

Riverbank Academy

Newsletter

In the news!

Riverbank Academy featured in the Coventry Telegraph two weeks ago to celebrate the opening of our new Navigator Suite. We now have 188 students in our school which will increase again in September 2022 to 200 students to support the local and national demand for special school places.

To support this increase we will be recruiting more learning support staff and potentially a new teacher. If you know of anyone that is interested in working in our school please let us know. We are always on the lookout for outstanding talent!

Our Curriculum

The intent of our whole school curriculum continues to focus on developing Independence and Employment Skills. Every half term we publish a "One Stop Curriculum Shop" which covers the key elements of learning across all subject areas. This is always made available on our website:

https://riverbankacademy.org.uk/?page_id=6622

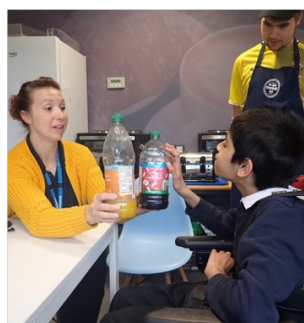
Each week we also capture and share our favourite learning moments on Twitter: **@RiverbankAc**



Autumn 2021-2022

We are really pleased with how quickly our students have settled back into their learning, routines and friendships.

In the fifth week of this half term, our Leadership Team had an opportunity to watch over 25 different Riverbank lessons. We were pleased with the quality of teaching and learning observed in classrooms/learning areas. There were high expectations with engaging resources which meant all students were participating in activities that supported their learning. In addition to this, the behaviour of students, in all lessons was exemplary! We want to say a big well done to all our students and a big thank you to all our staff for having high standards and expectations in our classrooms.





Phonics and Reading

Our students continue to access their communication, phonics or reading interventions every morning, everyday. We continue to use the Bug Club and Rapid Reader programme which has an extensive online library and interactive resource which can be accessed from home. During the first lockdown in 2020, two of our students used this resource to read over 30 online books in 6 weeks! For more information please contact your child's tutor or alternatively:

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From little rivers mighty oceans grow!

Our facilities...

Following our last Ofsted inspection in May 2017, we continue to maintain outstanding characteristics with an outstanding staff team and outstanding students.

We are incredibly fortunate to have outstanding facilities beyond the majority of other special schools across the country.

This includes, a Hydro Therapy Pool (reopened this half term), Science, Art and Computing rooms, Performing Arts Suite, Cafe, Pop-up Shop, Swings, Trim Trail, Forest School, Sensory Room, Sensory Garden and Horticulture area.

Last half term Dr Blake (Consultant Psychiatrist for NHS) visited our new Wave Centre (a bespoke converted bungalow for 3 students) and made the following comment: *"We need more provision like this within the City so we can meet the needs of the many more children who would benefit"*

In late September we opened our new Navigator Suite which 15 of our students have been accessing and enjoying.



After school clubs:

Thank you to all our families that completed and returned our after school club forms. Our after school clubs will start on Thursday 4th November 2021.

Parents Dropping Students Off and Collecting:

Our staff team are closely monitoring the car park where students are dropped off and collected each morning and afternoon. This car park is only for Riverbank students and Ernesford Grange students with additional needs to ensure traffic within this area is safe and manageable. Please take care when driving in and out of this area.

Thank you for all your support this half term and have a wonderful half term holiday!