



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Looking back now to my Christmas newsletter, it was only a day later that our area was put into tier 4 and Christmas for extended families was effectively cancelled! This was swiftly followed by our 3rd lockdown which I fervently hope is due to end in a few weeks' time. For our pupils, families and staff this has been our toughest period yet, without the advantageous weather of the first lockdown, and with daily grim news of infection rates and deaths, I acknowledge what a huge struggle this has been for everyone in our Addington community.

However, out of these difficult times have come some wonderful stories: of home learning, of teachers and families working together, of staff providing high quality on site provision, of parents and carers sharing the learning that is happening at home on Earwig, of live lessons and assemblies to unite pupils at home and at school and last, but definitely not least, the weekly Addington show that highlights all of the above.

I would like to thank all our families for working with us to ensure that education has continued for our children and young people. I understand how difficult it can be to juggle the demands of home schooling, your own working from home and the demands of a child with special needs. My thanks also to the dedicated staff that have either provided home learning or have come into school to educate key worker children and our most vulnerable children. We have managed to stay relatively safe with very few positive Covid-19 cases, illustrating our risk reduction measures are working as much as they possibly can. I hope the pages of this newsletter showcase some of the exciting activities that have been available despite the circumstances we are in, many of which contain food – I wonder why!

As we begin half term, I am expecting announcements to come from the government regarding the plan for the next few weeks and all indicators so far show there is an expectation that schools will re-open from **8th March**. As we all know by now, until the announcement is made, things are never definite but I would suggest families prepare for a return to full time school from this date. As soon as there is certain guidance I will inform parents as quickly as possible. In the meantime, the home learning/ onsite offer will continue as is after half term.

I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable half term and that I get to say hello to all our pupils face to face before I write again at Easter.

Sara Attra



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Christmas.

I would like to offer a warm welcome to all our new parents, carers and students joining the Addington family this term.

I think I can speak for many of us when I say everything feels pretty heavy right now; there has been a lot of change to family life.

Being a parent of a child/young person with additional needs can be even more challenging when dealing with the added pressures of having to stay at home more and juggling remote learning with your work and other family commitments. This can put different strains on anyone and if you are struggling (as always) it's okay to reach out for support.

This half term is not what we expected - I have been making weekly welfare calls to hear how you all are. I am here to listen, help and do my very best to find you the support you need.

It may feel like this is the new normal forever, but nothing lasts forever. Keep smiling and stay safe.

If you need to contact me, and are unable to reach me by phone, please use the Family Support mailbox to contact me by email. This is;
psa@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

Best Wishes,

Ellie - Family Support Worker

Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra
Head teacher



Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



David Maycock
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Assistant Head
teacher



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Assistant Head
teacher



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Parent Contact Information

Our communications with parents are mainly via emails, our school mobile app, texts and our school website www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

In order to do this, we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers. If you have not been receiving emails from us, please let us know.

If you need to update us please email: office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk

School Mobile App

Our School Mobile App can be downloaded from the links below.

[iTunes](#)

[Play Store](#)

Once you have downloaded the School Jotter app **you will need to select “Addington School” from within the app.**

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The school mobile App is **FREE to download** and enables you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and see photos of the students.

Addington Youth Club

Managed and staffed by
Wokingham Bracknell & Districts Mencap

Wednesday evening 7pm to 9pm
Fun for all youngsters from Year 9 up

Look out for the activities planned for the current term -
come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

School Dinners

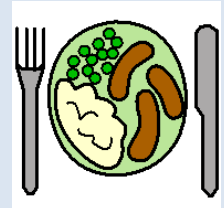
This is to inform you that all school lunches must now be paid for online. The school will no longer be able to collect cash on a daily basis.

You will need to register online if you have not done so before. **A letter with your personal log on details has been sent home with your child.** If you have previously logged on to the Tucasi system but have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the login screen.

As a reminder:

Primary lunch is £2.05

Secondary lunch is £2.25

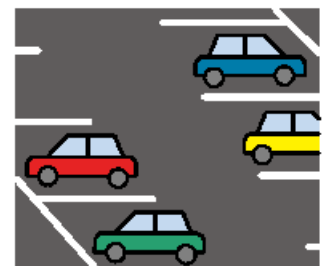


Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid **in advance**.

If you have any problems, please contact Admin on office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

CAR PARKING REMINDER

1. All drivers **must** use the one-way system marked out by the cones and road markings
2. **Only** park in marked spaces and not on the end of rows
3. All pedestrians **must** use the zebra crossing and the pavement when walking children to and from the site. **DO NOT WALK** on the road by the side of the gates where there is **no pavement** as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident





Headteacher's Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who achieved awards this half term:

Headteacher Award Winners – Spring Term (January – February 2021)

Foundation / Key Stage 1

Abel Griffith
Aiden Shinoy
Alayah Briggs
Amelia Nobes
Bradley Oxley
Brian Matondo
Cloey Spenceley
Freddie Page
Harmen Bedi
Harry Long
Jayvir Singh

Key Stage 3

Alex Henwood
Daniel Jackson
Ethan Roberts
Fergus West
Grace Casey
Joshua Heys
Joshua Martin
Sofia Baig
Sophie Chatt

Sensory & Complex Needs

Amelie Ledger
Andrey Sementsov
Ben Felton-Hodson
Daniel Kral
Finn Warboys
Haadiya Ahmad
Isaac Mansfield
Jamie Buckland
Lucas Windisch
Mahdi Padia
Tom Cannon

Key Stage 2

Basil Malik
Beau Beckenham
Eden Chafer
Fabio Mazarella
Jeremy Eitokpah
Lucas Weatherley

Key Stage 4

Abhishek Das
Daniel Meriacre
Ollie McGrath
Presley Shearer
Saahil Ali
Summer Tingley

Key Stage 5

Alex Green
Angelina White
Ben Allum
Becky Halls
Daisy Cripps
Liza Abramkin
Luke Adams
Mary Jane Hooley
Paris Hilton
Vedanshi Gandhi
Zoe Maunder



SPORTS PAGE



Golf Scholarship

A year 11 student from Addington School has been awarded a scholarship to Sand Martins Golf Club Academy. He has been attending Saturday sessions at Sand Martins Golf Club's 'Feel Inspired Academy Satellite Club for Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities' for 5 years and has benefited from lessons with PGA professional Symon O'Keeffe. Sand Martins Golf Club's Alan Leason says '....he has really grown in stature and confidence....' to really deserve his scholarship.



A big Thank You

A big thank you to Buckley Lupton from Woodley who has donated 10 brand new footballs to the school. Football are always a big hit with our pupils and, as a result, often get damaged or lost. So the PE Department are regularly on the look-out for more balls for our students.



Santa Dash 2020

A very big thank you to everyone who sponsored the students in the Santa Dash in December 2020. We raised the following amount for our two charities:

- Diane Brimblecombe Animal Rescue Centre- £334
- New Beginnings Homeless Shelter- £334.

Mel, Danny and Ian
P.E Department



Rebound Therapy

We are happy to say that we are able to start Rebound Therapy again on the trampoline after the Covid 19 lockdown started after Christmas. We are only able to offer it to certain pupils as we have to keep to small strict bubbles to reduce the risk of virus transmission. The students benefit from it many ways such as: strength of limbs and muscle tone, communication and self-confidence, co-ordination and balance, spatial and body awareness, stimulation of the digestive system and most of all.....fun.

It is so good to be able to be on the trampoline again!

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2020-2021



Any face-to-face lessons have stopped for our Bronze Award students but, as with our new Silver participants, we are managing a once-per-week virtual tutorial during which we can offer support and advice on the team's Physical, Skills and Volunteering elements along with some teaching. This half-term we have covered recording evidence, the expedition aim, meal preparation and the use of the stove on expedition and we made some bird feeders. Hopefully the birds appreciated them during the snowy conditions outside. Despite the damp winter weather, the students are being encouraged to get out walking and cycling and litter-picking in their local areas.



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award 2020-2021



For the first time Addington has registered 6 students for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. All have already completed their Bronze Awards with distinction and are enthusiastic for the stronger challenges that the Silver Award brings. Of course, we have not been able to have any face-to-face meetings but we have set up regular once-per-week virtual lessons for the Silver Team during which the students discussed what their aim will be and what types of food they can cook for their breakfast and evening meals on their expedition. They are also starting to consider what they will be doing for their Physical, Skills and Volunteering elements. Lockdown is also making this challenging too! The Silver Award puts more emphasis on independence and it is physically tougher too, with two nights camping and 3 days walking on expedition.



Practising cooking on a stove at home.

Yoga and Music and Movement with Claire

This term we have had lots of creative fun at home and at school. We have enjoyed yoga flows and mindful moments linked to our story books, **The Tiger Who Came to Tea** and **Kitchen Disco**.



We have also enjoyed copying rhythm patterns and had lots of fun exploring the real snow in our Splash room and in trays too.



We have learnt how to do **Pig Pose** and **Giggle Breath** in yoga. We had a mindful eating moment by creating our own **fruit mandalas** in **Tulip** class.

Our favourite breathing technique this term has been '**pick the orange**' which links to this week's Chinese New Year yoga flow which we can also practice at home by logging on to the school website, **home learning 20-21, Explorers, Wellbeing**.



Happy Chinese New Year 🧧 Yoga 🧘 Flow with Claire 🌈
Kung Hey Fat Choy



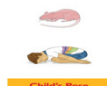
Let's start with a breathing technique: **Pick the orange**

Sit or stand up tall. Breathe in and reach right arm across the body. Imagine picking an orange high up from a tree 🍊 towards the left, grab it. Breathe out of your mouth, as you drop the orange an imaginary bucket to your right. Repeat on the other side, repeat 10 times 5 on each.

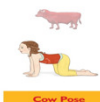
Let's practice the yoga 🧘 poses of the Chinese calendar, the 12 animals of the Chinese Zodiac Years.

Who came first?

Number 1:



Number 2:



Number 3:



Number 4:



Kung Hey Fat Choy!

Early Years

Daisy Class



This term we once again found ourselves readjusting to the latest regulations of Lockdown and a mix of pupils attending Daisy Class and others participating in home learning. Our topic for the term was 'Home Sweet Home' which allowed us to make connections between familiar routines whether at home or in school. We have enjoyed focussing on this theme through sharing sensory stories and sensory exploration. The children have particularly enjoyed 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Tiger That Came to Tea'. The final week of this half term we have been experiencing 'Chinese New Year' and the half term will end for those in school with a Chinese tea party on Friday.



Enjoying the Three Little Pigs in mud (Angel Delight)



Having fun at home.



Splashing in Hydrotherapy

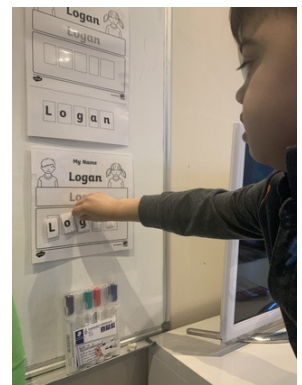
Daisy Class have been fortunate to be able to continue with our weekly hydrotherapy sessions which is great for the children's physiotherapy goals. We also visit soft play, sand and splash regularly.

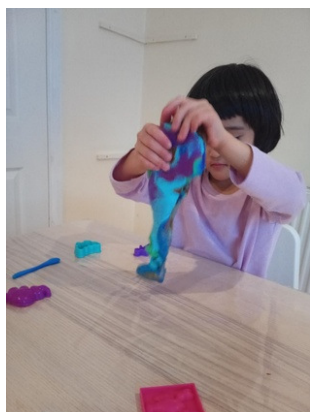
We wanted to say a huge thank you for all of your support and please remember you are all doing a brilliant job at home. Please let us know if we can support you any more at home.

Sunflower Class



This term we have done lots of work on 'Home Sweet Home' both at school and at home. We have enjoyed the Three Little Pigs story and A Squash and a Squeeze, enjoying role playing, sensory materials and using props to tell the stories. We have also enjoyed lots of fun art activities, including making some lovely paper plate pig faces and some home collages. We have continued to enjoy lots of fun sensory play this term, especially enjoying some red and yellow spaghetti for Chinese New Year and using tweezers to pick it up like chopsticks! Everyone was very excited when we had snow a few weeks ago and lots of the children had fun building snowmen.

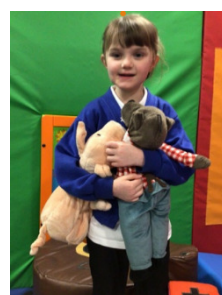
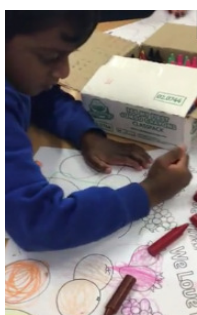




Tulip Class



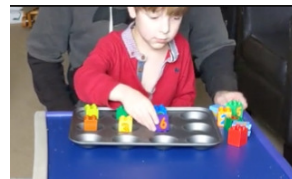
This half term, we have been learning about 'Home Sweet Home!' For many of us this has consisted of Home Learning and learning in School. We have introduced a home and school board for our photos to use in Circle Time to help our understanding of the changes. Our book focus for this half term has been 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Kitchen Disco!' and 'Postman Bear'. We have enjoyed reading these books as a group and engaging in the themed activities.



During Cooking, we have been making healthy snacks using different fruits from Kitchen Disco and using foods to make houses for the 3 Little Pigs!



Tulip Team are so pleased with how everyone has been engaging with their learning this half term, both at home and at school!



Primrose Class



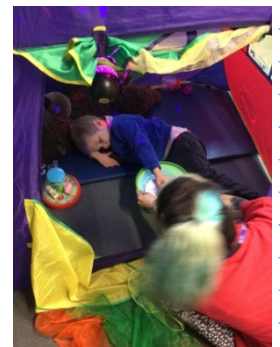
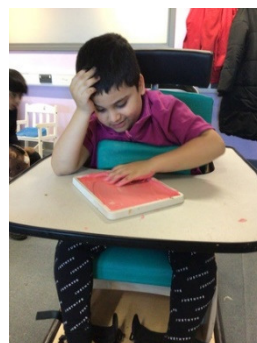
In Primrose class we learned about the story of The Three Little Pigs and The Tiger Who Came to Tea. We explored lots of different textures and materials in our sensory tray including frozen vegetables, scented tea, dry noodles and cooked spaghetti.



We made shakers by mixing orange lentils and chocolate cereal. We watched different versions of these stories and got captured by Karen's lovely music videos and songs on the white board.



We learned life skills by making sandwiches and cinnamon rolls. We built dark dens and explored colourful lights inside – the salad spinner with fairy lights was a real hit!! We mixed paint and made handprint pigs and tiger collages. We have been really busy and had lots of fun!



Lily Class



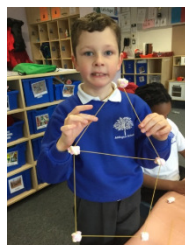
Lily Class have been reading the stories 'The 3 Little Pigs', 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and 'Kitchen Disco' at school and at home this term. We have enjoyed acting out the stories and doing lots of different activities based around the theme of 'Homes'. We cut out shapes to make houses and learnt about the animals in the stories. We also made houses using boxes and dressed up as some of the characters. We tasted different fruits, made fruit pictures and even had a disco like in the story 'Kitchen Disco'. The children have been busy at home and at school, working on their PLP targets and completing the topic themed work. We are very proud of all the children for their resilience and hard work this term.



Daffodil Class



Our theme this half term has been 'Home Sweet Home' which is where some of our class have been doing **all** their learning from. Those in school have been following this theme too and it has provided a good discussion point for those asking about their peers who are not in school. We have all been listening to the stories of the 'Three Little Pigs' and 'Postman Bear'. We have created home collages including photos of our families and enjoyed challenges such as building a marshmallow house. We've learnt about different animal homes, creating nests and bug hotels. We enjoyed making our own gingerbread playdough and made gingerbread families. We have enjoyed making more time for snack, following instructions to lay our own table and use a knife and fork to chop our own fruit and pour our own drinks. Everyone has been great at home and at school continuing with their reading, phonics and maths targets and it has been wonderful to see how we have all been able to make the most of these unusual circumstances to learn new skills and adapt to changes. We are so proud of all our children and their families for all their hard work this half term.

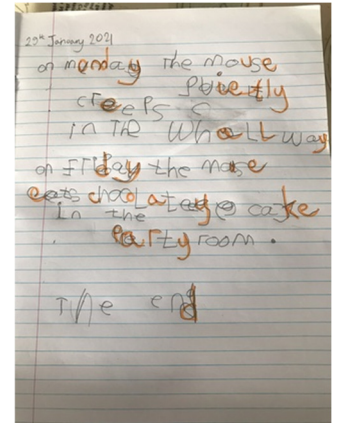
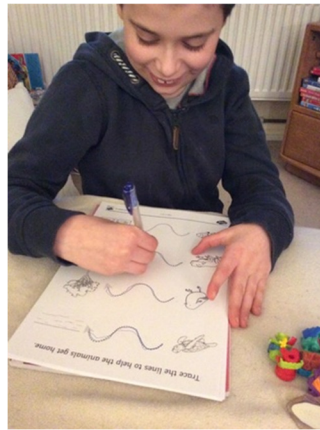


Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Willow Class

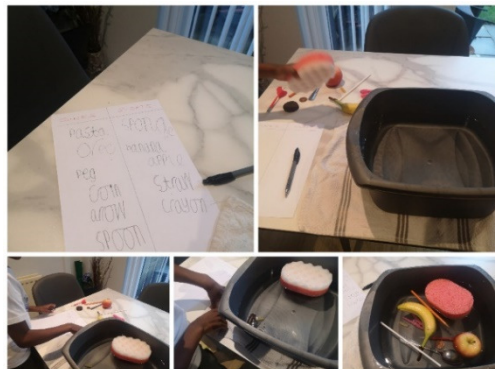
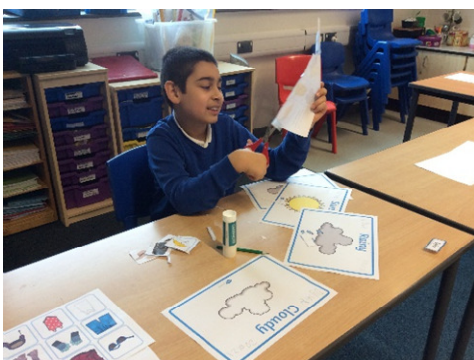
Although this has certainly been a rather strange half term, Willow Class have seen plenty of highlights. Some amazing work has been completed both in and out of school; pictures and videos of story maps, writing, maths work, PE activities and so much more have been flooding our inbox and it's great to see. We've enjoyed breezing through many stories based around our 'Home Sweet Home' topic, including favourites such as 'A Mouse in the House', 'A Quiet Night In' and most recently 'The Doorbell Rang'. We've completed loads of different activities based around these books too! All of the staff in Willow Class would like to thank all the parents at home for working so hard during this lockdown. You have been amazing!

Have a wonderful half term break,
Martin



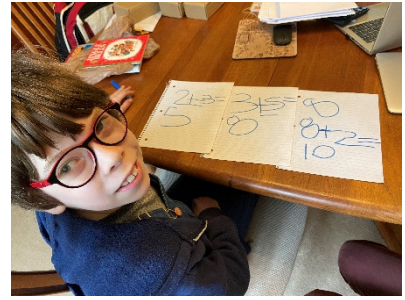
Rowan Class

Rowan Class have been following the Adventurers' timetable, where we've been exploring aspects of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Activities have included designing chocolate bars and chocolate rooms, describing characters and the Oompa Loompas and comparing scenes from the original and contemporary film versions. Learners at home have also been completing some challenges set by Amber, including yoga, baking and science investigations. We've also been taking part in group games via Teams, where those at home have had opportunities to engage with those in school.



Birch Class

It's been a strange and very different start to the New Year for Birch Class, but we have still had lots of fun! This half term we have been part of the Explorers Home Learning group and our topic has been Home Sweet Home. We have enjoyed many different stories in this topic such as The Three Little Pigs and A Squash and a Squeeze. Some of the activities have included: decorating biscuits to look like pigs, exploring different materials to build houses and squashing/squeezing sensory bags. Pupils have been continuing to work hard on their reading and phonics whether they have been in school or at home and have made some brilliant progress – keep up the fantastic work!



Pine Class

Pine class have been very busy this term; both in school and at home. Our new topic this term is called 'Home Sweet Home'. The children at home have embraced home learning, completing the activities online, whilst continuing with their reading and phonics. The children in school have continued with the 'Home Sweet Home' topic, participating in sensory stories, art and crafts and joining in with the Addington Show and Music with Sean! Each week the children, both in school and at home, have joined our weekly Teams meeting where we have a circle time all together and complete a range of activities. The children have loved seeing each other via Teams and they look forward to this session each week! I am very proud of all the children during this challenging time and look forward to seeing their continued hard work!



Complex, Therapeutic and Sensory Needs Department

Lime Class

Lime Class have been having lots of fun in school! We've been enjoying some Intensive Interaction and Messy Play and we have really loved exploring all our new sensory equipment! The bubble tube is our favourite and it has really helped lots of us with our communication. We have also been working hard in our Sensory Story "Who Lives in a House Like This?" to build lots of different types of houses.

Lime Class have also been having lots of fun at home, joining in lessons over Teams and exploring our local communities during daily walks. Well done everyone!



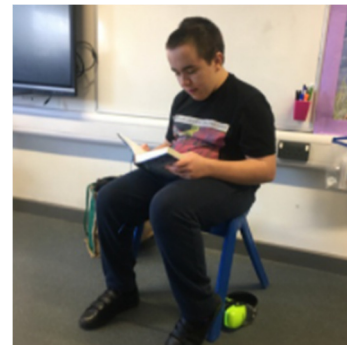
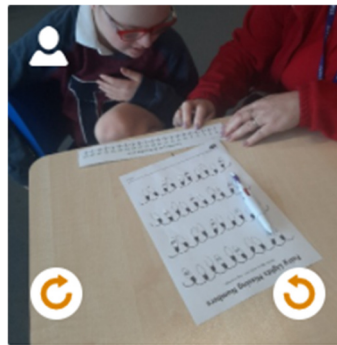
Apple Class

We have done a lot of work on life skills and things that we do in our homes. We had a PJ party and a picnic with children not in school joining in virtually.



Beech Class

This half term Beech class have continued with our life skills, making toast and beans on toast and washing up. We have continued to work hard on our maths, literacy and phonics every day. We have started having an afternoon story, and the students are taking turns in reading something of their choice to us. Tom chose to read us The Canterville Ghost. Sam has started leading our call and response " Beech class Beech class" call and response, which is lovely to see. We had a lovely surprise today, Kirsty brought her new baby Elise to see us, so we saw her in a Covid safe way through the gates of the service yard!



Holly Class

Holly class have enjoyed the start of our new topic 'Who lives in a house like this'. We have looked at the rooms we have in houses and our story focus has been the 3 little pigs. The pupils both at home and at school have continued to work on their personalised activities every day such as number skills, reading, etc. They are all making pleasing progress. They have also enjoyed engaging with art activities set by the Art therapist. They have coped with engaging with music and Art therapy virtually this half term. The parachute has been a huge hit and the pupils have been learning to share and play alongside each other.





Poppy Class

This half term, Poppy class students are travelling in a campervan exploring different type of houses. Students in the school have been working very hard on their targets. It has also been a beautiful experience joining online lessons on Teams everyday with both, student in the school and home learning. They participate together in Sensology and Tacpac, Attention Bucket, Smile and Sensory Story.



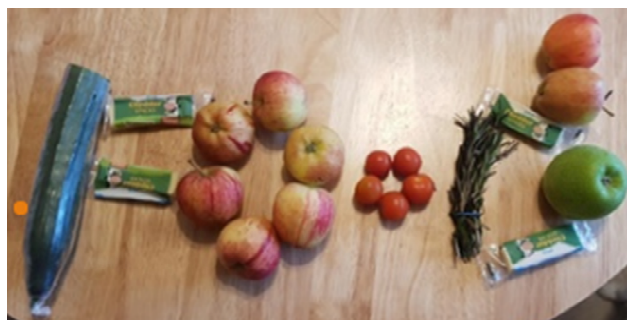
Cherry Class

This term we have been looking at different houses. We have travelled the globe in a hot air balloon to visit igloos, windmills, caves and mud huts during our sensory story and it has been lovely sharing the story with pupils at home. It has also been great seeing everyone in our Teams art sessions and together we have made lots of lovely art work to support our sensory story.



Key Stage 3

What a different half term this has been and I wanted to say a big WELL DONE to all Key Stage 3 pupils for the brilliant effort they have put into their learning both at school and home this term. Our topic was "food" and we focussed on the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Particular highlights have included designing and making your own Willy Wonka style chocolate bar and your amazing video adverts to market your bar and so many more. I know we have found it difficult to choose our favourite photos because there were simply so many brilliant pieces of learning to choose from!



Thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers who have supported pupils with their learning this term. We have all enjoyed seeing our pupils during PE, Music and Assembly Teams meetings as well as our class sessions as well. It's been lovely to see all of the interesting things you've been up to and how creative you have all been. We are very proud of you all.

We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you soon!

Lydia Colios – Head of Key Stage 3

Aspen Class

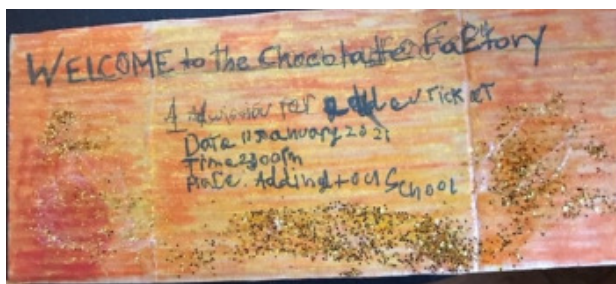
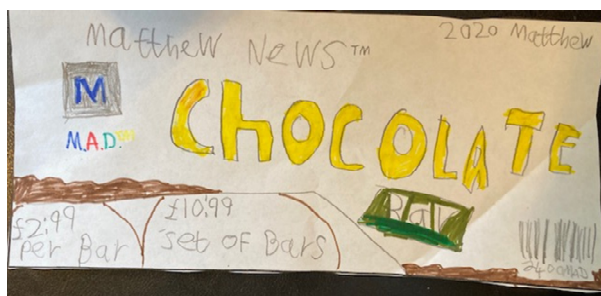
Wow what a fun topic we've had this half term! Aspen Class have been participating in some fantastic learning about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It is wonderful to see the amazing commitment to learning and the great quality of their work.

We've made 'Golden Tickets' and designed and made our very own chocolate bars! They all look very tasty! In maths and science, we've explored shapes and temperature and made some fun experiments out of bananas and re-growing vegetables. We've even sorted food from home into different shapes even though finding cone shaped food was a challenge. During our outdoor learning activities we have created 'journey' sticks and made some amazing bird feeders to help the birds not feel hungry during the winter. Well done everyone!



Lydia and Jules



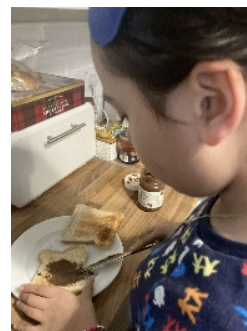


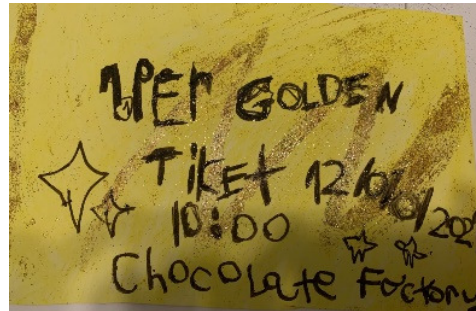
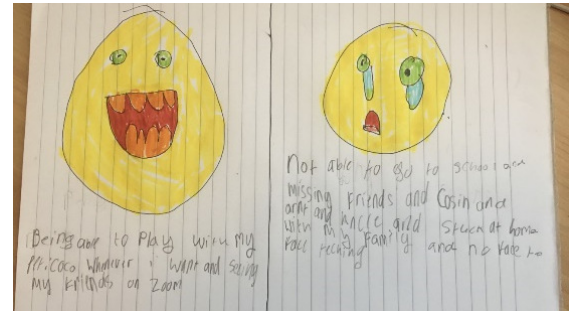
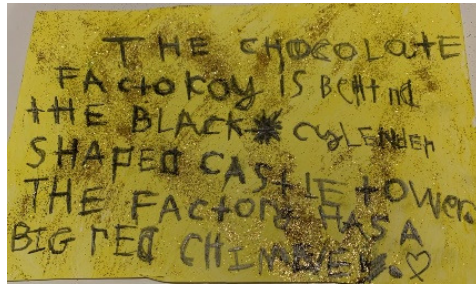
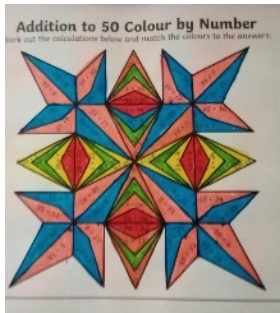
Chestnut Class

We have great attendance at our daily class Teams meetings where the pupils show their work (and their pets!), we talk about the day, date and year, about how they are feeling and the progress they have met towards their home learning targets such as making their own breakfast. Our Topic this term is Food. We have based a lot of work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Amongst other things, the pupils have designed their own Golden Tickets, written about the different characters and made some truly fantastic videos to advertise their own chocolate bars. Several of our pupils attend the live P.E. sessions with Danny, Music sessions with Sean and Adventurers Assemblies. It is a joy to gather together with other classes and see each other on screen during these sessions. We absolutely love logging on to Earwig to see many photos and videos of finished work and tasks that the pupils have done.

Chestnut Pupils – We are very proud of you.

Ness and Angie





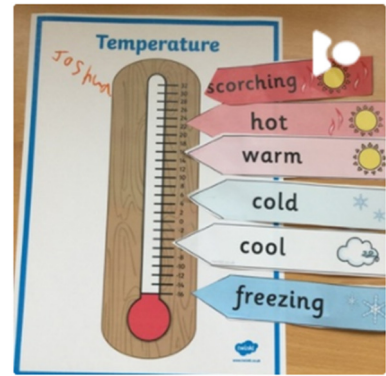
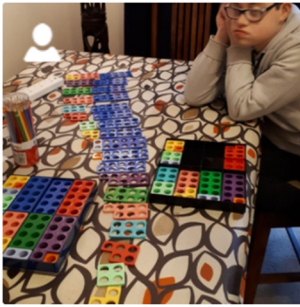
Maple Class

Maple Class are really enjoying our food topic this term!

We created our own chocolate bars and designed wrappers. We did some creative writing inspired by the books we have read. In maths we have done work on position, number, temperature and shape. We made models inspired by Willy Wonka's chocolate garden! Well done Maple Class!

Emily





Sycamore Class

We have been enjoying reading the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory during our Teams meetings. Some of Sycamore class have loved the story so much they have been reading it at home and have watched the films too. We have been so creative with our home learning tasks. The Chocolate room models were made from Lego, food, card and recycled materials. Not everyone likes Chocolate though! Rowan has been creative by playing his cello at home and Josie made a snowman. Our children have been working hard in school too. We really liked using red cabbage to make a PH indicator and purple play dough. The bouncy eggs were fun to make but they did make the classroom smell quite bad!

Julie and Catherine



Key Stage 4

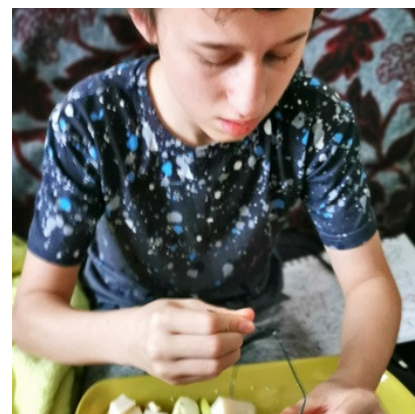
Swan Class News

Food

Our topic this term is Food. In Science we have been conducting food experiments with bicarbonate of soda and cornflour, as well as looking at the viscosity of different substances. We tasted foods to see if they were sweet, sour, salty or spicy. It was very funny seeing the students' faces on Teams when we asked them to taste a piece of lemon! This week we have been freezing liquids such as ketchup and washing up liquid to see which ones froze the best and melted the quickest. In Literacy we have analysed food adverts and designed a few of our own. We designed our own chocolate bar and wrote about our choices of ingredients. In Art with Jules we made our own Planet Earth Pictures and Pizza plates. Students in class made a Chinese style Plum Blossom painting. In Maths we have worked on time and money – particularly food prices. We looked at food labels, use by dates on food and weights.



For life skills we have looked at food safety and hygiene, fridge filling and food labels as well as recycling and plastics. Our students were even challenged to sort out the tins cupboard at home and bring all items with a shorter date to the front. Many of our students at home have been developing their independence skills by undertaking a range of tasks around the house.

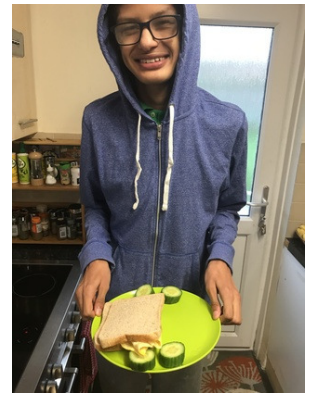
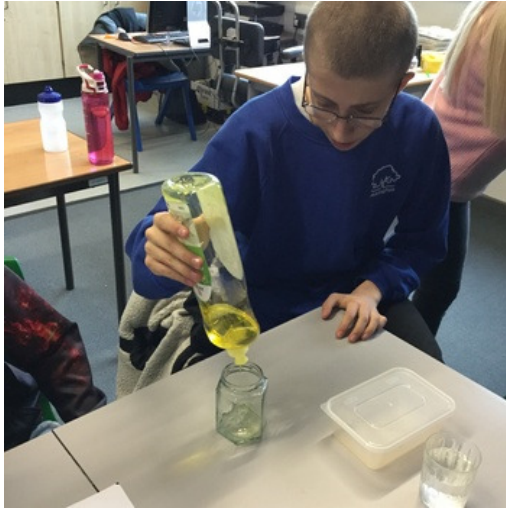


Teams Calls

We have daily Teams call at 11am each morning which bring together Swan Class students to meet up and learn together. As well as weekly news, lessons and home learning support we have set up a wide range of 'Guest Appearances'. This is where specialist teaching staff are invited to do a 20-minute session – we have had music quizzes from Sean, Drama lessons from Carla, PSHE sessions from Danny, Wellbeing and Happiness from Simone, Art lessons from Jules, Science and Maths lessons from Julie, Work Skills with Stacey and Kim, PE and Outdoor Learning lessons from Mel as well as online bingo. Our students are all very engaged in these sessions and have become very proficient at logging on, using the chat function and some students have become 'teachers' and presented their own PowerPoint presentations on-line to the class.

Wellbeing and PE

Students have taken part in a wide range of wellbeing activities and PE over the term. As well as live PE sessions run by Mel and Danny, students are encouraged to go for a walk or take exercise every day. As part of Children's Mental Health week students made a calming jar during a live Teams session led by Simone on Wellbeing. They thought about kindness and the importance of not only being kind to others but also being kind to themselves. This week they made Calm Boxes following an on-line demonstration from Simone.



Kite and Swan Cooking

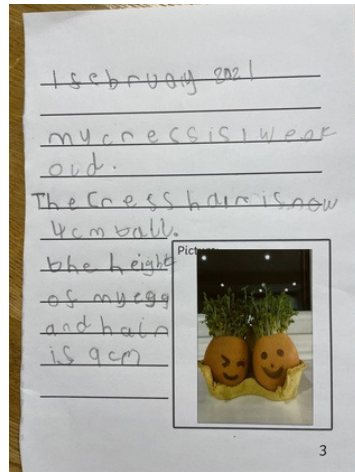
Each week the students in Key Stage 4 have undertaken a 'Weekly Cooking Challenge'. Dishes they have made so far have been Scottish shortbread to celebrate Burns Night, bread rolls in animal shapes, The Tunnocks teacake challenge, turkey and bean burgers, scones and the final challenge of the term is the baked beans challenge – still to be judged at the time of writing!

The students have amazed us with their cooking skills and their increasing confidence in the kitchen, below is a selection of some of their creations from home and school. We are very proud of our budding key Stage 4 chefs.



Kite and Swan Growing Our Own Food - Cress

As part of our food theme this term, students were sent a packet of cress seeds in the post. After sowing their seeds, they watered and monitored the growth of their seeds recording this in their Cress Growing Journals. Everyone was surprised how quickly the cress has grown. The next challenge over half term is to use their cress plants in their cooking – I wonder what range of dishes our chefs will cook up?



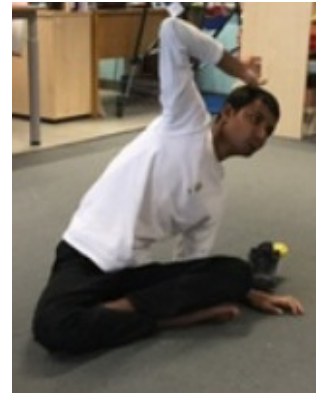
Kite class news

We have enjoyed our 'Food' topic this term both at home and at school. We have taken part in some fascinating experiments such as the baking soda challenge and finding out how much sugar are in our favourite drinks and snacks.



Our food journals showed that we generally follow healthy diets with a few treats which is great news! To continue their healthy lifestyles, students' have taken part in lots of forms of exercise such as Mel and Danny's fun fitness sessions, going for walks, yoga, roller skating, and using scooters and bikes. We've also had fun with Joe Wicks PE sessions!

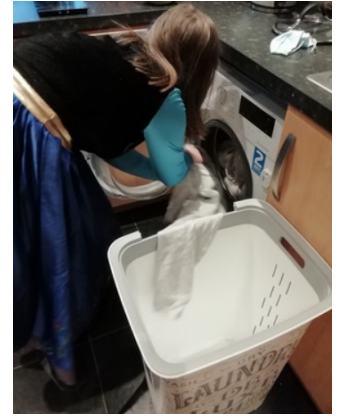
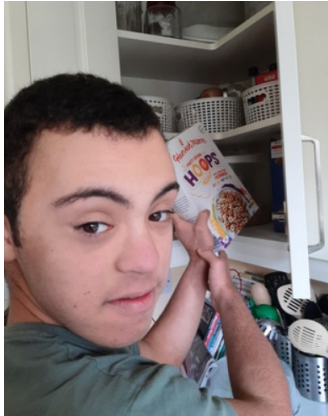
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We have some very keen cooks in Kite class and have been blown away with students' creations. Everyone has made a real effort with their independence in the kitchen.



Students have also been working on their independence skills in home management tasks such as hoovering, doing the laundry and putting away shopping.



At school, some students had the opportunity to take part in a bike maintenance work experience session. We look forward to more sessions following Gary's instructions to learn how to look after and repair a bike.



Sixth Form News



Eagle



Kestrel

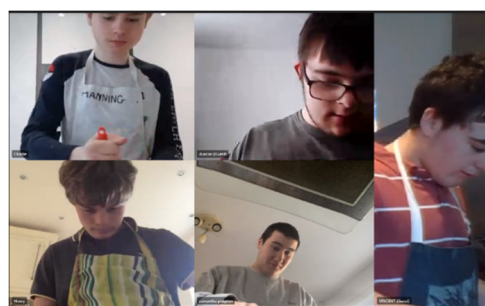


Owl



Robin

6th Form students have been working hard at home and in school, enjoying our Lockdown topic 'Food'.

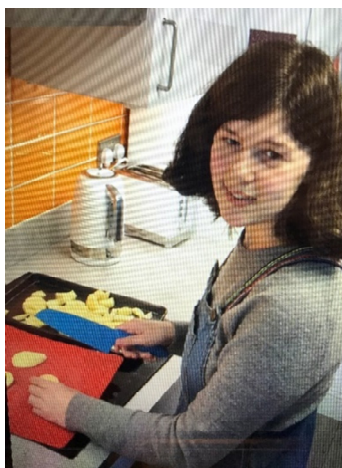


Eagle class students made snacks together at home and in school.

Kestrel students have enjoyed improving their cooking skills!

Students in Owl, Robin and Eagle classes have all been working on their potato preparation techniques to make a variety of dishes including homemade chips and soup!

Marmalade making with a Robin student at home – looks delicious!



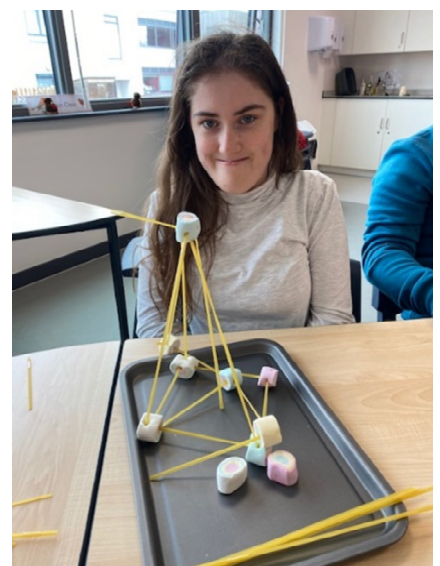
Robin students have continued to work on their cake making skills, both in school

and at home – looking forward to when we can re-open our wonderful 6th form café 'The Nest'.





Being creative and doing the things we enjoy have helped with our wellbeing whether we are in school, at home or a mixture of both...



...and we have ensured that we continue to practise our work and independent living skills

6th Form students have worked hard to keep their bodies and minds healthy, by keeping active in weekly PE and drama lessons via Teams, and have joined in with the Big Birdwatch. During bike maintenance students have had the opportunity to ride bikes they have serviced, and have enjoyed nature walks and spending time looking after their pets. Students have worked on their horticulture skills in school and at home.





Creative Arts Page

It has been a virtual half term for the Creative Arts team but nevertheless, we still have been very busy.

Home Learning

You will find plenty of creative activities on the home learning pages of the website. In music, Discoverers have been on a 'Magic Carpet Adventure' with Martin, Explorers have been enjoying songs based around the theme of 'Time' with Sean. Adventurers and Pioneers have been developing their rhythm through body percussion and reading rhythm grids with Rhona.

The Addington Show

Our VidCast returned back to weekly episodes which feature news articles, challenges and songs of the week. Thank you to all those at home and in school for sending in your contributions to the show. It makes the show extra special. You can find all our shows from the past year via our website page <https://www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk/pupil-pages/vidcasts>

Keep sending us your photos and videos to include in our next VidCast as these make our shows really special. To send us pictures or videos you can use our **NEW** WhatsApp number to the creative arts number **07586993547** (please note this is a different phone number to last year. This number will not accept calls). You can also email it to us at this address m-ca@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

Please send all contributions by **9am Monday** for it to be included in the next show.

Live Music Sessions

Adventurers and Pioneers have been attending live music sessions with Rhona and Sean on Thursday afternoons this half term. Students have been logging into the session at home and in school to sing songs and develop their use of Makaton signs. They have enjoyed singing songs by George Ezra, Katy Perry, Fleetwood Mac and ABBA.

We hope you all enjoy half term!

Rhona, Sean, Jules, Martin and Angie



News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Just a short update from the Association this half-term. I guess, like everyone, I'd hoped that 2021 would see a return to all things 'normal'. However, clearly this wasn't to be and we find ourselves in lockdown yet again. The signs are positive though; for that I'm thankful and keeping my fingers firmly crossed that the positive news continues.

As you can imagine, Covid continues to impact our usual fundraising efforts, so we're planning on trying some new ideas out in the coming weeks. More news on this will follow via the School Jotter so please keep your eyes peeled!

As ever, please can I encourage you to support the Association by nominating us as your chosen charity on EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile. The quarterly payments we receive really help to bolster funds – last year we received over £650 from these sources.

Finally, we are holding our AGM on the 24th February at 7pm. If you'd like to join us you'd be most welcome. Please contact me on dawn.addingtonassociation@gmail.com and I'll send on details of how to join.

Kind regards,

Dawn Adams
Chair – Addington School Association

You can contact us either via School on 01189669073 or Email AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020 - 2021



Addington School

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff Training Days – All Staff (closed to pupils)	Tuesday 1 September & Wednesday 2 September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 September 2020
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 26 October to Monday 2 November 2020 inclusive
Term Restarts	Tuesday 3 November 2020
Term Ends	Friday 18 December 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

Staff Training Day (closed to pupils)	Monday 4 January 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 January 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2021 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 22 February 2021
Term Ends	Thursday 1 April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Staff Training Days – Teachers Only (closed to pupils)	Monday 19 April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 April 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Friday 28 May to Friday 4 June 2021 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 7 June 2021
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 July 2021

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021 - 2022



AUTUMN TERM 2021

Inset Days – (closed to pupils)	Wednesday 1 September & Thursday 2 September 2021
Term Starts	Friday 3 September 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October inclusive
Inset Day (closed to pupils)	Monday 1 November 2021
Term Restarts	Tuesday 2 November 2021
Term Ends	Friday 17 December 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

Term Starts	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February 2022 inclusive
Inset Day – (closed to pupils)	Monday 28 February 2022
Term Restarts	Tuesday 1 March 2022
Term Ends	Friday 8 April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term Starts	Monday 25 April 2022
Inset Day – (closed to pupils)	Friday 27 May
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 6 June 2022
Term Ends	Thursday 21 July 2022

Inset Days – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 1 September 2021
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 Monday 1 November 2021
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 Friday 27 May 2022