



NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Friends and Families,

It's been a good start to the new term, and even though we began the New Year in a 'circuit breaker', our learners have remained productive and engaged in learning. In the learners' bungalows and with the day learners in college, we have continued looking ahead into the year by creating our own calendars and discussing yearly events. The learners were able to practice their maths skills and number recognition. The learners were still able to continue their exercises by going for regular walks, discussing healthy living and practicing yoga. In order to practice their maths and English skills, the learners participated in lots of cooking last week, including reading instructions and measuring ingredients when baking delicious cookies and Mexican stuffed peppers – which were spicy! The learners made their own guacamole to have with their stuffed peppers. Learners worked well and chopped mixed and stirred the ingredients. There were mixed reviews when the learners tasted the peppers. Some of our learners spent time looking at the role of the emergency services, identifying each emergency service and then discussing the work they did as part of their work related learning and were supported to further develop their home management skills.

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

We returned to lessons in college from Monday 24th January. We took the first two days to settle back into a routine and share the new timetables with the learners. The group worked as a team on creating a banner-style poster of 2D shapes. It was nice to see them all gathered around a long table working together toward a common goal and passing materials between one another. We explored and interacted with items from the Busy Fingers resources box, touched and looked at a set of 3D objects and listened to stories. On Wednesday we resumed our curriculum timetable, which started with our Sports session. The learners practiced shooting the basketball from different places on the floor and went for a brisk walk around the site – and I do mean *brisk!* In our Creative Arts session we observed Burns Night by creating tartan patterns with strips of different coloured paper. We also used paint rollers and shapes cut out of cardboard to create another tartan effect. In the afternoon session we explored emotions and how to express them by making paper plate masks from familiar icons to convey happy, sad, excited, angry, and sleepy. The Therapeutic Communication session started with a new theme called 'Come Dancing'. The learners were given opportunities to try a new set of massages and songs which they all engaged well with. For this week's Community Visit, we started very locally by taking a walk around the site and stopping by the park along the way. In the afternoon, we had our first face-to-face Music session with George since before Christmas which the learners thoroughly enjoyed.

Kind regards,

Adam and Emma O

Group 3

The learners have become familiar again with being in college and with each other. We spent time looking at their new timetable and when they have different Lecturers. We have completed some work about health and safety in the kitchen, considering the dangers in particular what could burn or cut us. On Tuesday, we spent time learning about Scotland. We found out about items and places commonly associated with Scotland. The learners made porridge and tasted drinks and snacks from Scotland. On Wednesday, the group reflected on the Christmas Hamper Project that they completed last term and were introduced to their new topic of travel. Also, as it is Chocolate Cake day on Thursday we did some work learning to use a calendar and followed instructions to make chocolate cake in the microwave.

Kind regards,

Corrina

Group 4

We have had a good week back in college. For the first two days we focused on settling in and transitioning back to College. We have been tasting different Scottish foods as part of looking at Burns Night. The learners tried shortbread, Iron bru and Tunnocks teacakes which they particularly enjoyed. The learners enjoyed finding out about Robert Burns and completed worksheets about what they had learnt. We also watched an interesting Newsround episode about Burns Night. In maths this week the learners have been focusing on measuring height and length of different objects. In PDBA we have been looking at oral hygiene and how we clean our teeth properly. We identified foods which are healthy/unhealthy for our teeth.

Kind regards,

Emma B

Group 5

This week we returned to our classrooms. The learners expressed their excitement to start their new timetable. In English, we have focused on spelling CVC words and forming letters. This revolved around the topic of Chinese New Year. Group 5 have also been practicing their speaking and listening skills by discussing the celebration. We have also looked at the celebration of Burns Night in which we discovered more about the poet Robert Burns, read some of his poems and tried some famous Scottish snacks. We continued this topic in The World Around Us by looking at the country of Scotland and its famous landmarks. Finally, the learners have continued to enjoy their other sessions, including Sports, outdoor learning and music. All the learners have settled back to college extremely well and everyone is enthusiastic for the term ahead.

Kind regards,

Paul

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