



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Collective worship

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For today's assemblies we celebrated The Conversion Of St. Paul, which took place yesterday. Learners had the story told to them and acted it out to understand how St. Paul dedicated his life to passing on the message of God. Everyone took part with enthusiasm and reflected on the key aspects of the story. Our week came to a close with a very enjoyable singing practise. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Wednesday Word which we are attaching to this newsletter, which discusses the Gospel this week and has associated activities. Please use as you see fit as a family.

Psalm 27 Of David. 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

Dates for the Diary

Ash Wednesday 14th February

**Half term begins Friday 16th
February**

**Return to school Monday 26th
February**

Head Teachers Message

We have had a wonderful week welcoming more students into our magnificent school. A big welcome to George this week! I want to personally say a big well done to Michael this week for enjoying and reading his first book, thanks to Lynn and Reading Garden provision 'Read Write, Inc.' A big well done we are very proud of you.

A BIG welcome to Darcy class!

Beacon: This week we've started our new sensory story, "Disney Musicals". We have enjoyed choosing the songs and interacting with the props. There was lots of excitement, smiles and claps during both sessions. On Tuesday we have practiced our independence skills and being part of the community by going to a restaurant and choosing our food on the screen. In PSHE we considered the benefits of having leisure time and being active. We practiced our motor skills this week, as result Samuel was able to use the scissor independently to cut the grass for our board. Samuel was so pleased with it, he would oten turn and appreciate his work throughout the day. Michael was our star of the week for working hard on Read Write Inc and being able to read his first book. Well done Michael!



Bramley:

In Bramley this week we have moved onto our new topic; Animal Boogie! We have been exploring the different animals from the story using puppets and learning how to look after them carefully. We also made our first trip of the New Year over to Ashvale, where we planted cress and maintained some of the equipment. In Art this week we made a sensory snake using different media to explore and decorate it including cotton wool, tin foil and sponges.



Darcy:

A big first 'Hello' from Darcy class!

We've spent our first week together settling into our new space, getting to know each other and starting up our new routines for the weeks, months and years to come. Thank you to everyone who has helped us to move and support us in getting ready for an exciting new year. All the best, Darcy Class.

Star of the week: Kayvaan; for practising his signing every day and making excellent progress in such a short time!



Discovery:

'Wow what a week! We are so proud of our young learners this week as they have all adapted and adjusted to lots of changes with peers joining us and building up our phonics sessions! The weather is getting milder and so we are going to try and make the most out of the weather as we slowly move towards the spring time! Our star of the week this week is Jide! For giving his learning a really good try and becoming more independent in his learning!



Jubilee:

Dear family and friends, we have a new learner in Jubilee class. He has had a BRILLIANT week and has joined Read write ink, as seen on the photo. This week we explored different materials when visiting the farm and we found functional equipment made of metal, glass and plastic. We looked at the qualities of these materials and discussed why they are appropriate to use as implements. We had lots of fun! Thank you to Claire who is our tutor.



Pippin: This week Pippin class have been very busy exploring using our senses. We began the week with our new story 'The Magic Crayon' and showed wonderful persistence when exploring our new story props. We have also had lots of fun working with lights and sensory toys during Maths, as well as a visit to Ashvale where we worked on our fine motor skills whilst potting plans. In RE this week our focus has been on showing appreciation and awareness of our bodies. We explored the creation story through massage and music and everyone used their communication skills brilliantly to express their likes, dislikes and choices. Our star of the week is Immy for his marvellous work using his senses together with interest and curiosity across a range of lessons throughout the week, particularly during Tacpac.



Stirling:

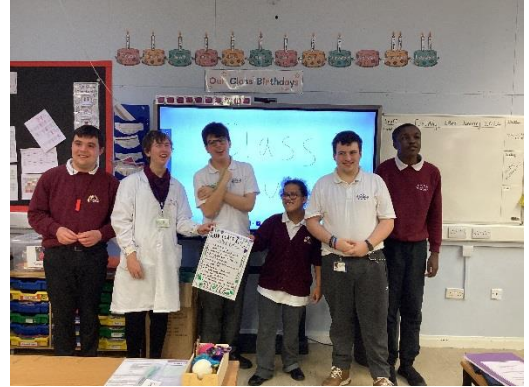
Students from Stirling class had the opportunity to showcase their cooking skills by choosing a dish from the last 6 weeks by adding something to the ingredients to improve its quality. The group were hard at work creating two canvas paintings in the drawing room. Both need the input of all classes as one of the very large canvas's will use the handprints of all students to create a heart that will encapsulate our togetherness and will be displayed eventually in the renovated cabin in the orchard. Numeracy lessons helped students enhance skills with using money digitally in real life scenarios and literacy saw students making connections between characters from A Christmas Carol and their relationship with money. Students then created some emotive and thought provoking prayers about the upcoming Holocaust Memorial Day where they will read them for Wednesday's chapel service.



Winston:

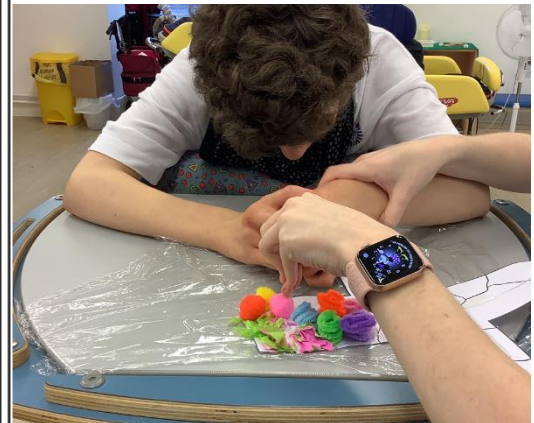
This week in Winston class has been brilliant. In topic we have discovered the economies of the richest and poorest economies in Oceania. In R.E we put together an assembly on Saint Paul and reflected on how he had changed. In science we explored food miles and how far different foods travel before they reach us. In Maths we are continuing to solve money sums, and in PSHE we worked together to come up with some class rules that we are all going to follow.

Our star of the week is Luke



Wonder:

Wonder class have had another great week although a few of us have been a little poorly. This week we have moved classrooms, and now have an amazing room which suits our needs so much better. We have also enjoyed going for walks out in the sunshine, when it's been here. We have worked hard in our therapies and have started to make some lovely art to make our classroom look nice. We have worked really well in our RE this week and have explored light and dark, as well as decorating a stained glass cross in different materials. We are looking forward to seeing our poorly friends back with us on Monday.



Friday's Prayer

Eternal God, you hold all of our days in your hands. On this day, we come before you to remember the victims of the Holocaust. We lament the loss of the six million Jews and victims of other genocides. May our minds be clear and attentive to their memory and our hearts be moved to bear witness to their lives.

Today, help us to remember and recognise the sanctity of each human life, that all people are made in Your image. One day, we pray that genocide and hatred will be no more, and that love will triumph over evil. In our prayers and in our actions, help us to show this love in the world today.

Amen.



Class	Star of the Week
Beacon	Michael
Bramley	Otto
Darcy	Kayvaan
Discovery	Jide
Jubilee	George
Pippin	Immy
Stirling	Roan
Wonder	Sofia
Winston	Luke