TWO RIVERS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2024

Headteacher News

As we draw the Autumn term to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an amazing year 2024 has been so far! This term has been filled with wonderful opportunities, including thrilling sports events, our spirited house tournaments, memorable trips, residential adventures, and fantastic concerts. The dedication to learning and the incredible work from both pupils and staff has truly shone through.

I would also like to wish our departing staff, Mrs Bayliss and Miss Lunn, the best of luck on their new adventures. Thank you all for your hard work this term—wishing you a restful break. Stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year!

Reminders

After School Clubs are now available to book via Arbor. If you wish your child to attend these events, please sign up and make the club payment before the clubs start the week beginning Monday 15th January 2025.

Dates for you diary

- Christmas break: Monday 23rd December- Friday 3rd January.
- 6th January- Inset Day.
- 7th January- all pupils return to school.
- Spring Half Term- Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February.

ST EDITHA'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



It's that time of year again.. Our 'Creative Christmas Cookies' Christmas tree was on display in St Editha's Church, Tamworth. Made in Art lessons by year 7&8 (Stellar, Sirius, Universe and Victory) and a little help from our sixth formers in Voyager. Thank you to those who voted for our tree as best dressed. Voting cost £1 and all money raised goes towards the upkeep of the church. The tree was on display from Saturday 16th November until Monday 25th November. Drum roll..... We gained 1st place!!! Thank you to everyone that supported us and voted 😊











At Two Rivers we have enjoyed many festive events this half term. Both staff and students shared a wonderful Christmas lunch together. We have also held had a number of Christmas Concerts which have been enjoyed by parents. On the last day of term we also held our annual Christmas Fayre. Thank you to all who were able to attend the Christmas Concerts and Fayre- it was lovely to be able to share these events with you all!



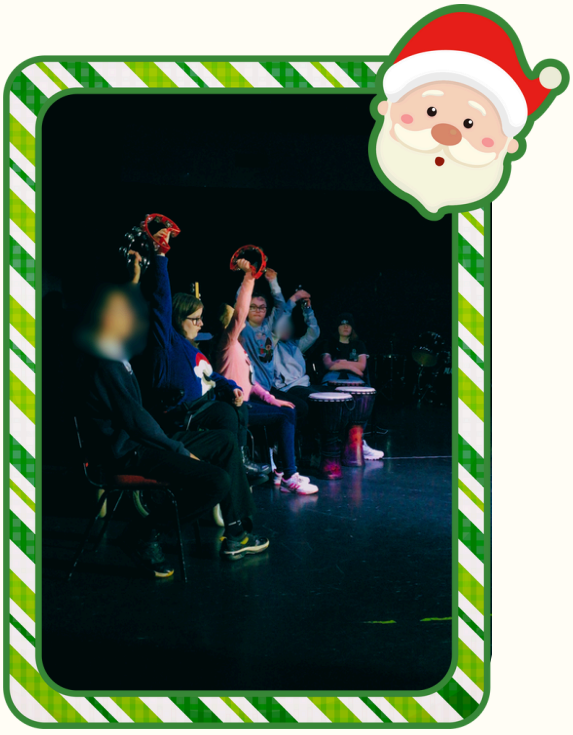














Christmas Doors

We have taken part in our yearly tradition at Two Rivers of decorating all the doors in the school in a festive fashion. Here are a selection of the wonderful creations around the school. Are you able to guess which door was created by which class or staff members?



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1.Middle Leaders Office 2. Ariane 3. Kate and Sarah 4. Galaxy 5. Shirley 6. Victory 7.Atlantis 8. Sovereign

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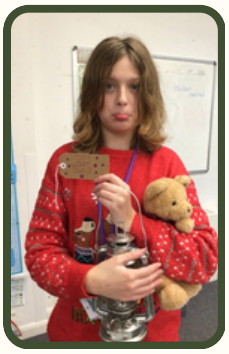
9.Polaris 10. Aurora 11. Site Team 12. Universe 13. Voyager 14. Victory 15. Firebird 16. Office

Around the school this half term

English

In English lessons, this half term Ariane and Atlantis have been reading the famous book 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. Some students took part in role play and dressed up as the characters, grumpy old Mr Tom and scared William, a World War II child evacuee, hence their sad faces.

Galaxy have been reading 'The Jolly Christmas Postman', this term. They have enjoyed learning all about rhymes and following the postman's journey.









History

This half term, Sirius have been learning about Medieval History. They worked in small groups to plan and create their own Medieval villages.



Attention Autism

In our Attention Autism lessons students have been focusing on feelings.





Art

This half term in Art lessons Galaxy and Phoenix students have been busy little elves making Christmas decorations using clay.





In Explorer year 9 & 10 Art lessons (Ariane, Titan, Atlantis and Polaris) have been working hard on their graffiti project this term, developing their painting and colouring skills using tints, shades and blending. We have some lots of Banksy graffiti artists in the making!





Forest School

This half term at Forest School pupils have been celebrating trees with National Tree week and the Tradition of Tree dressing. Students have planted saplings, made some art work and decorations to celebrate the trees and all that they give to us! We are pleased to announce we have achieved the Gold Award from The Woodland Trust for our outstanding contributions within our Forest School Area. Thank you to our staff and students for their hard work.



GREEN TREE SCHOOL
WOODLAND TRUST
Gold Award

Animal Care

Animal care have had a wonderful half term supporting with the petting farm at Two Rivers Primary School. We have helped clean out and maintain the animal enclosures and feed the animals working towards our AQA Animal care qualification. Keep up the hard work, you are an amazing team!







Catering Group

The catering group have been practicing their skills and have produced a variety of budget busting, belly filling lunches and profitable puddings. For Christmas they created mincemeat, apple & cranberry lattice tart.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

'The Duke of Edinburgh group have been completing their volunteering section through a variety of volunteering activities. They have been supporting the local foodbank by gathering collections and packing bags for families in the community. Well done to our Duke of Edinburgh group, we are proud to be supporting our local community.



Residential Trip to Boreatton Park

Year 9 and 10, had a fantastic few days at Boreatton Park PGL in November. They took part in abseiling, rafting, rifle shooting, archery, trapeze, zip wire and the giant swing. The students pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. They tried new things, faced individual challenges but most of all had some much fun. The children on the residential well behaved, respectful to centre staff doing the school and themselves proud.







Table Cricket Event

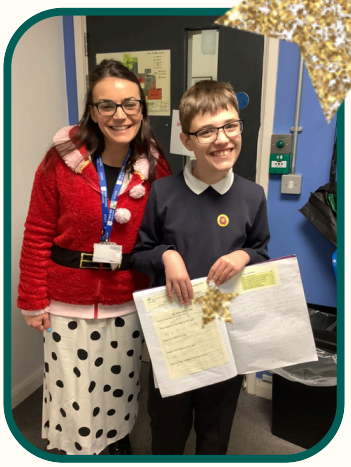
On Thursday 12th December we hosted a table cricket festival led by Staffordshire cricket, our pupil thoroughly enjoyed the day and had the opportunity to take part in fully inclusive and competitive sport. Well done to all involved.





Student Shout Outs

Dylan made a special visit to Mrs Guest's office to receive a Head Teacher award for the outstanding diary entry that he wrote in English. The progress in Dylan's literacy skills this term has been amazing!!



Shirley's Connections Room completed a Christmas Tetra Tower Challenge. Well done to joint 1st place winners Ashton and Minnie-Mae and also to runner up Kaden!





We hope you all enjoy your festive break and look forward to welcoming back students on Tuesday the 7th January.