

Weekly Newsletter

Monday 1st February 2021

Message from Mrs Wright

What an amazing Celebration Assembly on Friday! Thank you to all of you that joined us. It really is very special that we are able to all come together virtually to celebrate all of the achievements from the week. I know how much the teachers enjoy being able to share their proud moments too. If you haven't joined us, then please do 09:10 each Friday morning.

February Half Term

As you may have heard, the Government announced that schools will not be open during the February half term break. Children will finish in school and remote learning on Friday 12th February and return on Monday 22nd February.

Over half term, we will not be issuing free school meal vouchers in line with guidance from Walsall Local Authority. Instead, financial support will be offered via the Walsall Covid Winter Grant Scheme. For those families where the Council already has bank account details for individual families then the grant payment will be made directly. For more information on Walsall's Covid Winter Grant Scheme please go to

www.walsall.gov.uk/covid-19_information/coronavirus_covid_-_19_help_support_for_walsall_residents
As a school, we are still able to issue food bank vouchers for those who may struggle over half term. If you would like one, please contact Mrs Moorhouse.

Remember to follow us on twitter www.twitter.com/riversprimary where we celebrate daily all of our brilliant remote learning that we are achieving together.

Engagement Leaderboard

Class	Engagement
Severn	100%
Nile & Fuji	96%
Clyde & Amazon	87%
Thames & Tiber	83%
Kuma	78%
Ganges	77%

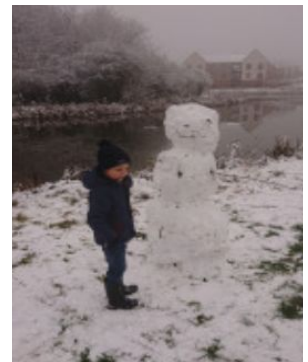
Avon	74%
Foyle & Hvita	73%
Trent	68%
Penguin	44%

Year Group Update

We have had an amazing week in Year 1! We are so proud of how hard the children are working - and of all the support the parents and grown ups are giving their children. A HUGE thank you from the Year 1 Team to you all.

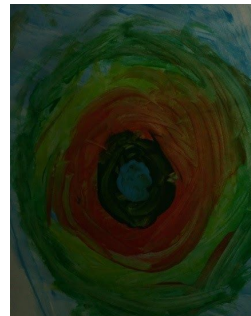


The highlight of our week last was the Stunning Start to launch our Geography theme Where in the World am I? We played a game of Where's Wally? The children sent in photographs of themselves taken in different places around Blakenhall and their friends had to guess where they were - it was great fun spotting the different locations! We also zoomed right in from outer space to find our school on Google Earth.



In English the children have been working hard to plan a story. They have been using adjectives to describe their characters and a story setting and we can't wait for next week when they write their stories - we are really looking forward to reading them!

Our Art lesson this week was inspiring the children to create their own painting in the style of Wassily Kandinsky - we were super impressed with how creative they were!



Aspire Ambassadors of the Week

This week, children have been awarded for displaying the character virtue 'I am responsible.'

	Remote learning	In school
Avon	Olivia Rose P	Imogen G
Trent	Mesha C	
Severn	Faith C	
Thames	Esa HE	
Clyde	Talitha S	Keegan E
Foyle	Joanna P	
Hvita	Ellis- HJ	
Tiber	Esmee-Joy S	
Fuji	Bella W	Alfie A
Kuma	Mitchell RH	
Amazon	Liarni J	



Hot Chocolate Friday

For displaying role model behaviour at all times, children in school will be enjoying a socially-distanced hot chocolate with a member of the senior leadership team, and those at home will be receiving their hot chocolate in the post. Please send Mrs Dawes photos of you enjoying yours if you are willing to share.

	Remote learning	In school
Avon	Kai A	Kadiatou S Porsha C

Trent	Chennai H	
Severn	Keyanna A	
Thames	Nathanael N	
Clyde	Mikaeel A	Kye B
Foyle	George B	
Hvita	Maciej R	
Tiber	Alfie T	Tiguidanke S
Fuji	Isabel S	
Kuma	Mika W	
Amazon	Chloe M	

Rivers Family Challenge



Land's End to John O'Groats Challenge

This February all of us staff at Rivers have challenged ourselves collectively to either run, bike, walk, row, hop or skip 947 miles which is the entire length of the British Isles!

The challenge doesn't stop there however - can the Rivers community take us on and complete this challenge first? Your class teachers will share a google form for your children (and you!) to upload your completed miles. Don't forget to look out for our Rivers windows whilst out and about!

Rivers Reads

Following our launch of myON library this week it has been brilliant to see so many of our children accessing it and getting reading! We will be celebrating the amount of time each of you spend reading each week. Here are our top 5 children in KS1 and KS2 for last week. Who will make our reader leaderboard next week? EYFS don't forget there's books on there for you to read and share too!

KS1

Jake S 103 minutes

Mesha C 40 minutes

KS2

Aqram LB 690 minutes

Hanif LB 442 minutes

Lana-Mai B	35 minutes	Demi-Leigh T	161 minutes
Cassie-Leigh P	31 minutes	Yahia A	157 minutes
Finley B	25 minutes	Sophie M	119 minutes

KS2, don't forget to link your myON account with your Accelerated Reader account. Here's our top word readers for this week. Will anyone be able to join Aqram and Demi-Liegh on our library wall of fame on our return?

Readers	Words Read
Liarni J	29,094
Aqram LB	25,046
Yahia A	7,401
Hanif LB	2,399
Demi-Leigh T	2,187

This week's **lockdown library** will be open on Friday 2.00 - 2.30pm in the school hall.

#MathsWeCan

Congratulations to the following children for improving their rockstar status. Please make sure that your child is logging onto Time Table Rock Stars.



Rock Legend (< 2 secs)	Rock Star (< 3 secs)	Headliner (< 4 secs)	Support Act (< 5 secs)	Breakthrough Artist (< 6 secs)
Marcus M (Clyde)	Tyler A (Tiber) Marshane C (Kuma) Kai M (Fuji) Guravdeep B (Thames)	Harmeet SB (Severn) Owen B (Clyde)	Cole S (Foyle) Aren A (Hvita) Liarni J (Amazon) Ashadieehyah LB (Severn) Mateusz S (Clyde)	Elias H (Clyde) Nathanael N (Thames) Alfie G (Foyle) Demi-Leigh T (Fuji) Mckaylah E (Hvita)
Unsigned Act (< secs)	Gigger (< 8 secs)	Busker (< 9 secs)	Garage Rocker (< 10 secs)	Wannabe (10 logins)

Eshall N (Clyde) Kye B (Foyle) George W (Severn)	Tiguidanke S (Fuji) George B (Foyle)	Abigail S (Amazon) Riley A (Foyle)	Christian N (Severn) Summer I (Foyle)	Mercedes H (Clyde) Denis C (Severn) Freddie P (Thames)
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Top 3 classes for last week:

	Class Name	% of active players
1st	Fuji	93%
2nd	Tiber	80%
3rd	Foyle	73%


If you know one of these facts, what other facts can you work out?

$3 \times 12 = 36$

36									
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

$36 \div 3 = ?$

TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!



How many ways can you represent each fact?

$12 \times 3 = 36$

36		
12	12	12

$36 \div 12 = ?$

Weekly #mathswecan challenge: How long?

KS1: Count how many steps it takes you to get from one side of the room to the other. Which room takes the most steps?

KS2: Estimate the length of a room in your house. Now measure it. How close were you?

Send your answers, photographs or work to Mrs Dawes.

Safeguarding

This week is Children’s Mental Health Week and the theme this year is ‘express yourself’. By talking openly about mental health from a young age, children can learn to better understand their emotions, break down stigma, and feel safe enough to reach out for help when it’s needed. Talking about mental health and expressing our feelings can be difficult, no matter our age. Mentally Healthy Schools have produced a toolkit where they have rounded up lots of great resources to help children and parents start the mental health conversation. Download the Children’s mental health week toolkit below

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/express-yourself-children-s-mental-health-week-toolkits/>