastic. Upper 3 and 4 have taken their Entry Level reading papers. We are really impressed with the results. In Upper 5, students are enjoying reading *The Secret Garden* and working towards their ASDAN award. Well done everyone!



## Upper School—Media Studies:

Media Students have been studying Print Media Products this Year. This term students have begun to design film posters for their favourite films. So far we have created posters for the school's Zombie film: *Sprouting Zombies*.





# UPDATE



Students have been taking part in different **community projects** to help the environment at the **Kettlebrook Nature Reserve** in Tamworth they working along The Wildlife Trust. Students trimmed the bramble bushes along the nature reserve to help stop the bramble bushes from spreading onto the path area. All students took part in putting down wood chippings on the wet footpaths to prevent paths becoming too muddy.

In **European Studies**, Middle School pupils have been learning about the nation of Finland. In particular, the range of traditional and alternative sports that are played. One of these sports is Welly Wanging. In the first annual, Two Rivers Welly Wanging final, Oliver Tudor of Middle E was victorious. His winning distance of, the school roof, blew the competition away.



## Life Skills—River E

This half term River E have been out on a Thursday in the local community; they have been practicing using money and experiencing activities in the local community such as using a café, visiting the donkey sanctuary.

The class have behaved really well, they have been polite to everyone they have met and have been applying their road safety skills.



## Enterprise

Students went on a few visits to see the possible different enterprising opportunities as part of the ASDAN award.



In **Lower C** we have been using our Maths Packs to help us solve number problems. The Maths Pack allows us to select an appropriate resource that will help us to solve mathematical problems. It helps us to become more independent with our work.

We had a variety of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems to solve. We could choose a questions which suited or challenged us and work independently or as a small group.



# Out & About



**These boots are made for walking!!!**

This term Middle and Upper School students have been developing their navigation and camp craft skills both within the classroom and wider school site. This has allowed them to work independently and in small groups, using maps, compasses and other equipment to successfully find their way around a number of different courses. Upper School Students have also recently started to visit local country parks to further develop these skill and hope to undertake more challenging routes in preparation for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions.

## Sports News

Two Rivers participated in the Annual WMSSA multi-sports tournament. All the schools that attend are split into mixed groups and try their hand at Dodgeball, Tchoukball, Sitting Volleyball and Handball. Two of the Two Rivers representatives were in the winning team.

Upcoming events include Basketball, Table Cricket, Tag Rugby and Sportshall Athletics.



## River E

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 8 students from the River Classes competed in a Table Cricket tournament. 10 schools competed on the day allowing our students to socialise and learn about sportsmanship. All of the students enjoyed playing this competitive sport and learned lots of new skills on the day. Jonah Nixon played particularly well showing great tactical awareness.



## Read All About It!



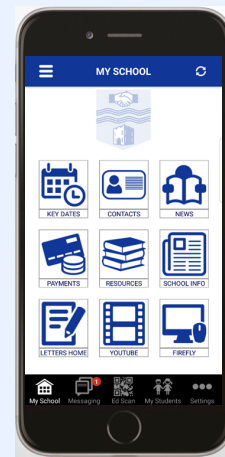
This term four students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme have designed and edited newsletters as part of their Skills Section. Titles have included 'D of E Diary' promoting the activities currently being undertaken in school and also 'Two Rivers Navigation' which

highlights new expedition skills learnt by Upper School students and also useful facts regarding equipment and techniques used. It is hoped that they will soon be available on the school website for students and parents to access.



Please download our new free app

This new **app** has been installed to help communication across the whole of the school and first responses have been very positive. Messaging through this app is free.



**ClassDojo**

The Lower School and River classes have started to use Class Dojo as a way of informing parents and carers of any timetable changes and other information throughout the school week. This has been an excellent communication tool. Please download this free app