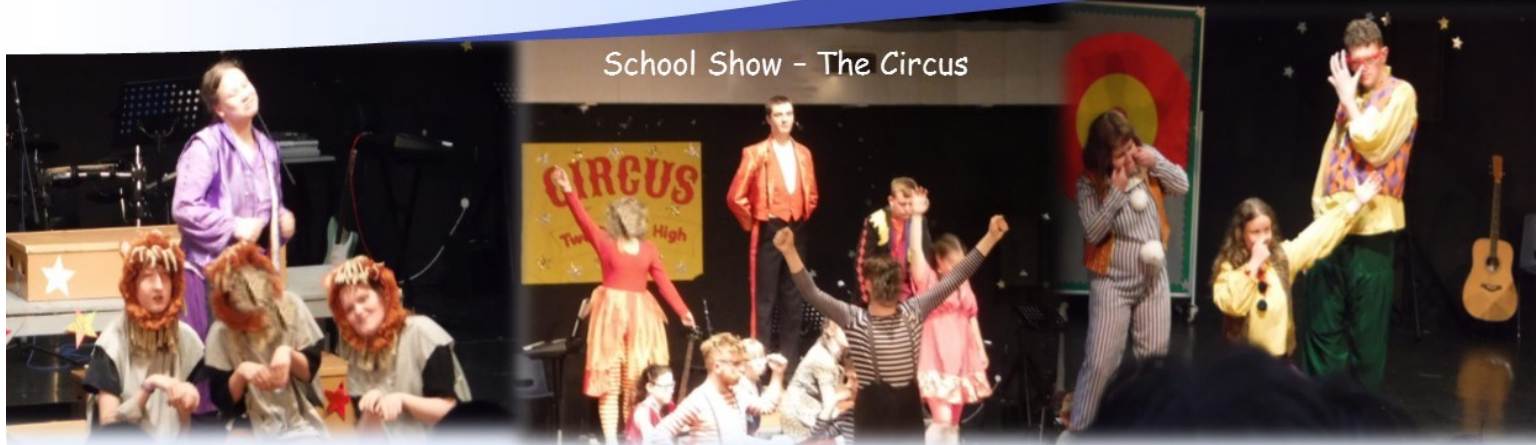




Summer 2019—Edition 2

# NEWSLETTER

## TWO RIVERS High School



Many of the students throughout the school have recently taken part in the school show 'The Circus'. The students performed pieces from their Drama, Dance and Music lessons giving a fantastic performance that the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

'It was spectacular!' - Zach 'I liked doing the dance with ribbons' - Millie 'I liked doing cartwheels in the gymnastics.' - Elisha

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

As the summer holiday fast approaches it is a pleasure to share the latest Newsletter. Students and staff have worked really hard to make 2018-19 a really fantastic year and we thank you for your continued support. Some staff will be leaving us; Miss Andrews and Miss Chuchra are both returning to University to continue their studies after being inspired by our students, as they wish to continue their studies before working more closely with students in the future. Miss Shipley is moving to be a teaching assistant in a different special school. Thank you to Mr O'Meara who has been with us from Christmas and hope that we see him again in the future. We wish them all well including Mrs Gazey-French who is starting her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing more news about the baby and seeing her back later next year.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer holiday.

Miss Brindley

### Making Tracks

Orienteering and navigation facilities continue to develop in the school environment with the installation of a new outdoor course in the **Forest School** area. Alongside Mr Sheridan, a student has helped to make and then fix in place ten permanent posts that can be used during **Maths, Forest School, Geography, PE and Navigation lessons** to develop both personal and team skills. An additional ten smaller posts were also made that can be positioned temporarily making courses of differing complexity.

Thank you to '**The Friends of Two Rivers**' who funded the project.



### Upcoming Events

**End of Term:**  
Friday 19th July 2019

**Staff Training Day:**  
Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd  
September 2019

**Pupils Return:**  
Wednesday 4th September  
2019

**Bikeability Level 3**  
25th September 2019

**School Photographs**  
3rd October 2019

**Half Term:**  
28th October 2019—1st  
November 2019

# Around the School

## Whitmore Lakes



### Lower H

**Lower H** have been spending some time at **Whitmore Lakes** for the past four Mondays. They have been working together as a team to expand their skills. They have been climbing, abseiling, canoeing and participating in team building exercises.

They have especially enjoyed getting wet!!



### Year 7 and 8 pupils have been making 3D volcanoes...

Pupils have been learning about **Earthquakes and Volcanoes** in Geography, we have learnt about why and how natural disasters

happen and also where they happen in the world. To support this learning pupils worked in groups to make **3D models** of volcanoes in Art using **Papier Mache**, they were then painted. Pupils then enjoyed making the **volcanoes erupt**, using bicarbonate soda, vinegar and food colouring.

**The Middle School Navigation Group** have also undertaken a number of visits to **Kingsbury Water Park, Rosliston Country Park and the National Memorial Arboretum** to complete some orienteering courses. With the support of Miss Webb and Mrs Brough students used pictures to move between different sculptures and features, working together to successfully complete each course.



### Sensory Club

**Sensory club** have been enjoying a variety of activities including walking amongst the wild flower patch and hill rolling, taste testing various foods, cooking and potato printing tins to make a large drum; **Charlie** loves playing this! The children have enjoyed the activities, and special thanks to **Lauren Kerman** who volunteered to help as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award.

The club will begin again in **September** after the summer break.



# UPDATE



## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

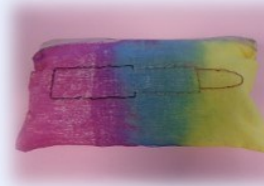
On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, ten 6<sup>th</sup> form students set off on their two day **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award** practise expedition. The weather was atrocious with the forecast of heavy rain for most of the day but this did not deter them and they walked for several kilometres carrying all their clothing, food, cooking equipment and tents. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time away, working well as a team and navigating themselves from **Ashby to Netherseal**. The ten students should be extremely proud of themselves and their achievements. **Well done.**

Sixth formers took part in hosting an **Art Exhibition** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, where they displayed their **WJEC Textiles** work.

Throughout the year pupils have worked towards developing their textiles skills and knowledge. They experimented with a number of materials, techniques and processes including: **batik, tie-dye, image transfer, weaving, hand stitching and fabric painting**. Whilst making references to the work of artists and designers. They designed and customized a garment that they can ultimately wear/use.

Pupils and staff voted for their favourite artwork and the winners are...

1<sup>st</sup> Skye Barber      2<sup>nd</sup> Jacob Withnall      3<sup>rd</sup> Chardonnay Delap



## Remploy Systematic Instruction Training at Stafford College

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July a select group of students from Year 10 -14 took part in a course run by **Remploy**, preparing people for going into employment. They worked with staff from Two Rivers, Strathmore College and Stafford College, learning how to build a bike brake through **Systematic** instruction.

All students completed the task very well. **Millie Allsopp** deserves a special mention for her outstanding work, she built three bike brakes and completed the last in under 3 minutes. Staff were all very impressed with her efforts. The **Remploy staff** commended the students on their excellent attitude and behaviour throughout the day. We all came home with a bar of **chocolate** as a reward.



## Flag Day

This term **River T** have been busy in **Forest School** but have also taken on an art based project to create a **'Prayer Flag'** style installation to hang from the trees. This has included using stamps to print the images onto fabric before cutting them out and attaching them to a piece of cord. It is hoped they will be hung to blow in the trees and bring good fortune to all **Forest Schoolers**, before the end of term.





## Two Rivers Mock Interview Day - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Students in **Year 10-14** took part in the day, practising their interview skills with professional interviewers. The day was a fantastic success, probably our most successful **Interview** event so far, and a fitting end to the hard work and dedication that students and school staff have put in throughout this academic year in preparation. The feedback from staff, students and **Interviewers** was all very positive. Students were brimming with pride after their interviews and many were still bouncing around the corridors the next morning.

Quote of the day (if not the year!) from Ben Sandey, one of our leavers:

**"My achievements are not the thing that I am most proud of. I guess it's more important that the people who helped me to achieve are able to share in that happiness with me."**



## Two Rivers Work Experience Group Engie Construction Site Visits

Students have been learning about the construction industry this term. We have been working alongside **Engie**, visiting their construction sites in the local area and finding out about the processes involved in creating and developing a housing estate.

We toured sites at **Tinkers Green in Wilnecote** and **Kerria Rd in Amington**, learning about the whole process from groundworks to the final finish on the houses, their driveways and their gardens. **Engie** have agreed to offer **Work Experience** placements for students in Year 11 and above with an interest in the Construction Industry.

**Sixth formers** in **Computing** have been using 'Makey Makey' to explore and develop their Programming skills. Pupils designed and made their own game controller using **playdough** and wired it to play **Flappy Bird** and **Super Mario**. They also used bananas for a keyboard to play the piano - **that's bananas!**



**Congratulations to the following pupils for successfully completing their Independent Travel assessment:**



= Constant staff supervision

= School site/Café during break and lunch with remote staff supervision. Staff supervision when out in the Tamworth area

= Local area/Tamworth with remote staff supervision

= Travelling independently, including the use of public transport around the wider Tamworth area

### PASS

Kathryn Clayton  
Yannis Doughty  
Caitlin Eccleston  
Zach Armstrong  
Shannon Westley  
Emily Walker  
Millie Allsopp  
Liam Daly  
Lauren Kerman  
Rosey-Mai Fisher

### PASS+

George Patterson  
McCorlly Banks  
Charly Evans  
Ryan Godridge  
Jake Pears  
Skye Barber  
Hollie Hughes  
David Walger  
Bethany Edwards  
Emma Gausden  
Bethany Evans

