



# NEWSLETTER

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a very busy half term, we are all looking forward to our week off. The students have coped remarkably well with all the changes throughout the term and engaged enthusiastically with their learning, so I would like to say a big 'well done' to them all.

We have had some lovely weather this week and it has been great to see classes out walking and the playground busy at lunch times. The students do enjoy the opportunity to see their friends from other classes.

Today's assembly celebrated St. Valentine's Day, with learners making cards and cooking heart shaped biscuits. We finished our term with a very enjoyable singing practise, which is always a great way to end the week.

Despite recent national announcements from the government, I would like to remind you to continue to test your child twice a week to help keep everyone safe. Should you require lateral flow tests, please ask at the school office.

Please note that Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February is a staff-training day, so school will re-open after half term at 9 am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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## **Jubilee Class**

Dear family and friends,

We have arrived at half term in our Spring term! During this period, we have almost been able to return to normality but still wearing masks at all times. The focus in Jubilee class will be "PERSONAL SPACE!" Some of our learners are teenagers and therefore we need to remember personal space at all times. We have been working on stranger danger and being safe in our City and Guilds units in class. We have also created our own "Personal Space Certificate" as a reward. We will be reminding learners and staff to remember hugs and kisses are for family and parents. This is to ensure safety and appropriate behaviour at all times.

We will be exploring the following outcomes in our City and Guilds Curriculum: know the importance of being safe, observing safe practices, being involved in keeping their home healthy and safe, being involved in keeping themselves healthy and being involved in caring for themselves. This is in preparation for being more independent in the future!

We hope you have a fantastic half term.

Warm regards

Mrs C

## **Winston**

Happy Friday from The Winston Team.

We had a good week supporting Children's Mental Health Week, which has included some really great mindfulness activities, strategies to help us relax or manage anger or frustration.

We have continued with our City and Guilds work, our current topic is Manners and Conduct. All of the class understand the importance of manners and when to use them.

Of course, we have done lots of lovely things to get ready for Valentine's Day, cards, hearts and we made heart shaped biscuits.

This afternoon we are looking forward to singing practice.

Have a great half term and please do let us know of any exciting things you do over half term so we can discuss them when the students return.

Mel and The Winston Team

## **Pippin Class**

This week Pippin class have learnt about different foods and how to keep our bodies healthy, we have made fruit baskets and created a menu for the hungry caterpillar. We have also enjoyed our walks and time spent dancing with friends.

Charlotte and the team

## **Discovery Class**

Discovery class have had a really busy week. This was our last week of our topic about the body.

We have finished our sensory story about different parts of the body. The learners have enjoyed exploring the items using different parts of their body, showing preference for different items. They all particularly enjoyed wearing the different colour sunglasses.

We have been thinking about squares in our cognition lesson, exploring different shapes and completing sorting and matching activities.

IN PSHE we have been thinking about our eyes, taking part in activities to explore our senses.

In RE we focused on our feelings, thinking about how Jesus wants us to be happy. We listened to different pieces of music and responded to how they might make us feel. We sorted pictures of happy and sad. We made a happy face and then thought about which activities make us feel happy.

As its Valentine's Day next week, we have spent lots of time thinking about love and helping each other. We made heart decorations for our classroom and stained glass hearts for our window. In food tech we made pizza to share.

Next half term our topic is Animals.

This week we awarded our Simply the Best certificate to Bobby for some excellent shape work in our cognition lessons.

Have a great half term

Gill and the rest of the Discovery team.

## **Bramley Class**

Happy half term from Bramley class!

We've been spreading the love this week in the lead up to Valentine's Day! In Food Technology we made Valentine's Day scones in the shapes of teddy bears and hearts – we made plain scones with cream and jam and we also made cheese scones so we could taste and compare sweet and savoury. In RE we listened to the story of Saint Valentine and then made flowers by scrunching up tissue paper made out of different colours and patterns. In PSHE we learnt about healthy hearts and used sensory materials to create a sensory heart.

We have continued to enjoy our sensory story, 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and have been anticipating and joining in parts of the story using sensory props.

We have been wrapping up and spending lots of time at the park this week where it has been dry and we were even lucky enough to have the sun shining!

We hope you have a wonderful half term!

Chloe and the Bramley Team

## **Stirling Class**

This week we have been reading the book Wonder and looking at the themes of kindness. This then linked into our assembly today about St. Valentine and love.

We have had some very interesting discussions and completed some great work using the thesaurus. In numeracy we have continued working on area and the class have really been progressing their skills in the subject.

During our science lessons we have been looking at our skeletal system and how it is vital in our bodies. We have been making some lovely art pieces related to The Great Fire of London. Everyone enjoyed working in the medium of their choice and they all produced some really great work which we are hoping to put up on display.

This week we have also done some cooking and bravely took on the challenge of making hot cross buns. We all worked really well as a group and were really pleased at the way they turned out, they were delicious. We are looking forward to half term and having a rest.