

Rivermead review

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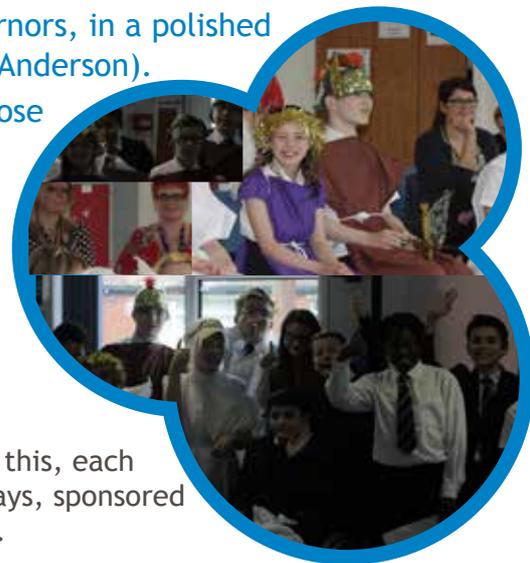


Enterprise Day
 Two weeks ago, 90 learners embarked on an enterprise project with the aim of promoting business insight, social and moral awareness, and British Values. Learners spent the morning designing logos, packaging and working out a pricing strategy for their products before going on to make a range of ceramics, soaps, bathbombs and jewellery. Learners melted, rolled, threaded and printed before packaging up their products ready for sale at the Rivermead Inclusive Trust Summer Fair, why not come along and buy a handmade item.

Easter Assembly

This year we held a special event for Easter, which is not only an important time of year in the Christian calendar, but enhances our links with our local church St Mary Magdalene and Revered Ade. Potter & Newton class presented the story of Easter to parents, learners and governors, in a polished performance (special thanks to class teachers Mrs Lewis and Mrs Anderson).

All learners involved showed a great deal of enthusiasm, from those in costumes, to our readers and technical support. It was a huge success and was enjoyed thoroughly by everyone who attended. Reverend Ade concluded the performance by sharing about the 'Why' of Easter and one of our learners commented "Jesus was helping others." We would like to thank participants and visitors for making this first Easter event in school such a success.



SEAL Form Groups

Our SEAL League tallies merits earned each term as a group. On top of this, each SEAL has chosen a charity to raise money for through cake sales, tag days, sponsored silences and runs. See below for our merit league and chosen charities.

Term 3 SEAL League Results: **WELL DONE BADGERS!**



MERITS 402

SAVE THE CHILDREN



MERITS 342

DEMELZA HOUSE



MERITS 318

HELP FOR HEROES



MERITS 250

WORLD WIDE FUND (WWF)



MERITS 215

TEXT SANTA



MERITS 195

CANCER RESEARCH



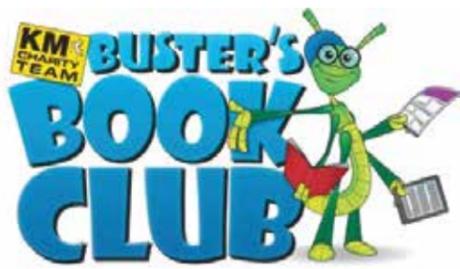
MERITS 142

WHIZZ KIDZ



MERITS 81

CANCER RESEARCH



KS3 learners have been reading at home with parents/carers every Wednesday and by adding minutes up, create some healthy in house competition to inspire our learners to read outside of school. Rewards include "Best Class Reader of the week" trophy, free entry to various attractions and the opportunity to win whole class outing. This has been a big success - keep an eye on our website newsfeed for weekly winners!

Young Teaching Assistant Role

The 'Young Teaching Assistant Role' is a pilot programme for our 6th Form Partnership graduates to help support them into employment and runs alongside their studies. Our first Young Teaching Assistant has started working across our school site in a variety of lessons with our learners to support their learning. Learners and staff both appreciate and value the work of this Young Teaching Assistant. A big thank you to all those involved in this all round enriching programme.

Sports Relief

The Rivermead Sixth Form ran a Partnership Marathon for Sports Relief where each learner completed a miles run/walk or jog for charity - with 24 amazing learners and two dedicated staff we completed our sponsored Marathon and raised over £120. Well done to everyone involved!

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Kieran B has been attending the Monday evening rock climbing session for a while now and has recently shown amazing progress; he is now able to reach the top of the big climbs with ease and poise impressing his instructors who knew he had it in him all along! Well done Kieran!

Abbie H "This is a piece of work we did while studying Andy Warhol. I traced images on to some acetate (plastic) with marker. Then made nine different backgrounds using fabric, tissue paper and card and photocopied these with the acetate on top. I think this turned out really good and I liked the colours."

Miss Horner will be running the London Marathon on Sunday 24th April raising money for Whizz Kids. That's over 26 miles of gruelling London streets to run! Mrs Anderson will be running a Colour Me Purple race on the 7th April 2016 to raise money for Wisdom Hospice. Good Luck to both ladies! If you would like to support either member for staff please contact our office to make your donation. Thank you for your support.



For Sport Relief this year Mr Khan organised a SEAL football tournament at lunchtime over a two week period with knockout stages, final and staff match. Otters and Watervoles went head to head in the final, with Otters winning 5-0. We raised over £200 through a dedicated Tag Day, staff sweepstake and staff match. The staff match was a draw but attracted lots of attention due to the competitive nature of the PE Department but Mrs Whitton kept them all in check as the ref!



Football Match: Rivermead vs Bower Grove School

Earlier this month, our KS3 team played against Bower Grove School in Maidstone, both teams playing to a very high standard from. In the opening minutes Bower put the Rivermead defence and goalkeeper under a lot of pressure but we remained resilient. We were awarded for our efforts when Ted broke from the midfield, ran 20 yards with the ball and coolly put it past Bowers keeper. Fantastic goal, 1-0 Rivermead! Bower wanted revenge on our excellent first half performance. However, second half we pushed for a second goal making the opposing teams keeper pull off some great saves. Our battling defence finally took a knock by some really good play by Bower, 2 goals in quick succession meant we were 2-1 heading towards the end of the game. Rivermead didn't give up, they showed great determination and managed to score right at the end with a great shot by Cody to make it a spectacular and well-deserved 2-2 draw. I would just like to mention that all of the learners who took part should feel proud they represented Rivermead School by setting an amazing example and behaved brilliantly on and off the pitch. Well-done Rivermead!! Commentary from Mr Gallacher.



Basket Ball: Rivermead vs Bradfield's

In February, Rivermead's basketball Team competed in their first ever match against Bradfield's at their school. Rivermead KS4 basketball team demonstrated excellent team spirit and fantastic sportsmanship. Every member of the team should be proud of themselves. We won the game 60-12. Well done!

Rivermead School vs Rivermead Partnership

Some of our 6th form learners came to our school site to play a football match against our KS4 school team in a well matched game at lunchtime. The scoring was close at 3-2 to the 6th form. All enjoyed watching and taking part in the game, so much so a basketball match is planned in term 5!

Consumer Challenge

Supported by Medway Trading Standards, some of our year 10 learners attended Medway Consumer Challenge; an annual quiz between 5 selected schools in Medway. It took place on 23rd March at the Hundred of Hoo Academy. There were various topics including colours, healthy choices, travelling safely, streetwise shopper, food and money matter rounds. Everyone who took part had a great time and Rivermead learners did really well showing great team spirit!

Art and DT: Terms 3 & 4

KS3 learners getting stuck into clay and textiles projects. Everyone has created a hat, vase, and tile, and decorated a vessel of their choice - here are some of what they have made:



"I wouldn't have believed a year ago that my child would be smiling and eager to attend school, but with all your support, he really is! Thank you"
- parent comment

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Rivermead Inclusive Trust Summer Fair:

It will be held at Number 5 covered slip at Chatham Historic Dockyard on July 2nd from 10am, to help raise money to buy a minibus for the trust. Why not come along and buy a handmade item or if you are interested in a stall please contact Mrs Whitton.

ROCC: Next short breaks session - half term 30th May to 3rd June, £11 per day, to book email shortbreaks@rivermead.medway.sch.uk or call 0746193150

Gymnastics Club: after school on Tuesdays at 3.45 - 5.15 approx, Cost £5. For more information or sessions, contact Gillingham Gymnastics Club on 01634 843431 or www.gillingham-gymnastics.co.uk

Term 5
Monday 18th April to Friday 27th May
Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

**Have a great Easter Break
You have all earned it!**

