

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

### Welcome

My favourite part of this week was seeing the faces of our year 4 students when they unboxed their new iPads. We are really proud to be part of such an exciting project and to be able to really power up and bring learning alive with technology. The staff have been working hard to organise Christmas events for the children in these different times. Please see a list of activities at the bottom of this newsletter. We are hopeful that the children will have something to share with you also during the last week of term.

As Walsall moves into the highest tier next week, please remember that we strongly advise the wearing of face coverings when on site and please respect social distancing - Hands, Face, Space.

### Attendance

This week's attendance: 90.3%

Golden Classes: Tiber

An amazing 180 children are still on track to attend our end of year attendance party. Next term we'll start revealing all the exciting activities we have planned, there'll certainly be glitter tattoos galore, sparkly candy floss and a disco floor full of foam! Remember there's still time to improve your attendance...

### Curriculum

This week, children across the academy have started a new theme, 'Diversity in the Arts.' Children are really enjoying learning about music and art from a range of cultures. Ask your child what they have been learning about.

Year 2 had a great time in their music workshop doing some African drumming. (all have photo permission on that photo).

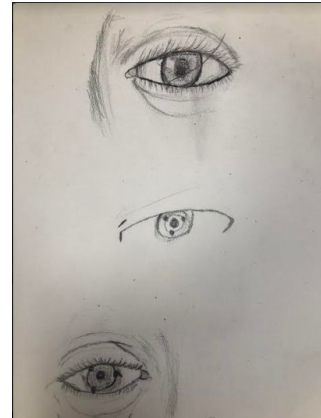
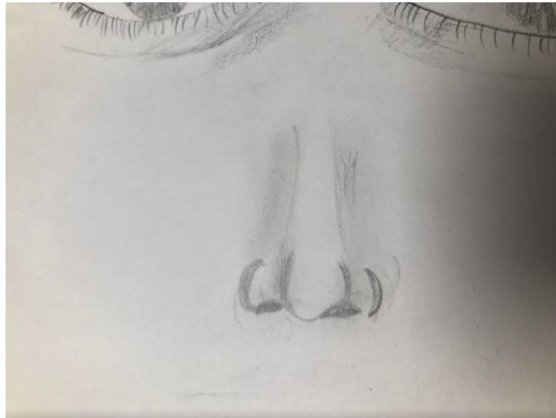
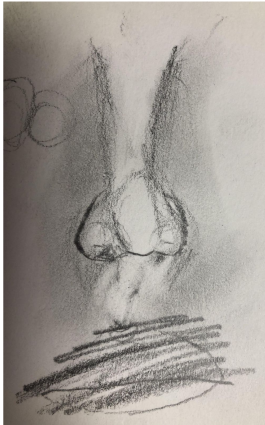
In Votes for Schools, children have been considering, 'Are we too influenced by the US?' and children have been surprised by how much of our culture has been influenced by America.



#### Year Group Focus: Year 6

This week has marked the beginning of our Diversity in the Arts project. Year 6 will be focusing on

portraits of inspirational people from a range of different cultures and backgrounds. To begin, they have begun to develop their sketching and shading skills to help them to make life-like portraits of their chosen inspirational people.



### Musician of the Half Term: Diana Ross

The musician of the half term focus is Diana Ross. Ross received her first GRAMMY nomination for "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" at the 13th GRAMMY Awards. In 2012, she was honoured with a Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award. The Guinness Book of World Records named Diana Ross as the most successful female artist in history in 1993. Take a listen at home to the song "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."



### Rivers Love to Read

This week's star readers:

A huge well done to Demi-Leigh T who is our first millionaire reader - her name will go up on our library wall of fame! Who will join her next?

Name	Words Read This Week
Demi-Leigh T	154,148
Aqram LB	119,592
Yoan B	117,942
Zianna S	86,958
Tiguidanke S	60,959

Class Leaderboard

Class	Words Read This Year
Fuji	4,607,802
Amazon	2,429,441
Tiber	417,393
Hvita	209,579
Clyde	202,472
Kuma	197,963
Foyle	144,607



## Times Table Rockstars

Congratulations to the following children for improving their rockstar status. They will receive a certificate next week. Please make sure that your child is logging onto Time Table Rock Stars.



Headliner Act ( <b>&lt; 4 secs</b> )	Support Act ( <b>&lt; 5 secs</b> )	Gigger ( <b>&lt; 8 secs</b> )
Ellis (Foyle)	Keegan (Foyle) Cherrie (Hvita)	Kaitlyn (Clyde)
Unsigned Act ( <b>&lt; 7 secs</b> )	Busker ( <b>&lt; 9 secs</b> )	Wannabe ( <b>10 logins</b> )
	Olly (Foyle)	Ruben (Clyde)

**TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!**

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

$3 \times 7 = 21$                        $7 \times 3 = 21$

21					
3	3	3	3	3	3

21		
7	7	7

$21 \div 3 = ?$                        $21 \div 7 = ?$

## Safeguarding

We have received information about an alleged attempted kidnap near Chuckery Primary School earlier this week. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity via 101 OR 999 if urgent.

If your child walks home alone, please speak to them about stranger danger. The poster attached may help.

## Celebrations

This week, some more of our amazing children have earned their bronze behaviour badges! You will all receive your badge next week. Who will be our first class with a full house?

**Trent:** Ryder

**Severn:** Emmanuel

**Foyle:** Riley, Joyce, Kye, George, Dale, Martyna, Keegan, Alfie, Summer, Tyler, Lewis, Preston, Shardanae, Kara, Kelisha, Demi-Jo, Reggie

**Hvita:** Aren, Harry Cl, Cherrie, Preston

**Tiber:** Layla

**ASPIRE ambassadors for this week:** Imaginative in our thinking

**Avon:** Amber-May L  
**Trent:** Willow T  
**Thames:** Rhemai Lee W  
**Severn:** Mia A  
**Foyle:** Summer I  
**Clyde:** Olivia T  
**Hvita:** Thomas N  
**Tiber:** Peyton B  
**Fuji:** Lexi B  
**Kuma:** Xavier H  
**Amazon:** Emilie M

**Hot chocolate winners for this week:**

**Trent:** Lola T  
**Avon:** Arya S  
**Thames:** Porscha C  
**Severn:** Sophie C

**Diary dates**

Please see separate email for all our christmas dates.