

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

Welcome

The children at Rivers continue to amaze us everyday with their enthusiasm for learning and smiling faces. We've had the longest of half terms to welcome us back from enforced March break but the children's resilience and eagerness to continue to improve has been just brilliant to see. Our dream of becoming known as a school that reads is becoming reality with our new library, librarians and lunchtime book clubs in place. We're still waiting for our first individual word millionaire but this week all of key stage 2 became one collectively!

Mrs Andrews gave birth to a beautiful baby boy 'Brody James' on Wednesday weighing in at 8lb 10oz. They are both well and we send our best wishes.

As Walsall has now been placed into the 'high level' category, we are strongly recommending that face coverings are worn by adults at collection and drop off times. Remember, please limit 1 person coming to collect or drop off. This will help to protect our school community.

Attendance

This Week's Attendance: 87.7%

Please remember to call each day your child is not able to attend school. During this current climate it is really important that we have full knowledge of any illnesses that are currently going around our academy. Each absence can only be authorised when we have been provided with a verbal reason from a parent/carer.

Curriculum

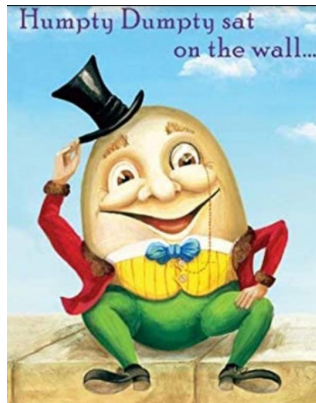
This week has been another exciting week at Rivers. Children are deep into their history units - ask your child what they have been learning about and how life has changed. In Votes for Schools, children have been reflecting on the environment and whether we have forgotten that it needs to be protected.

It's set to be an exciting last week of the half term with children discussing, 'Will cinemas disappear in your lifetime?' We will also be ending the half term with a 'Rainbow Day' on Friday 23rd October. Children will be spending a day engaging in a range of PE and well-being activities. Please send your child to school in their PE kit.

Year Group Focus: Nursery

This week's focus in Nursery has been Humpty Dumpty. The children have been working together to

make a new safe wall for Humpty Dumpty, taking turns to count out and add bricks to the wall. In the mark making area, children have been making get well cards for Humpty Dumpty and decorating Humpty Dumpty posters. The children have also been helping to fix the Humpty eggs in the maths area making sure that the eggs have matching colour tops and bottoms. It has been lots of fun!



Artist of the half term:

Our artist of the half term for Autumn Term 1 is Andy Warhol. Andy Warhol was part of the pop art movement. He was born Andrew Warhola in 1928 in Pennsylvania. His parents were from a part of Europe that is now part of Slovakia. They moved to New York in the 1920s. His first job was illustrating adverts in fashion magazines. Now is he known as one of the most influential artists who ever lived! Why not have a look online for some more of his artwork.



Rivers Loves to Read

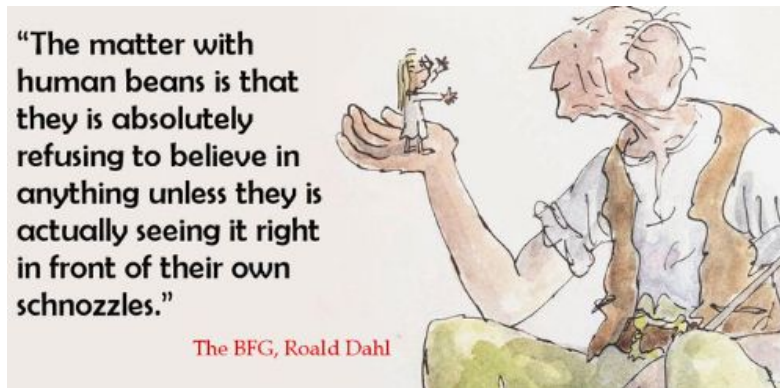
This week's top readers are:

Name	Words Read
Zianna S	207,466
Aqram LB	84,806
Yoan B	82,708
Liarni J	80,398
Leena A	66,198

Class Leader Board:

Name	Words Read
Fuji	691,102

Amazon	610,892
Kuma	76,871
Clyde	60,143
Tiber	54,275
Foyle	50,262
Hvita	6,800



Times Table Rockstars

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



Headliner (< 4 secs)	Support Act (< 5 secs)	Breakthrough Artist (< 6 secs)	Unsigned Act (< 7 secs)
Cristina (Foyle) Taliah (Hvita) Arren (Tiber) Hanif (Tiber) Kai (Fuji) Mitchell (Kuma) Lexi (Kuma) Archie (Kuma) Summer (Amazon) Yoan (Amazon)	Emmanuel (Clyde) Olivia (Amazon)	Tommy (Clyde) Ella (Hvita) Ava (Hvita) Millie-Mae (Tiber) Jenson (Fuji)	Esa (Thames) Mikaeel (Clyde) Billy (Fuji) Charlie (Fuji) Elena (Fuji)
Gigger (< 8 secs)	Busker (< 9 secs)	Garage Rocker (< 10 secs)	Wannabe
Gurav (Thames)	Keegan (Foyle)	Adrianna (Thames)	Olly (Foyle)

Mia (Foyle) Andreea (Foyle) Lily-Jo (Clyde)	Max (Fuji) Max (Kuma) Nathan (Amazon)	Heidi (Foyle) Kye (Foyle) Joyce (Foyle) Eva (Tiber) Jasmine (Fuji)	Riley (Foyle) George (Foyle)
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If you know one of these facts, what other facts can you work out?

$$2 \times 7 = 14$$

14					
2	2	2	2	2	2

$$14 \div 2 = ?$$

TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!

How many ways can you represent each fact?

$$7 \times 2 = 14$$

14	
7	7

$$14 \div 7 = ?$$



Safeguarding

With Walsall moving to a 'high level' category, your child may be spending more time online and have less face to face interaction with friends and wider family members at weekends and over half term. For advice on how to keep your child safe online and how to limit screen time, click on the link below. If you have any concerns about your child's online use, please speak to a member of a pastoral team.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Celebrations

This week, some more of our amazing children have earned their bronze behaviour badges! What an amazing achievement! You will all receive your badge this week.

Severn: Mia, Keyanna, Lexi, Azari, Imogen, Ashadiehyaha, George

Tiber: Frida, Millie-Mae

Amazon: Macey, Abigail, Maja, Seth, Liarni, Josh, Miley, Dorota, Malakai, Chloe D, Rhianna, Tobas, Yoan, Leena, Mariam, Jaedyn

Who will join them next week?

ASPIRE ambassadors for this week:

Mohammed S - Avon

Denis C - Severn

Adrianna A - Thames

Daisy M - Clyde

Matyna C - Foyle

Hope N - Hvita

Tyler A - Tiber

Heathan CS - Fuji

Anisa B - Kuma
Dhillon C - Amazon

Hot Chocolate winners for this week in UKS2

Aqram LB - Kuma
Heeba C - Fuji
Abigail S - Amazon

Diary dates

Half term reminder:

School closes on Friday 23rd October and reopens on Tuesday 3rd November.

Thursday 5th November - Year 4 History Workshop

Monday 9th November - Individual pupil photos