



Spring 2019—Edition 2

NEWSLETTER

TWO RIVERS High School

Two Rivers High School Students on Tour



Over the next few months Two Rivers High School 6th form music students are taking part in a series of live performances at local primary schools in conjunction with the **Make Some Noise "Next Level" project**. Make Some Noise are a charity who support young people with SEND to progress musically and provide opportunities to increase confidence both personally and socially. The Next Level project aims to encourage inclusive music making and challenge perceptions of SEND settings through performance and interaction within primary settings, and also helps support the transition to and from secondary school. Our students have so far performed at Three Peaks Primary and Lakeside Primary Schools to rave reviews as well as performing in a whole school assembly here at Two Rivers High School! All the students involved have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have been great ambassadors for the school. Well done everyone!

For more information on Next Level please visit <http://www.make-some-noise.com/classes/next-level/>

Welcome to the Two Rivers High SchoolNewsletter!

As Easter draws near it is time to share the wonderful successes we have enjoyed so far this term. On Friday 29th March many families joined us for the family Easter disco at Belgrave Club. During the last week of term students will be involved in lots of exciting activities including a Healthy Living Day plus the annual Sponsored Walk.

Sponsored Event

Last year Clair Aherne, sister of one of our pupils, undertook a tough 10K, 76 obstacle, along with 2 friends, and raised £915 for school.

The money has allowed us to purchase a UV musical tactile panel. This panel has many tactile items mounted on it as well as switches hidden behind shapes which generate electronic sounds when pressed. In addition the panel glows brightly in ultraviolet light. This panel will be particularly enjoyed by our sensory groups.

Thank you for all your hard work, Clair!

Miss Brindley



Upcoming Events

Sponsored Walk
12th April 2019 at
Tamworth Athletics
Stadium

Easter Holiday
15th – 26th April 2019

Pupils Return
29th April 2019

Bank Holiday
6th May 2019

**Friends' Association
Meeting**
8th May 2019

Half Term
27th – 31st May 2019

Around the School



River T continue to make educational visits into the local community to support their work in the school classroom. This has included visits to **Lichfield Co-op** to buy food for the Hansel and Gretel Chocolate House, **Kingsbury Water Park** and **Pooley Country Park** to look at the environment in Spring.

Sweet Designs - **River T** have continued to study the fairy tale Hansel and Gretel and have designed, made, eaten and written about a sweet decorated gingerbread house during literacy lessons.



This term **River H** have been learning about different emotions. They have listened and engaged with a sensory story called *Sometimes I feel ... Sunny* By Gillian Shields and Georgie Birkett.



After School Sensory Club

This week the group enjoyed tasting food and made some weird but wonderful flavour combinations. The coming weeks will involve making and playing with aromatic playdough, messy play, singing signing and outdoor activities.

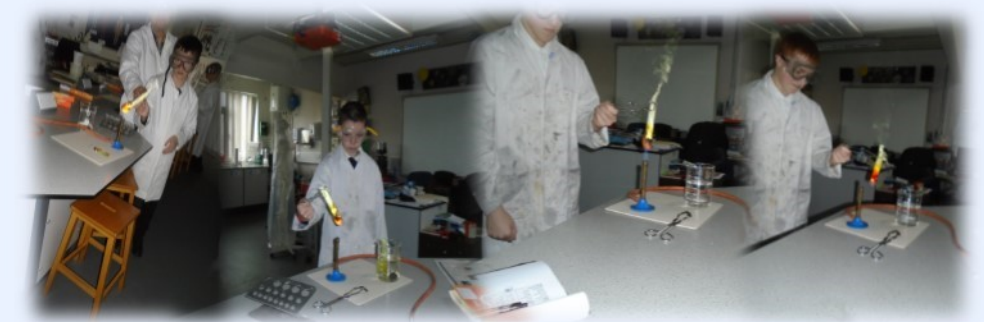


Curtis Burrows - Middle B



Scored 30/30 in his AQA ELC Statistics exam. This is brilliant and he should be very proud.

Year 9 and 10 pupils are seen reacting Iron and sulphur to make Iron sulphide as part of their entry level certificate studies. Pupils undertook various experiments to investigate the properties of some common, and not so common, materials and how they react together. The experiments require pupils to use all their senses, except taste, to detect changes in the materials they are testing. Some changes were more obvious than others with the experiment in the pictures making a very distinctive smell!



Thursday 11th April will be a whole school enrichment day on the topic of **Healthy Living**. The day will be looking at all the facets of healthy-living; exercise, self-care, mental health and diet. Former **Wolverhampton Wanderers** captain Karl Henry and former **Republic of Ireland** international Kevin Foley will be coming into school to give a talk to students. Pupils will also take part in interactive workshops and cooking master classes. We ask you to support this day by sending your child in with a healthy lunch.



The Two Rivers Volunteers have been hard at work this term collecting and emptying the Recycling bins from classrooms and renovating the sixth form outdoor table. We had to replace some of the wood on the bench and we repainted the bench. We also collect the recycling every week.

Tamworth Hastilow Drama Festival 2019

15 students from the 6th Form and Evie McGowan from Middle School took part in the **Tamworth Hastilow Drama Festival** on Wednesday 20th March. The students put on a fantastic performance of "A Christmas Carol" written by Charles Dickens. There were two other performances on the night by an adult amateur dramatic group. The performances were adjudicated by Jennifer Scott-Reid who is approved by the Guild of Drama Adjudicators (GoDA). On the night Jennifer started by saying "wow, what a group of very talented actors and actresses." She continued by discussing how wonderful it was to see such excellent team work, discipline and a spirit to succeed. Jennifer concluded her adjudication by making reference to each of our pupils and saying what they each did well. When mentioning Evie, the youngest member of the cast, Jennifer said "she had a smile that lit up the whole stage." We couldn't be more proud of our excellent performers and are particularly delighted with the results. Two Rivers won the award for the best school in the competition. We were also nominated for two other awards including best ensemble and best directors. Jacob Withnall, Evie McGowan and Shannon Westley all received certificates of achievement.



A special mention must go to Jacob Withnall who also performed at the festival with **Impact Senior Youth theatre** who have made it through to the next stage of the competition. Jacob will be performing again on 13th April. Break a leg Jacob!



Tamworth Job Centre Visit:

Students in **Year 11-14** have been visiting the **Job Centre in Tamworth**. Staff at the Job Centre introduced the students to the set-up of the centre and explained what services and help are provided to Job Seekers. Centre staff were very impressed with how polite the students were and with the questions that they had prepared. Two students are planning to return to get some help looking for a part-time job.

By the Left, Quick March

Sixth Form Students continue to develop their navigational skills in the local countryside around the Tamworth Area. Having visited local country parks the group are now walking local footpaths around the Tamworth area in preparation for an end of term visit to **Cannock Chase**. More information can be found in the latest edition of **Two Rivers Navigation News**.



Out & About



D of E update

Students continue to participate in a number of sporting activities as part of their **Duke of Edinburgh Award Physical Section**. This has included rock climbing, Goal Ball, (a game played by blind people) and orienteering using the new indoor course. This has helped students to develop both personal physical fitness and new sporting skills. Further information can be found in the current edition of **D of E News** which also contains an interview with Miss Brindley, Head of School.

Book Fair

On Thursday 14th March some of the Two Rivers Students attended the school book fair. The students had browsing sessions prior to this and wrote wish lists of items they would like. Altogether the book fair raised a brilliant **£840.00**.



Odd Socks

March 21st saw staff from the River Classes wear 'odd socks' to recognise **World Down Syndrome Day**. Many of the sharp eyed students noticed this encouraging a number of conversations regarding the condition.



River E have been studying animals in Science. The students can identify and categorise animals and discuss how they differ. We have been exploring animals and their habitats at **Conkers**, by bird watching and searching for amphibians. We have lots more to look forward to such as looking at how animals have adapted to their environments.

