



NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school starting on Monday when we had a workshop with a drama company called 'Face Front' on the subject of moving on. Four classes attended the workshop which looked at options for our young people post 16. The learners engaged really well, particularly where they were asked to respond to questions and asking questions of their own.

Although it is turning colder, the weather has still been kind to us with our walks and time in the playground often accompanied by sunshine. Long may it continue.

The learners continue to work hard and enjoy their learning. I was able to visit all classes this week and it was great to see how engaged all the learners were in their learning and how fantastic all of the classrooms look. There was a lovely atmosphere across the whole school.

Today in assembly we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent and the theme of this week which is hope. The whole school joined together, over Zoom, for singing practice at the end of the day today, which is always a great way to end the week.

Wishing you a very happy weekend.

Stuart

Stuart Bruce
Assistant Head of School

Jubilee Class

Dear family and friends

We hope you are all warm and snug! We have been picking up pace during our morning walk as it is a little chilly. We were very fortunate to attend a workshop from the inclusive drama group on Monday. It was amazing to see our learners interact with the actors and join them on the stage. This week we have learnt about Greece and we enjoyed looking at Greek dancing and traditions of breaking plates. We made Spanakopita using feta cheese and spinach as well as filo pastry. Most of the learners were so proud of their dishes they chose to take them home. For our writing practice we copied the traditional Greek patterns. Our topic in City and Guilds curriculum is Healthy Living and we are learning about the different food groups. We discussed which food we should have lots of, which food we should have sometimes and which food we should have only occasionally. We looked at options how to use more fresh ingredients to make our dinners more healthy. Our topic for assembly was Advent and we made wreaths as a practical activity.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

Warm regards.

Mrs C

Winston

Happy Friday from The Winston Team!

We have had an enjoyable week.

On Monday we watched a live show in the hall about progression and making choices. The show was brilliant, it lead us into our new unit Progression for City & Guilds. The students have had some great ideas and we have already done some really good work. We have continued with our numeracy, literacy, dancing and we have a great display in class about stranger danger and being safe.

Today, everyone in the class has gathered evergreen and made their own arrangements, and we have had some great pieces.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mel and the Winston Team

Bramley Class

Dear Parent,

This week we have been listening to and learning the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. This has been told as a sensory story with musical instruments accompanying the sounds of the Billy Goats as they go over the bridge. We have been learning some songs as usual, but we have been learning about the concept of quiet, loud and louder. We have also been making some masks to re-enact the story. In PSHE we have been learning about parts of the body and what clothes to wear on cold days. We have been doing some dressing up in hats, gloves and coats.

We have been able to get out into the playground as the sun has been shining, but the days are definitely getting colder. In RE we learnt about American Thanksgiving and we learned some interesting things about America, its culture and its national anthem. For assembly we thought about Advent and the first Sunday in Advent. It will be time to decorate our classroom soon for Christmas and we have been making some decorations ready for next week.

Regards,

Lyn

Pippin Class

This week Pippin Class have had lots of fun, going for walks with friends, learning about Advent and practising our social skills with song and dance. We have also had parachute time and sensory stories.

Kind regards

Charlotte

Stirling Class

In Maths the students have continued working with durations of time and timetables.

The students continued our mini project about English history by looking at the Tudors.

The students continued work on superheroes and their cardboard cut-out figures in art.

The students learnt about electromagnetic radiation in our continuing project about the Big Bang in science.

We also continued work on a City and Guilds unit about employment where we looked at the different jobs that students would like to do when they get older. We also looked at the qualities, qualifications or experience that would match the jobs they were interested in.

Discovery Class

Discovery class have been enjoying the wintery weather this week! We have still been getting out for our daily walks, making sure we are wrapping up nice and warm!

We were lucky enough to be able to take part in a visiting drama workshop on Monday, focusing on aspects of moving on to college or other provisions. It was very inclusive and the learners responded well to the activities.

In our RE lesson we have been continuing to explore the Christmas story, using sensory activities. This week we focused on the journey made by Mary. We explored different types of transport and movement. We acted out the journey of Mary with the donkey before creating pictures of donkeys using different materials. Some of our learners had to consider who went on the Donkey, as a recap of the story.

In PSHE we have continued to think about things which make us happy, exploring different activities and seeing how they make us feel. Some of our learners were asked to use symbols to share what makes them feel happy.

On Wednesday we had a shared lesson with Stirling class for food technology, focusing on safety. It was really nice to see the class mixing with other learners and for there to be care and support shown between them.

This week we gave our Simply the Best certificate to Holly. Holly has tried really hard at all her learning activities this week, in particular she has tried hard in her physical activities such as Star Club.

Have a great weekend

Gill, Letty and Greg

And the rest of the Discovery team