Support in the community

Local School links

At Riversides we like to work with and support the local community. We have very good links with St Georges RC Primary school. They very kindly let us use their facilities and the nearby sports field. It can get very busy in the mornings with both schools trying to get children in, however, we do our best to move vehicles on and keep path ways clear to enable families to pass safely.

Hygiene Bank

We are currently working with the local schools to set up a Hygiene Bank for families that struggle to add toiletries onto their weekly shop. We are working with local shops, schools and churches to support the whole community.

THE HYGIENE BANK

St Georges Church

Jo Musson is the Priest in charge St Johns Baptist, Claines and of St Georges Church in Barbourne Worcester. Jo offers great support to our school and regularly attends to do assemblies and generally offer support to children, Families and Staff within our Community.

Before Christmas we helped support our local Food Bank by making up food boxes and with the help of the local Church who supported distributing to families in need.

We have also supported Operation Christmas Child, a charity that ensures children in need get presents at Christmas.

Care Homes

We have supported our local Nursing home with donations of our left-over PPE equipment which was gratefully received.

We have also visited with pupils who put on a musical performance for the residence which was enjoyed by all.

This year our pupils are busy making Christmas cards for residents that do not have family or friends that send to them.

United Charities

Mrs Hill had the most wonderful visit from Reverend Jo Musson who some of you might know as she performs the most special and interesting assemblies for our children. She is part of St Georges parish in Barbourne and always is a great supporter of our school. Through her links with Claines United Charities which she is a Trustee of, she was able to give us a cheque for **£1300.**

Claines united Charities are a Worcestershire based charity that provides support to the local communities including; voluntary bodies, people with disabilities and children and young people.

The only advice given was to spend it on the children at Riversides to improve enjoyment at school. Mrs Hill has set upon a plan that will benefit every child in the school. That is to improve the outside area for them to share.

Wooden Spoon Charity

Wooden spoon is the children's charity of rugby. They fund life-changing projects that support children and young people with disabilities or living in disadvantage. Their focus is to help through projects such as sensory rooms, playground equipment, outdoor activities and other specialist equipment to help with health and wellbeing.

Riversides were fortunate enough to receive a donation towards our outdoor project, which has allowed our pupils to have a new experience of getting away from the classroom and learning in the outdoors. This gives them the opportunity to explore the world around them, accessing their learning in the fresh air within a safe and dry environment.

Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Worcester both raises funds and provides service.

Service includes a variety of activities including literacy support in school; careers advice for young people; projects; organising events for others; providing skills and time to others.

We have a range of fund-raising activities including quizzes, our board march, social events, recycling and bucket collections. In a typical year we make charitable donations in the region of £14,000.

Over the years we have been involved with a wide variety of organisations – either raising funds for them or working with them.

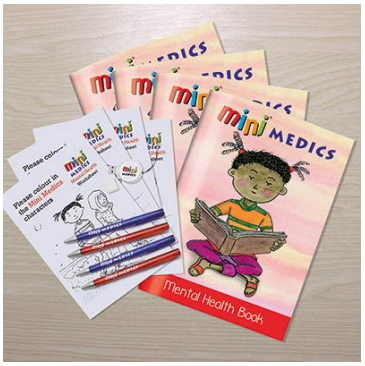
They have supported Riversides recently by helping us improve our outside area and install climbing equipment for the children to make playtimes more interesting.

High Sheriff of Worcester

Staff and pupils at **The Riversides School** in Worcester welcomed the county's High Sheriff for a visit.

Mark Jackson, the High Sheriff of Worcestershire, met Ian Enwright, executive head teacher of Riversides and Newbridge Schools.

We had a fantastic visit from the High Sheriff of Worcestershire, who was very supportive of all the changes in our school and the impact we are having upon the pupils attending both Riversides and Newbridge School.



Oaklands Foundation

The primary objective of the Foundation is to support the needs of children in England and Wales through a range of educational and youth projects based on education, health and nutrition, and sport. Annually the Foundation can only fund so many worthy causes and so currently is only considering projects based in 'Worcestershire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire' and based around the areas Oakland International is an integral part of the local community (Redditch, Bardon, Corby).

We have received a donation to go towards training all our pupils in Primary with First aid skills and 10 pupils from Secondary with Mental Health training. We are now able to add this onto the weekly curriculum for the next few years. By training the pupils in secondary they can then act as advocates and support their peers.