



NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term. The students have returned refreshed and enthusiastic to learn and happy to see friends and staff.

I am pleased to tell you that today we were able to have assembly and singing practice all together in the school hall for the first time in nearly two years. It was great for all students and staff to come together again and end the week together.

Despite recent government announcements, with regard to Covid 19, we continue to wear face masks in school and ask that you continue to test children twice a week to keep everyone safe.

It is World Book Day on Thursday and we are asking everyone to join in and dress up as their favourite character.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stuart Bruce
Assistant Head of School

Jubilee Class

Dear Family and Friends,

Welcome back after half term! Although this has been a very short week it was good to see every person back in class. We have seen many variations in the weather from storms, rain and even snow! We have had some challenges with the internet, but as usual we continue to do our very best.

In Jubilee Class we have had a massive focus on doing our City and Guilds awards. Our next topic is INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS: LOOKING AFTER YOUR OWN HOME. We have been learning to assemble and use Henry Hoover and we are very proud of our photographic evidence to prove our new skills. We learnt that we have to clean and pack equipment away after use. Our next task will be looking at doing the laundry and independently folding things neatly.

Our Literacy and Numeracy curriculum will also be included in City and Guilds in the future. As World Book Day is next week on Thursday 03.03.22, we ask that each learner will be dressing up in a costume of a story, book or as a character they like. Staff will be making a huge effort and we will be having a WORLD BOOK DAY SHOW on the day! On Friday we celebrated Our Lady of Lourdes and it was BRILLIANT to have our first assembly in two years of Covid!

We hope you have a sunny weekend!

Blessings

Mrs C

Winston

Happy Friday from Winston Class

We have had a very productive week, completing work for Numeracy, Literacy, City & Guilds and today for assembly we looked at Our Lady of Lourdes. The young people have worked very hard.

We have adapted our exercise this week, as we have not had internet and the students could not do their usual dance routines, so they have chosen each day their own exercises and we have put it all together.

This afternoon we enjoyed time out on the courts doing some sport, it was great to see the sunshine!

The students have also worked today on positivity and they all wrote kind things about their mums, which they shared in assembly. One of the quotes was "thank you for never giving up on me" which we thought was an amazing contribution.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mel and The Winston Team

Pippin Class

Pippin Class have loved being back at school after half term. This week we have practiced our fine motor skills through making fruit salads and rice crispy cakes as well as enjoying being back with our friends in the OMI room.

Charlotte and the team

Discovery Class

Discovery Class have been very pleased to be back this week. We have started our new topic of animals.

Our sensory story this half term is Walking in the Jungle. We have started to explore this story using sensory items, thinking about the different animals and the places where they live. This week we practised our fine motor skills by tearing paper and creating a mane for a lion.

In cognition we are doing a number topic, focusing on matching amounts, counting and recognising numbers.

In RE we explored the creation story, using sensory items to learn about the different things that God made. We have started to make a creation story big picture, using collage and paint to create a background as part of a group project.

In food tech we made apple crumble which was very tasty. The learners helped to cut up the fruit and all had turns mixing the crumble.

This week we had our first assembly in the hall since the beginning of the pandemic. It was so lovely to be all together again. The topic was Our Lady of Lourdes and we used the parachute together, washed our hands in water and created rosary beads to add together to make a rosary. It was a really lovely atmosphere and the learners seemed to really enjoy it.

Our Simply the Best certificate was awarded to Tom this week. Tom has been really alert and responded well to the activities offered to him. Well done Tom!

Have a great weekend

Gill and the rest of the Discovery team

Bramley Class

Hello from Bramley Class!

We hope you all had a lovely half term. We have had a fantastic first week back to school with our friends. This term our topic is 'Animals' and we have started a new sensory story in our communication sessions. We are exploring the story 'Walking through the Jungle' – we have been enjoying using different senses to explore props for different animals and settings. We have made two different things in Food Technology this week; we made chocolate rice crispy cakes and fruit skewers which we enjoyed exploring, touching, smelling and tasting. We also enjoyed PE this week where we worked on multi-skills. This week we have started to join up in the hall for our assemblies – it has been the first time we have been able to do this in a long time and we really enjoyed meeting up with our friends from other classes. Our star of the week in Bramley class this week was Destiny!

We hope you have a lovely weekend and this beautiful sunshine today continues.

Best wishes,

Chloe and the Bramley Team

Stirling Class

It has been lovely to be back at school this week and see everyone after the half term. This week we have been looking at punctuation in our Literacy work and have continued to read the book Wonder. Everyone did very well remembering what had happened in the story before the break.

We enjoyed joining in with assembly today and have everyone back together, two of the students in our class have been to Lourdes in the past and were brilliant at telling the other students about their experiences when they went there.

In history we looked at Samuel Pepys, and the students thought about what they might write in a diary if they had been around during his time.

In our science lesson we talked about mighty muscles, we did activities and then thought about what muscles we used when we did them.

It has been a busy week, but were all really pleased to be back spending time with our friends again.

The Stirling Class Team