



NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Friends and Families,

All learners and staff have had an incredible day at College with Santa Dash and a BBQ. We are so happy that the weather stayed kind so that we could take part, socially distanced in this annual tradition at St. Elizabeth's.

As we draw so closely to the end of term we are so very proud of every learner and all that they have achieved so far this year. The end of year celebration of learners will take place on Wednesday 15th December and staff have been preparing certificates and awards of recognition to hand out at the event. It is always a lovely opportunity to come together safely and enjoy each other's achievements.

We are looking forward to a short break and some time to spend with our friends and family over the festive period. Equally we are very much looking forward to the start of the new term in January and the opportunities 2022 will bring us.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

Best Wishes,

Teresa

Groups 1 and 2

In our Healthy Living sessions, we have explored ingredients for cooking, then chopped, peeled and mixed them together to make two different kinds of soup. We enjoyed tasting them and eating them with rolls. In TacPac we used touch and music to develop our communication skills and in Prevent we have completed a story sequencing worksheet for the story of Elmer.

Those learners who have their communication group with the speech and language therapist have participated very well and continue to work towards using their communication books effectively. In Reading for Pleasure we have listened to a Julia Donaldson book, Oi, Frog! and some Christmas stories. In Work-Related Learning this week we learned about the job role of an elf, made elf hats to wear and model, and listened to some stories about Christmas elves. Last week we studied farmers and took pictures of ourselves dressed up as them. We've made advent-themed paper chains in Mathematics and studied 3D shapes.

In our Sports sessions, we rolled a dice with pictures of different activities on each side, then went to do whatever activity came up. These included: basketball, a tunnel to crawl through, a step to step on and off of, a trampette to jump on, bowling, and a balance beam to walk on. We also enjoyed sitting under the parachute as peers and staff members raised and lowered it. In our Creative Arts sessions, we've made some Christmas cards using mono (block) printing and studied the Makaton signs for the colours in the rainbow. In our Outdoor Learning sessions, we have gone on a hunt around the site following a map to find hedgehog models that had been hidden.

In our PDBA sessions, we have been learning to identify a zebra crossing and the hazardous vehicles to watch out for in the road. We've then practiced the stop-look-listen routine by crossing the road in front of the college building.

Yesterday was our end-of-term Enrichment Day, which was Christmas-themed, of course. In the morning, we participated in a Christmas music session with George, read The Snowman together, and sang some more Christmas songs. We then went to the sports hall with the rest of the college to see a performance from The Laughter Specialist. We enjoyed it immensely, dancing at the front of the hall and singing together. In the afternoon we made festive Christmas wreaths.

Today is Christmas jumper day to raise money for Children in Need, so we're looking forward to seeing lots of fantastic jumpers! Before lunch we have our annual centre-wide Santa Dash, which is when everyone dons a Santa cap and walks, wheels or runs around the centre.

Kind regards,

Adam and Emma

Group 3

In English, the group have been looking at books, The Scarf and Christmas Adventure. They have been working on their comprehension and communication skills through the stories. Also some word recognition and writing.

In sport the group continue working to improve motor skills. They have used basketball, bean bags and taking walks.

In Current affairs learners have looked at the top Christmas songs, a seasonal favourite, using their communication skills to identify those they liked or disliked.

For the Hamper Project the group have been decorating the hampers. The hampers have now been painted and decoupage applied as decoration.

In Healthy Living the group made tuna dip and banana and raspberry smoothies. They identified favourite flavours and healthy options, including different dietary needs.

In PDBA the learners have looked at Hanukkah and Advent. They have looked at the history of these festivals and how they are practiced in people's homes.

The group have completed their Hedgehog Trail, laying the Hedgehogs around the site. They have produced a map for people to follow and will distribute the map to their friends.

Enrichment Day came with lots of fun. Each group getting a festive music session followed by an interactive fun activity in the hall with The Laughter Specialist. This proved really entertaining with learners joining in the singing and magic tricks. The afternoon was spent making wreaths and gingerbread houses.

Kind Regards,

Anne and Corrina

Group 4

Group 4 have had a good couple of weeks. We have been preparing and tasting different foods as part of our All About Me unit for City and Guilds. Each learner has chosen a dish to prepare and we have made and tasted each other's choices.

In our creative art sessions, we really enjoyed using rollers and ink to mono-print our Christmas cards which we then posted out to family.

In English lessons we have been focusing on our handwriting and writing out our Christmas cards. We have also been reading and enjoying Christmas stories.

As part of outdoor learning we discussed the RSPB bird watch which we will participate in during January. We made birdfeeders ready for the bird watch using recycled water bottles. Learners enjoyed the sound of the birdseed being poured into the bottles and also the feel of it running through their fingers.

Learners enjoyed their weekly music session with George, this week they enjoyed Christmas songs and using the keyboard to create sounds and explore different instruments.

We have had a lovely enrichment day making Christmas wreathes with baubles and tinsel. We also had 'The Laughter Specialist' come in and provide magic tricks and songs for all of the learners. The learners also constructed and decorated a gingerbread house. We are looking forward to our centre wide Santa Dash and Christmas jumper day.

Kind regards,
Emma Baldock

Group 5

After a very busy and productive half term, we are finally winding down to celebrate the festive season.

In English, we focused on the topic of Christmas and the learners have been sharing stories relating to the topic. We have also practiced our writing skills by making Christmas cards for our peers and family.

For Effective Communication, we have now finished our unit! The learners have reviewed all that they have covered this terms and successfully answered questions in order to complete their City and Guilds unit. Well done!

Group 5 have worked hard in their final few weeks and have enjoyed they sessions such as Shop, Cook and Eat in which we have made and decorated ginger bread stars; Art, where the learners have been making mono printed Christmas cards; and music in which we have been boogying down to festive tunes.

The learners have also practiced their creative skills in 'The World Around Us' in which we have been looking at how Christmas is celebrated around globe. The learners enjoyed creating crafts and learning how to say 'Merry Christmas' in different languages.

Finally, the learners have enjoyed their Enrichment Day where we had a lot of merriment making gingerbread houses, Christmas wreaths and joining in fun and games with the 'Laughter Specialists'.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Kind Regards,
Paul

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