



# NEWSLETTER

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to go round classes this week and see the learners engaged, making progress and enjoying themselves. Let's hope the good weather holds and we can continue to make good use of our outside space for a while longer.

Today we celebrated the month of The Rosary in assembly. Learners thought of what they would like to say to Mary and created their own rosary beads.

As you know it is Black History Month this October and each class is exploring the theme. We are looking forward to informative displays and giving learners the opportunity to reflect, share their thoughts and express their feelings on the subject.

The petrol crisis seems to be easing, but thankfully we have been able to attend all planned off site trips, hydrotherapy and swimming as per usual.

We are pleased to inform you that we have received our new school bags which will include a reading record and school/home communication book. These will be distributed to the learners next week and we hope you find them useful.

Can I remind you that it still isn't too late to return your feedback form from the end of year reports either by email to the school office or by post.

Stuart

Stuart Bruce  
Assistant Head of School

## **Jubilee Class**

Dear Family and Friends

This week we have enjoyed the nice weather for our walks.

The children are still enjoying 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and are appreciating the longer story.

In mathematics we are looking at sequences and figuring out what comes next. This is really developing the children's problem solving skills.

We are continuing our topic 'Stay Safe!' and beginning to look at 'Black History Month'

We made stained glass windows and rosary beads which we shared in our whole school assembly.

As part of our topic on healthy eating we tried a number of new exercises and noted how they affected our heart rate.

Best wishes all from Jubilee Class

## **Winston**

Happy Friday everyone,

Another busy week in Winston Class.

We have continued to work on our Numeracy and Literacy, we have also continued with our City and Guilds work.

The students have also worked really hard on Black History Month, learning about Marcus Rashford and Nelson Mandela.

Today we have made rosary bracelets as part of RE and today's assembly.

The class worked very hard combining their City and Guilds Communication with feeling safe and being safe, which included internet safety.

The students are really working hard and we are getting some great results in our communication topic, some of the students lead discussions from the front of the class this week and it is lovely to see the interaction and listen to some of the responses.

Have a great weekend

Have a great weekend! Mel and The Winston Team

## **Bramley Class**

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have been thinking about Black History Month and we re-read the story 'Handa's Surprise' about a girl who takes some fruit to her friend and on the way it is eaten by different animals.

We have been learning about different fruits and thinking about what different shops sell. We focused on the Baker's this week.

In cognition we have also been doing some counting and some science learning about different vehicles and the sounds they make.

We also did some sensory play with some different materials including cornflour, foam chips and feathers.

In PSHE we looked at how to keep safe and who to talk to if we didn't feel safe. Our RE focused on the story of St Francis and his love of animals and we learn about Rosary Beads in Assembly.

Regards, Lyn Phillips

## **Pippin Class**

Through activities and games, we talked about how children learn to live together and respect differences at school, in their family and in their entire social environment. Everyone has their own way of understanding, thinking, acting, expressing and presenting themselves in the world.

In Mathematics we talked about quantity using the qualities of each person.

In Art, we used the Maizena flour paste (flour made in Brazil). We built puppets with different colours and shapes and the children really loved it.

We wrote sentences in different languages and children could colour different eye colours, skin colours, hair types and colours.

In food tech we had Italian pasta with white sauce. The children enjoyed the Italian music and heard a few words in Italian and we had a "Pasta Party" which was really fun!

We also had a long moment of reflection and conversation to talk about whether they felt safe or not and what they could do if they are not feeling safe. The children were focused and interested in this topic. After the talk, they all had the opportunity to answer questions, choosing the images that showed their feelings.

In RE lesson we talked about Rosary and we prayed and asked Mary our mother to protect us and protect our school and all the children and young people.

From all the Pippin Team

## **Stirling Class**

This week Stirling have finished reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl as requested by a student. We have completed some creative exercises based on the characters and continued work on adjectives.

In Maths the students have continued working on rounding up numbers to the nearest 10 or 100 and ordering numbers up to 5 digits depending on ability.

In Art we created or coloured in superhero characters for our display.

The students started a mini project about the Crusades in our continued work on English history.

The students carried out some experiments with colours in science. We created colour lava lamps with oil and effervescent tablets and investigated surface tension with milk, food colouring and washing up liquid.

The students also continued work on personal finance and looked at the advantages of saving money.

In P.S.H.E. we created a poster about keeping safe and who the students can talk to if something or someone makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Have a good weekend Mr D.

## **Discovery Class**

We have had a busy week in Discovery.

For our offsite trip this week, we went to the shops to buy the ingredients for our food tech lesson and then to Poundland and the park, in order to meet some of the criteria for our City and Guilds modules.

In food tech we made pasta with tomato sauce and it was very tasty. The learners helped to prepare the ingredients and had a great time trying them all out.

In our RE lesson this week we focused on the colour blue. We explored the creation story again and focused on the sea and the sky. We sorted items to whether we found them in the sea or the sky and then made sea view portholes by tearing tissue paper and then choosing fish to add to the picture.

We continued our sensory story about Pablo going shopping and focused on key vocabulary from supermarket i.e. basket, trolley, till.

We continued to think about being in a community and being friends in our class groups. We took part in different activities to practise turn taking.

Have a good weekend,

Letty and Gill - On behalf of the Discovery Class Team