

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020

Welcome

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas across the school! Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to our fundraising towards books for our school library. There is still time if you haven't already. Thank you also to those parents/carers who wear masks when on the school site, this will help to protect our school community. Please remember to wear them if you need to enter our school for any reason. If your child is late to school for any reason, please can you ensure that you are walking them to the main office and not leave them on the driveway. This helps us all to safeguard our children.

Attendance

This week's attendance: 91.7%

Golden Classes: Foyle

We will be handing out shop tokens for our gold, silver and bronze attendance winners during the last week of term. There's still time to improve your attendance and ensure you get to visit our pop up attendance toy shop at breaktime to spend your tokens.

Curriculum

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas at Rivers Primary Academy this week as classes are learning their Christmas songs and Reception are practising their Nativity. It has also been lovely to see some of the fantastic artwork that has been taking place as part of 'Diversity in the Arts' and hearing some of the facts children have been learning about the countries from which the artwork has originated from. Children have also been learning about disability awareness month through discussing in Votes for Schools, 'Does social media make it easier to talk about disabilities?' (KS2) or, 'Do celebrities help us talk about disabilities?' (KS1)

Year Group Focus: Year 1

This week, Year 1 has been learning about materials and their properties in science. They sorted lots of different objects by the material they were made from and they also used words such as hard, soft, bendy and smooth to describe the materials. They then used what they had learned about the different properties of the materials to plan and complete an investigation: to find the material that would be the most suitable for a coat to keep Barnaby Bear dry. They predicted which would best and then tested it out by dripping water onto the different materials. They found the best material was the plastic because it was waterproof.

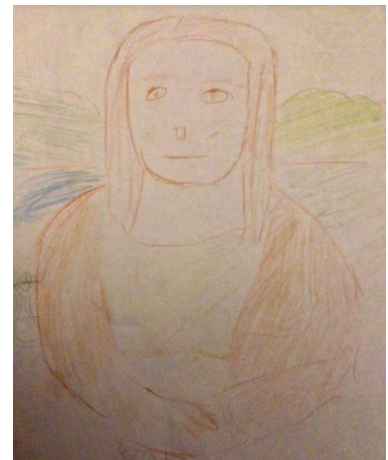
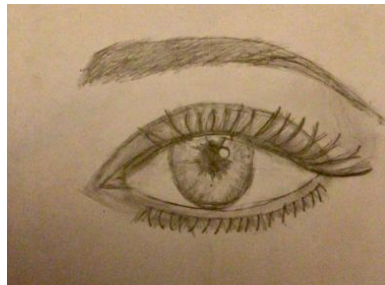


Artist of the Half Term: Leonardo da Vinci

For November's artist of the month, students were asked to create a portrait in the style of Leonardo da Vinci. The entries were incredibly creative and worthy of any portrait gallery!

November's winner is Phoebe (Year 4) who drew a fantastic close-up of an eye.

The runner up was Mason (Year 4) who produced an amazing likeness of Da Vinci's Mona Lisa.



Artist of the Month Competition

Will you be December's artist of the month?

December's focus is to create a landscape.

Create a wintry landscape in the style of Claude Monet's, The Magpie.

Try using different shades of white to paint a wintry landscape or create a collage of a wintry scene.

Please send your entry to your class teacher via Class Dojo by Monday 14th December 2020. Good luck!



Rivers Love to Read

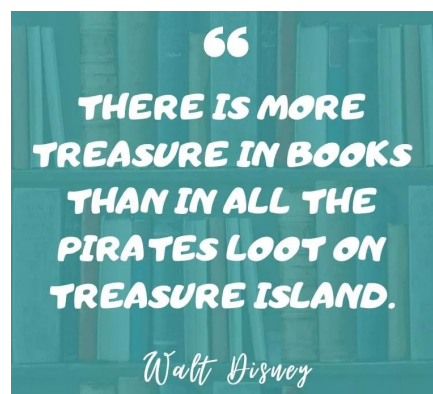
This week's star readers:

An enormous well done to Aqram our second millionaire word reader of the year!

Name	Words Read This Week
Liarni J	234,699
Aqram BL	195,154
Kai-Rhys BT	74,963
Kacie Rhian B	64,688
Demi-Leigh T	64,328

Class Leaderboard

Class	Words Read This Year
Fuji	5,035,129
Amazon	2,822,117
Tiber	557,932
Clyde	215,626
Hvita	211,830
Kuma	210,652
Foyle	189,363



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.



Rock Star (< 3 secs)	Headliner (< 4 secs)	Unsigned Act (< 7 secs)
Mia (Foyle) Preston (Hvita)	Keegan (Foyle)	Tyler (Clyde) Heidi (Foyle) Evie (Tiber)
Busker (< 9 secs)	Garage Rocker (< 10 secs)	Wannabe (10 logins)
Ruben (Clyde) Thomas (Hvita) Sienna (Hvita) Lexie (Tiber) Eloane (Kuma)	Tommy (Clyde) Preston (Foyle)	Ted (Clyde) Teagwen (Clyde) Andrew (Hvita) Aston (Hvita) Daniel (Hvita)


TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!

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

$3 \times 8 = 24$

24						
3	3	3	3	3	3	3

$24 \div 3 = ?$



How many ways can you represent each fact?

$8 \times 3 = 24$

24		
8	8	8

$24 \div 8 = ?$

Safeguarding

From March to June 2020 the police recorded more than a quarter of a million domestic abuse-related offences, a 7% increase the same period in 2019 and an 18% increase from in 2018. Domestic violence incidents often increase during the festive period and this may be higher than usual this year due to Covid restrictions

If you have been, or are worried that you may become, a victim of domestic abuse, please call the domestic abuse hotline on 0808 2000 247.

<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/How-can-we-support-you>

Celebrations

This week, Chloe from Avon has earned her bronze behaviour badge. We are still waiting to see who will be our first class with a full house. Most children are now collecting Dojos towards their silver behaviour badge; the target is 150!

Diary dates

Reminder that school is closed Friday 11th December.