



Autumn 2019

# NEWSLETTER

## TWO RIVERS High School



### Summer Play Scheme

Two Rivers High School hosted a **play scheme** during the summer holiday. Some of the **new Year 7 pupils** attended too; they found it very helpful to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings and some of the staff. The children enjoyed lots of different activities including painting friendship stones, playing outside with the bubbles and toys, making wind spinners, trampolining and even having a **BBQ**. On the hottest day of the year they had a **spectacular water fight** which was adored by all!

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

We have now settled in well to our new term after welcoming a large number of new staff:

Mrs Edwards—Assistant Headteacher & Sixth Form Lead

Miss Mills and Miss Barton —teachers in Lower School

For extra support this year we have welcomed 8 new teaching assistants:

Miss Allbrighton, Miss Bailey, Mrs Cain, Miss Chipman, Miss Elson, Mr Hanratty,

Mrs Ray & Mrs Springett and for extra support we have Mr Teasdale as a trainee site supervisor.



To help with staff and student wellbeing we are also pleased to have Johnnie the therapy dog who has been a great new member of our team.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who attended the **Coffee Morning** on Friday 27th

September run by the Year 11-14 **Enterprise group and Catering group**. With your support we raised a total of **£237.20** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done everyone involved.



### Upcoming Events

**Half Term** - 28th October to 1st November 2019

**Staff Training** - Monday 4th November 2019

**Pupils Return** - Tuesday 5th November 2019

**PTA Meeting** - Wednesday 6th November 2019

**Anti-Bullying Week** - 11th November 2019

**Non-uniform Day** - 22nd November 2019 (details to follow)

**Christmas Disco** — 29th November 2019 (details to follow)

**Term Ends** — 20th December 2019



# Around the School



## Autumn

Lower school have been looking at Autumn. A special visitor came to meet them all, (A hedgehog called **Charlie**) they have made a wall display located in lower school to show some of the activities they have undertaken.

Some of the children collected leaves that had fallen off the trees around school to make pictures of **Hedgehogs and Owls**. They have also been writing poems about how they feel about autumn.

This activity encouraged the children to look at what is happening around them and learn about the seasons.

**Upper C** met him too, as they had been reading all about garden animals in the **Beatrix Potter** tales.



**Lower C** have been working extremely hard in **Maths** particularly with solving number problems involving money. The class added up two amounts and then calculated how much change to give. This **activity** helped to increase their knowledge of money and encouraged their **communication skills** when working with another member of the group.



## Sensory Club

**Sensory club** has recommenced once again this year; as it was **oversubscribed** there will be different groups each half term. This half term the children have enjoyed **water play**, bubbles, the sensory garden and tasting popcorn. Special thanks to **Lauren Kerman** (Upper B) and **Olivia Blount** (Middle B) for giving up their free time to help with the club and supporting the younger pupils.





# UPDATE



**Middle School** have been working very hard in **Geography** this half term to create their own **tropical rainforest!** They have designed **four** separate layers of the rainforest and even included some animals such as **Sloths and Jaguars**. Pupils used a range of materials and drawing to create their masterpieces. Their excellent **Geographical** artwork is already on show!



**Middle School** have had a busy half term. Not only have the new **Year 9s** settled in well with their new classes and been working hard, but most of them have enjoyed enrichment activities such as **Bikeability** and **Dodgeball**.



All of the pupils who embarked on **Bikeability** passed with flying colours and were proudly awarded their **certificates** in assembly. The Middle School **won** their **Dodgeball** tournament; well done to all those who played, and it was a pleasure to host it at Two Rivers High School.



**Year 11-14** pupils in Life Skills have been learning how to keep themselves **healthy**. This term we have focused on healthy eating. **Upper C** looked at the artist **Giuseppe Arcimboldo** and created their own fruit and vegetable self-portraits.



Another **Life Skills** group created a '**Rethink your Drink**' display, whereby they measured the amount of **sugar** in a variety of drinks. It is displayed in the **Sixth Form** kitchen to remind pupils to make a **healthy choice**, a low in sugar drink.



**Middle B** are completing their **First Aid Awareness** award and have already learned how to put someone into the **recovery** position and practised this.



**Year 10** have been attending **Anytime Fitness Gym** on Ventura Retail Park every **Friday** afternoon and have really benefitted from not only being outside of the school environment, but **interacting** with the members of the public whilst **keeping fit**.







## Tamworth School's Careers Day - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Students from **Year 9-14** visited Landau Forte Academy to take part in the **Careers Event**. We were able to meet and speak with different employers such as HS2, The Army, The NHS and St Giles Hospice to find out what they do and what **employment opportunities** are available. We also met with Colleges to experience aspects of the courses in Hair & Beauty, Animal Care, Construction & Childcare. **Students** spoke to a range of exhibitors and came away with very positive comments:

"I want to do it again" - Demi Mirza, Year 10 "We got to look at things for our future" - **Emily Childs**, Year 11

"It was 'ROARsome' to be able to see what things are on offer. I am interested in Childcare" - **Lauren Kerman**, Year 12

"It was good, I think I will go there (South Staffs) in a few years" - **David Butler**, Year 10

"The best part of the event was finding out about Art and Design at Lichfield College" - **Charly Evans**, Year 13

A special Thank you to **Kiar Chamberlain**, **Olivia Douglas** and **Sam Jacques** for the excellent photos of the event.



## Work Experience Group

We have been working with the **Staffordshire Wildlife Trust** at **Kettle Brook Nature Reserve**. We have learnt about all the trees, plants and other wildlife in the **Nature Reserve**. We learnt how to use tools to help with the conservation of the area.

"We have been cutting back **overgrown** pathways so that people can walk along them more easily. I used a **bow saw and loppers** to cut back dangerous branches and dead trees and bushes. It is a very **enjoyable** experience, "I like learning about the environment around us and how to help manage it" - **Tom Burke Year 12**

## Volunteering Group

This term we have been **volunteering** our time in school. We have been cleaning up and sorting out the **Sensory Garden** outside Room 1. We have cleared the weeds, cut back the bushes that were overgrown and planted some new plants. We have also planted some new plants in our **Forest School** area.

We are hoping to raise some funds to continue developing the sensory garden, we need new plants, sensory equipment and paint. If you are interested in **donating to our cause** please contact our group through the school office. Yours Hopefully,  
**The Two Rivers Volunteering Group.**



## Lollipop Celebrations

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated an important anniversary for **Dawn**, our **Lollipop lady**. Dawn has been a lollipop lady at the crossing on **Silverlink Rd** for **30 years**. We made her a special **Lollipop stick** and presented it to her in our school celebration assembly.

"Thank you Dawn for helping us to cross the road safely" - **Kiar Chamberlain**

"Thank you for being so kind and helpful" - **Jasmine Sandbrook**



