

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

Message from Mrs Wright

What a busy week here at Rivers: learning, laughing and lots of fun! The whole school enjoyed a visit from the poet 'Spoz' on Wednesday. Some of the highlights have been shared below.

Student Senate

Remember, if your child is in Year 2 - 6 and would like to be part of our Student Senate, their presentations will need to be ready for Monday. They will present to their year group/class. Good luck!

Parent's Evening

Due to the rise in cases of COVID locally, we have made the decision to split our parents evening this term. On Tuesday 19th October we will offer a phone call appointment and on Wednesday 20th October will be face to face appointments. More details on timings and how to book these will follow shortly.

School Photographs

We are looking forward to our photographer coming in on Wednesday for our annual school photographs. This year we are pleased that we can offer sibling photos again. Unfortunately we are not in a position to offer any pictures for children that do not attend Rivers. Please ensure that you have filled out the form on Parentmail if you would like your children to have a photo together. This will happen during school time.

Y4 Harvest

Unfortunately we have to reschedule this and it will now go ahead on Tuesday 19th October at 9am. Have a lovely weekend.

Attendance

This Week's Attendance: 92.7%

A Week at Rivers



This week in Nursery we have been learning about birthdays and discussing the different ways we celebrate them. We have started to look at our new book Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Can You Hear? The children have enjoyed listening to different animal sounds and exploring our sensory polar bear tuff tray!

In Reception this week, we have enjoyed writing about 'Zog'. We have learnt our ASPIRE value of being resilient and compassionate and how we can apply these values to our classroom.

KS1 were so inspired by 'Spoz' our visitor this week that they could not stop rhyming all day! Year 1 had a lovely time this week during their royal tea party! They enjoyed having a picnic and dressing in their best party clothes. Year 2 has blown the teachers away this week with their writing. They showed great collaborative skills during their experience day. They used the lyrical explanation 'In my heart' to explore and write about their feelings.



Years 5 and 6 had the most wonderful afternoon on Wednesday. We were lucky enough to enjoy a workshop with Spoz, a published poet. The children laughed and clapped along whilst Spoz performed some of his poetry for us and then they had a go at writing some themselves. Complete with microphones and a back beat, the children then performed their creations for everyone. It was a fantastic afternoon.



Safeguarding

Steps you can take to keep your child safe online:

Parental controls: Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally foolproof so this shouldn't replace the support and guidance you give your child to help keep them safer. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).

Supervise their online activity: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom.

Explore together and chat little and often: Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.

Miss Stone (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Mrs Moorhouse (Pastoral Lead)
Miss Gamwell (Safeguarding Officer)

Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000**. Children and young people can call **Childline on 0800 1111**.

Rivers Reads

This week's star KS2 readers:

Name	Words Read This Week
Shyar A	77,325
Cherrie A	70,116
Isaac DR	63,671
Millie T	38,227
Isbelle M	36,073

Class Leaderboard:

Class	Words Read This Year
Amazon	1,538,236
Fuji	876,102
Tocantins	431,215
Kuma	277,032
Foyle	98,949
Hvita	70,175
Tiber	50,436
Clyde	27,600

Celebrations

**Well done to our 'Aspire' Ambassadors
I am Creative**

Avon: Christobel DN, **Trent:** Elisia H , **Severn:** Ryder J , **Thames:** Kniko TR , **Clyde:** Mazie W, **Foyle:** Rubie-Rose C, **Hvita:** Joyce A, **Tiber:** Tommy S, **Fuji:** Mitchell D, **Kuma:** Tyrese E, **Amazon:** Demi-Leigh T , **Tocantin:** Ryan T

Hot Chocolate Winners

Avon: Bella A, **Trent:** Aicha T, **Severn:** Arya S, **Thames:** Jenson M, **Clyde:** Eashal D, **Foyle:** Harmeet B, **Tiber:** Eva P, **Hvita:** Reggie W, **Fuji:** Line M , **Kuma:** Alfie T, **Amazon:** Bobby B , **Tocantin:** Eloane B

Diary dates

Wednesday 13th October	School Photos
Thursday 14th October	Reception Parent Workshop (Phonics)
Tuesday 19th October	0900 Y4 Harvest Assembly - rescheduled date
Tuesday 19th October	Parents Evening - Via phone call
Wednesday 20th October	Parents Evening - Face to face
Thursday 21st October	EYFS Open day
Friday 22nd October	Break up for half term
Monday 1st November	Return to school
Thursday 4th November	Y6 Parent Workshop (SATS)
Friday 26th November	School closed to children (Inset day)
Friday 10th December	School closed to children (Inset day)
Monday 13th December	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Attendance Event
Friday 17th December	1:15pm Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 4th January	School reopens