



NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Friends and Families,

I wanted to use this newsletter to share with you some of the wonderful visuals that are currently being displayed in the College. All the learners were encouraged to participate in a moment of silence yesterday.



We have had a real drive on Mathematics this week as part of National Maths week. This culminated in learners engaging in fun practical activities today all related to the subject.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us, details can be found on the final page.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Teresa

Groups 1 and 2

In Healthy Living session we have practiced Makaton signs, shopping in the on-site store and making Jambalaya. In Prevent sessions we have read along with Elmer and practiced pen control on paper worksheets and the interactive whiteboard.

In Reading for Pleasure we have listened to and read along with *The Gruffalo's Child and A Squash and a Squeeze*. We have explored the role of doctors and cooks in our Work-Related Learning sessions by making stethoscopes and sorting food into their colour groups. In mathematics sessions, we have done a variety of matching games and ordered some boxes from smallest to largest.

In our sports sessions we have been playing basketball, jumping on trampettes, riding exercise bikes, bowling, and balancing on therapy balls. In our Creative Arts sessions, we have looked at and explored colours and practiced their Makaton signs, and identified shapes and colours. For Bonfire Night, we made pictures of fireworks and made a sculpture of a bonfire in Outdoor Learning. Also in Outdoor Learning, we talked about autumn weather and made a rainy day picture.

In our Music sessions we have chosen drums to follow along with alternating slow and quick rhythms and chosen songs that we want to hear. In our Therapeutic Communication sessions, we have continued choosing which cooking-related massages we want to receive and evaluating them afterward. In PDBA we have learned about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, and in English we have studied Diwali and practiced pen control.

Kind regards,

Adam and Emma

Group 3

The group have continued with their Christmas Hamper Project identifying the contents for each hamper ordered. They have also started making the hamper boxes putting on the base decorations. In English the group have been working on following instructions to create sentences and speaking and listening tasks on the topic of Diwali. In PDBA the group looked at the history of bonfire night and firework safety and this week will be looking at Diwali also.

This week has been Maths Week and the group have taken part in daily challenges and creating a chart of their progress. The activities will culminate in a collective fun session playing maths games.

The group have been working hard on making Christmas hampers to sell. They have identified who their customers are and what type of hamper to make. Most recently they have decorated their hampers ready for the contents.

The Learners have continued to enjoy their other sessions, including Current Affairs and Sports. In Current Affairs this week the group looked at Remembrance Day, they looked at the history and found out about different charities that create poppies and their work.

In Work related learning the group looked at different jobs in the medical sector. They found out about doctors, dentists and paramedics and the different roles they have. In outdoor learning the group have started to make a hedgehog trail. This week they made the hedgehog markers and started numbering them for laying down outside to mark the trail.

Kind Regards,

Anne and Corrina

Group 4

Group 4 have had a good couple of weeks. In creative art we have made firework pictures, we watched videos of fireworks and discussed the noises that they make. We practiced our handwriting when writing words associated with fireworks.

We created a beautiful window display for Remembrance Day. We created a soldier using paint and each learner produced their own large poppy. In English lessons we created a door wreath and poppies to wear. We also listened to a story behind Remembrance Day.

As part of outdoor learning we completed a litter pick around the site, this linked well with our rights and responsibilities unit for City and Guilds. Some of our learners completed work experience in our shop, Handy and Candy; this is helping them to develop their communication skills.

Learners have enjoyed their weekly yoga and meditation session where we have introduced a new Yoga story focussing on our class bear, Josie Star. Josie is helping us to stretch and relax.

Kind regards,

Emma Baldock

Group 5

After a well-deserved rest, Group 5 learners have returned refreshed and raring to go. With the build up to Christmas, we will be carrying on fun and engaging tasks to gather further evidence towards their City and Guilds qualification.

In English, we have been focusing on the topics of Diwali and Remembrance Day in order to research information and follow instructions. The learners have practiced their speaking and listening skills to share their thoughts and opinions.

For Effective Communication, we have continued to gather more evidence towards their qualification by focusing on what behaviour or actions are seen as aggressive and passive. We have looked at examples and discussed how these traits are forms of negative behaviour.

The group have worked hard since returning to College, and have enjoyed other timetabled sessions such as Shop, Cook and Eat in which we have made healthy wraps; Art, where the learners used a variety of tools to create colourful posters of fireworks while listening to the sounds; and Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitude in which we have begun the topic of 'Light'. So far this has included firework safety and the celebration of Diwali.

This week, we have also been celebrating 'Maths Week' in which we have been practicing and developing our maths skills by incorporating the subject into every session. At the end of the week, we are looking forward to coming together to enjoy a variety of fun and engaging maths games.

Kind Regards,

Paul

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