

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

### Welcome

What a great first week back we have had here at Rivers. I have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back into school and how much they have already learnt this week! We have plans in each year group and across each phase to accelerate the learning for each and every child so you may see some additional teachers that we have in school to support this.

Please can I remind you to follow Covid safety when on and around our school site. Please help us to protect our school community.

### COVID-19: Free symptom free testing for pupils' families and carers

Walsall parents and carers with primary school, secondary school and college age children - including child care and support bubbles, are advised to test themselves twice every week at home, as schools return to face to face teaching. Finding more people who don't have symptoms but carry the virus is very important. It means we can stop them from entering education settings and this will help break transmission chains. The tests will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including school transport and after school club leaders.

Find out more on the council website:

[https://go.walsall.gov.uk/covid-19\\_information/covid-19\\_-\\_walsall\\_news\\_updates/covid-19-free-symptom-free-testing-for-pupils-families-and-carers](https://go.walsall.gov.uk/covid-19_information/covid-19_-_walsall_news_updates/covid-19-free-symptom-free-testing-for-pupils-families-and-carers)

### Attendance

This week's attendance: 94.8%

Next week our pop up attendance shop will be open - make sure you're in school to visit it on your year group's day so you can spend your raffle tickets.

### After school clubs

We are delighted to inform you our after school clubs will begin week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and continue until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. These are the clubs on offer:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Year group</b>	<b>Led by</b>
Monday	Basketball	Year 4	Walsall Basketball Club
Monday	Sports Club	Reception	Mr Perrin
Tuesday	Sports Club	Year 5	Mr Perrin
Tuesday	Dance	Year 1	Dancetastic
Wednesday	Sports Club	Year 2	Walsall Football Club
Wednesday	Sports Club	Year 3	Mr Perrin
Thursday	Football Club	Year 5	Walsall Football Club
Friday	Basketball Club	Year 6	Mr Perrin

Places at clubs are limited. In years 1 to 6 numbers are limited to 16 places and in Reception they are limited to 12 places. These will be on a first come first serve basis and booked via the parent mail app when booking please go to My Accounts this will list the clubs available for your child's year group. All clubs are free, please do not make any payment to the club your child will be attending.

Clubs will finish at 4.10pm and be dismissed from nursery exits, so please enter the site at Mersey Road entrance only.

## Safeguarding

Mental health and well being has never been more high profile. Kooth have developed a range of resources for students returning to school following the first lockdown. Although these brochures may mention the first lockdown in the introductory pages, the content is still applicable for the current time and can be widely shared. A series of digital posters have been developed for display on school websites and social media. These can be accessed [here](#)



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## A positive mindset can move mountains

Keeping a positive mindset in the midst of a pandemic is easier said than done, but thinking positively can help us be better equipped to handle difficult problems.

**“Holding on to the belief that you can cope and things will be ok will not only help you to feel better, it will also encourage more positive behaviours,”** explains Dr Green. **“This will increase your confidence and self esteem and ultimately result in improved mental health and sense of wellbeing.**

Please remember, we are here to support you as well as your children. Please contact the Pastoral team if you need any support.

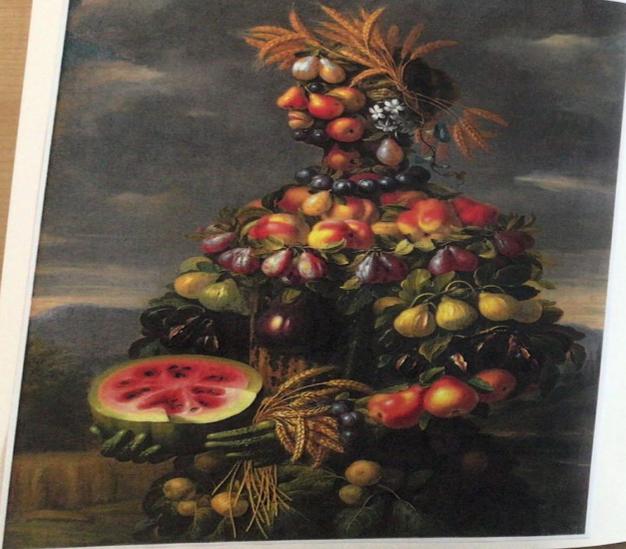
### Curriculum

There has been a real buzz around Rivers Primary Academy as we started our new theme Magic Moments, focussing on Art and Music. Children have been learning about the lives of different artists and how this influenced the incredible masterpieces they produced.

Take a look at some of the amazing work we have produced so far:



Giuseppe Arcimboldo - Summer Woman



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What is your initial response to this piece of Art?  
When I saw the picture I thought it was scary because of the eyes.

To make this piece of work, the artist has used... to make this art the artist has used fruits because I can see many fruits.

In this piece of art, I can see... fruits, wheat, clouds and mountains.

Art keywords / formal elements I would relate to this painting are: line form shape colour texture movement value space.

The style of work is... Mannerist

I think the artist was inspired by... Other artists that were making beautiful pieces of art made of fruit and other things so he decided to try.

This work makes me think of... a farm because there is wheat in the background.

The artist would have gone through the following stages to make this work: I think he first put the fruit up in a way then sketched and then painted.

If I made a piece of work using lots of objects and colours, I would include: I would make something with flowers, plants or fruits.

Y5: Eloane Boyi

Year 6 - Claude Monet

09/03/21



- Yellow and blue green
- black
- red and black brown
- purple red red and blue purple
- black, purple, white pale blue



Y6: Dhillon Cahill

## Events

Love To Dance virtual showcase launched live on Friday 19th March at 6pm.



**Love2Dance Virtual Showcase**  
Going live across WAT on Friday 19th March from 6pm  
Children from across all nine schools in Windsor Academy Trust will be showcasing work in a range of dance styles that have been created during and before the latest lockdown. Viewing details to follow shortly!



## Red Nose Day

Come to school prepared with your best joke to share with your class. Each class will vote for their favourite joke and display them in their classroom windows for the other classes to see. We can't wait to read them all!

Children are invited to wear one red accessory to school for a donation of 50p with all money raised going to Comic Relief. This could be anything from red socks, to a red nose or even a red hair bow! Full school uniform or PE kit (if it is your PE day) will be expected.

As we do not accept cash in school, please make your donation Via the parentmail app.

## Celebrations

Well done to all of our award winners for this week.  
Those joining for hot chocolate this week:

Avon: Jenson M  
Trent: Cassie-Leigh  
Severn: Sophie C  
Thames: Ezra  
Clyde: Ruben  
Foyle: Christina A  
Hvita: Miley Mai  
Tiber: Grace B  
Fuji: Leon K  
Kuma: Mika W  
Amazon: Lacey S

Aspire ambassadors for this week for demonstrating the Aspire Learner skill - 'I can give and receive feedback'

Avon: Delilah L  
Trent: Chenai H  
Severn: Isabelle B  
Thames: Angel H  
Clyde: Tommy S  
Foyle: Ayvah- Mae  
Hvita: Darcie- Leigh  
Tiber: Lexi S  
Fuji: Max H  
Kuma: Vinnie R  
Amazon: Junaid H

Diary dates	
Friday 19 March	Love To Dance virtual showcase launched live at 6pm
Friday 19 March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
Thursday 1 April	Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery, Reception and years 1 & 2
	Whole School decorate an Egg Competition. The theme for the year is 'Aspirations' who do you aspire to be or what do you aspire to be.
	A range of Easter crafts and Easter egg hunt

Thursday 1 April	Meal in a bag day - themed lunch
Thursday 1 April	End of Spring Term.
Monday 19 April	Return to school after Easter
Friday 25 June	Inset day - school closed. Rearranged date from cancelled spring term date.
Monday 28 June	Inset day- school closed