

Message from Miss Anderson

This week, we managed to (almost!) squeeze in our Y4-6 sports day before the heavens opened! All the thanks and positive comments about the new format we received as you exited the site via Green Rock were greatly received and helped make the soaking a little less miserable! The house leader board now stands as Kahumbu, Attenborough, Goodall, Maathai. Who will be ultimate champions after our Y1-3 sports day next week?

Next week, there is lots going on at Rivers as you will see from our this week / next week poster below. Our Y6s will be performing, partying and preparing to say goodbye, whilst the rest of school will be meeting their new class teacher at Thursday's transition day along with preparing for their end of year class parties the following week.

Our Y6s have been an incredible cohort and this week we celebrated with them their incredible KS2 SATs results. As a cohort they achieved 72% combined which is 13% above national attainment and just excellent. Most importantly they are heading to high school with results that reflect their ability and potential to achieve their aspirations.

Have a fab weekend.



Our week in EYFS

What a fantastic week our children have had in early years.

Nursery have been very creative this week. They have been inspired by the artist Henri Matisse and have enjoyed working collaboratively to make collages using a range of different materials. As part of their topic on 'travelling' they have travelled all the way to Australia and have enjoyed exploring Aboriginal art.

It's been a writing inspired week in reception. Children have written invitations inviting their friends to their tea party. They have written shopping lists for the teachers to let them know what they need to buy and finally, they have written instructions on how to make sandwiches. They ended the week with their grand tea party and their yummy sandwiches!



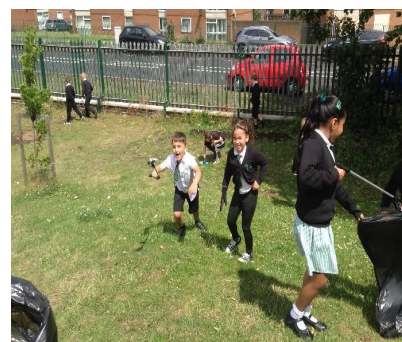
Our week in key stage 1

We have had lots of brilliant Mathematicians and Scientists in year one this week!

Children have been enjoying exploring capacity using water and rice. They have used their knowledge of halves and quarters to apply to volume.

They have worked collaboratively to on their art work linked to the science theme on seasons. Children have enjoyed using cotton buds to create different seasons. Year one have showed great teamwork!

Year 2 have explored their fieldwork to see what the most commonly dropped material on the field was - no surprise, it is plastic! Children are going to think of ways to stop the amount of litter that gets dropped or blown onto our school field. Children have enjoyed creating their musical instruments using recycled materials. They have been very organised this week by collecting their materials from home.



Our week in lower key stage 2

Year 3 have had another busy week! They have continued to look at their rights during theme, including the European Convention on Human Rights. They have discussed whose responsibility it is to ensure that their rights are met. In Maths they have been solving multiplication and division problems.

Year 4 have enjoyed participating in this week's Sports afternoon. They did not let the downpour dampen their enthusiasm and resilience. Well done Year 4! In Science they have been consolidating and recalling their knowledge and understanding of electrical circuits. They've answered questions such as; *In a simple circuit, why does the bulb go out when you open the switch?*



Our week in upper key stage 2

Year 6 have had a really busy week preparing for their production. Rehearsals are going well and the children can't wait to share their singing and dancing with you next week. Year 6 also enjoyed their trip to the bowling alley this week! They were very resilient as they tried their best to win against their friends and everybody had a really great time.

In Year 5, the children have been discussing whether or not we live in a fair world during their theme lessons. The children explored this question from many different angles and were respectful to the views and thoughts of their friends in class. In science, the children have been discussing why different materials are chosen to make different objects based on their properties. The children enjoyed debating the best materials for different purposes and were creative as they shared their thoughts.



Celebrations

Well done to this week's Aspire Ambassadors!

Scarlett M

Timothy-James W

Jack S

Belle J

Joseph A-P

Catlin H

Steady I

Chloe N

Eashal D

Noah C-S

Miami G-B

Rhiley H

Mason H

Frida I O

I can Communicate Clearly

I can explain myself clearly and appropriately.



Attendance

This week's Golden Classes

Severn & Kuma

This term's attendance event

Inflatable fun for all children whose attendance is 97% (no more than 5 days of absence this academic year) or better coming soon!



PE & Sport Success

In the final Walsall School Games event of the year, children showed lots of resilience at the Cross Country races at Aldridge Airport. Pick of the runners was Ryder finishing 5th in the Year 3 race.

Year 2 and 3 children had a great time representing their school in friendly football matches against Goldsmith Primary. There was some brilliant dribbling and tackling on display with children showing great enthusiasm.

More children have met National curriculum levels for swimming which this academic year is at a recent record level for Rivers- well done to Elizabeth, Ella Mae, Ellis, Grace, Harry, Alyssia and Millie M who have achieved this.



Pastoral

HAF Programme

Don't forget to sign up to [Register for HAF 2023](#) for your children over the summer break. All eligible families should now have received codes and information on how to book onto the activities. Don't forget that Rivers Primary Academy will be hosting activities on the following dates;

31 July to 3 August

7 August to 10 August

21st August- to 24 August

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The banner features five circular images showing children engaged in various activities: playing football, climbing a tree, playing basketball, swinging on a swing set, and playing table tennis. To the right of these images is a pink circle with the text 'FREE Activities'. Below the images, the title 'WALSALL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME' is written in large, bold, pink letters. Underneath the title, it says 'For children and young people in Walsall aged 5-16 years who get free school meals'. A QR code is located on the left side of the banner, with the text 'SCAN ME' below it. To the right of the QR code, it says '*eligible children and young people who get benefit related free school meals will be able to access free activities over Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays'. Below this, it says 'For more information please contact us on: Website: https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup Email: WR4C@walsall.gov.uk'. At the bottom of the banner, there are three logos: Walsall Council, Walsall Right4Children, and the Department for Education. On the right side of the banner, there is an illustration of a girl and a boy playing football.

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For children and young people in Walsall aged 5-16 years who get free school meals

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For more information please contact us on:
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Email: WR4C@walsall.gov.uk

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Family Bulletin

14 July 2023

This Week/Next Week

This Week	
Monday 17 July	
Tuesday 18 July	1630 Y6 Production - tickets only
Wednesday 19 July	1630 Y6 Production - tickets only
Thursday 20 July	Whole School Transition Day
Friday 21 July	0900: Celebration Assembly - invite only 1300: Y1-3 Sports Day 1700: Y6 Red Carpet Party

Next Week	
Monday 24 July	Rivers Camp
Tuesday 25 July	0900: Y6 Leavers Assembly - invite only 0900: Class Parties 1330: School Ends

