



NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really enjoyable week with the bright weather putting a spring in everyone's step. The daffodils are starting to bloom and the wildlife is making itself heard and seen. This has made our walks very interesting as we are able to talk about the changes we see.

This week the school has been filled with some lovely smells as each class prepared soup for CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day and today we were able to taste all of them. Each class planned their soups and proceeded to buy ingredients, cut them up, cook and blend them as necessary. They all came up with some great recipes and we were able to taste them together in the hall. It was great to see everyone sitting together to share a meal and the students got to try lots of different soups. Well done to each class, as I can I can personally say they were all fantastic!

In assembly we looked at how the money we donate to CAFOD goes to support those less fortunate than ourselves and we ended the week with a super singing practise together in the hall again. Coming together as a whole school community is such a positive experience for everyone and a real sign we are returning to normal.

I do ask that you continue to test children twice a week to help keep everyone safe, and would like to remind you we have a limited number of tests available at the school office should you need any.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stuart Bruce
Assistant Head of School

Jubilee Class

Dear family and friends,

Happy Friday! It is fantastic to see the sunshine and all the daffodils growing in the garden. It is unbelievable to think we only have three weeks until Easter! We would like to thank everyone who took part in our World Book Day! Each year we see more costumes and learners and staff have so much fun taking part in the PARADE!

Jubilee has been working on our targets. It is amazing to see the improvement in coordination and letter formation and writing skills. Some of our learners are now able to write their name independently, and others are overwriting the letters when prompted. The main focus is communication and answering questions in full sentences including signing where possible.

We have a strong focus on extending our Makaton signing, as we know our skills will improve when we use them often. In numeracy we are working on positional language as well as following one and two step directional instructions. This week we made our own Ramen chicken soup and it was brilliant to share a soup lunch in the school hall with our friends. We have not been able to indulge in this tradition for the last two years. We discussed the meaning of refugees and all donations for our Cafod soup day will be sent to the appropriate charity.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend with much sunshine.

Warm regards

Mrs C

Winston

Happy Friday From Winston Class.

We have had a very productive week, completing a number of City & Guilds units including one which the students have worked very hard on this week, which is Personal Conduct and Manners.

The students have come up with some really great examples of how they should conduct themselves and what is appropriate and positive behaviour. This is something we will continue and if you notice a positive change please do congratulate the young people on it.

We have danced, walked and all of our usual activities and today the school joined together for CAFOD. Yesterday our class prepared soup which they have eaten today with bread and butter. It's been lovely seeing everyone getting together. If possible, a £1 donation to support CAFOD would be appreciated.

Have a great weekend

Mel and The Winston Team.

Pippin Class

Pippin class have had a lovely week celebrating Cafod, making sweet potato and pepper soup. As well as practicing our fine motor skills through using cutlery, we have been on plenty of walks and enjoyed our music lesson.

Many thanks

Charlotte and the Team

Discovery Class

Discovery Class have had a lovely week of learning and in particular, we have enjoyed spending lots of time outside in the sunshine on the bike, in the park and on the daily mile track. On our walks we have been spotting and investigating the blossoms and tiny flowers popping up to show us it is Spring!

We have created some interesting self-portraits using mirrors and collage. These will form part of a display we are planning for each learner, a place to celebrate milestones and achievements. We have been using ICT to play cause and effect games on the interactive whiteboard and in the OMI room. We have also continued our healthy living City and Guilds unit focussing on chopping and slicing skills. We made some delicious minestrone soup and today we made leek and potato!

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students in Discovery Class and am very excited to continue learning and getting to know each one even more. Well done for an amazing week Discovery Class!

Harley is our Star of the week.

Have a great weekend,

Gill, Amy and the rest of Discovery team

Bramley Class

Hello from Bramley class!

This week we have mainly been focusing on our preparations for Family Fast Day (11th March). We took part in our 'Walk against Hunger' by walking around the centre as a class – luckily the weather was beautiful and we really enjoyed the sun shining for us. We also made some red pepper and sweet potato soup to contribute to our meal for Family Fast Day – we worked hard to chop up the vegetables, roasted them and blended them all together. We came together with all our friends on Friday in the school hall to eat our soups with bread and butter.

This week our Star of the Week is Michael. For doing his best with his new class job of displaying the day and weather. Well done Michael!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Chloe and the Bramley Team

Stirling Class

Stirling class have worked hard this week. We have been looking at our money skills in numeracy and are starting to see a big improvement in our abilities. We really enjoyed playing some money games which are on the Natwest money sense website.

On Tuesday we looked at International Women's Day, we talked about some influential women from history and then discussed who the important women in our life are. For our assembly this week we talked about refugees and people who are hungry, we wrote a prayer as a group and then read it out during our gathering. We talked about what refugees might need to make them feel safe and how they might be feeling when they leave their homes and in some cases loved one. The students were all very thoughtful around the subject and came up with some good ideas.

When we went to assembly we did the CAFOD walk for hunger. We have enjoyed the better weather and have tried to get out for walks when we can. During PE we played football, and practiced our skills. In history we compared how the Victorians lived compared to now. We're all looking forward to a rest this weekend.

The Stirling Class Team