



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to another edition of our Newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading the following pages that illustrate just what can be achieved in the midst of adversity! Many curriculum activities have prevailed, including Anti-bullying week, Chinese New Year, Duke of Edinburgh silver and bronze practice activities, Mental Health week, Taplow, and Camp Mohawk to name but a few.

Our pupils have craved the routine, structure and familiarity of our curriculum and staff have done their best to provide this throughout this term. It would, however be wrong of me to pretend that everything has been as normal. As the Omicron variant hit the country just before Christmas and then unfortunately hit Addington with a vengeance thereafter, this resulted in the most positive cases in staff and pupils since the pandemic began. Despite valiant efforts and using every staff member available, a very small number of classes had to close and I once again, apologise for this disruption to pupils' learning onsite. Thankfully, Covid cases in both staff and pupils are now beginning to fall in the final week of this half term and I am fervently hoping we are over the worst and that we can look forward to a more stable time going forward.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support over the last half term. It is greatly appreciated and also makes a huge difference to staff morale. My sincere thanks to staff also, all of whom have surpassed expectations in their drive to provide teaching and learning under very challenging circumstances.

Finally, we have much to look forward to and we hope to see the return of Proms Week, residential visits, sports tournaments, inter-house events and all the other activities that normally enrich the curriculum for our pupils in the terms going forward.

Let's hope Covid finally recedes and we can begin to bring the whole school back together – staff, pupils and families - and I eagerly anticipate seeing many more of you in person in the Spring and Summer terms!

Please remember there is an Inset Day for staff on Monday 28 February therefore I look forward to welcoming pupils back in school on **Tuesday 1 March.**

Kind regards

Sara Attra
Headteacher



Family Support Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello from Toni and Ellie!

That's us now half way through the school year and in one way or another, we have helped over 150 Addington families. Some of you may have come to a coffee morning, we may have helped apply for your child's bus pass or you may have attended our recent Wills, Trusts and Deputyships seminars.

We are here to help families when they need it – so please get in touch. There's nothing too small so even if it just something niggling away at the back of your mind that you are unsure where to go with, give us a call or send us an email.

We are currently doing some research on "Supporting Toilet Training" and will be producing some resources for families on this topic. We understand that it is never straight forward with children with SEND so are hoping to help parents and carers manage their child's needs with this.

Ellie and I are working on a recording around "Meeting the Family Support Team." It will give you a little introduction into who we are, why we are here and some of the things we can do to help. It's a work-in-progress for release just after the half term. We would love to get some regular recordings done – if there is something you would like us to talk more about, please let us know.

Our [Family Support Workers page](#) on the school website is loaded with pieces of information and we aim to update it fortnightly. There is some guidance on there at the moment around applying for concessionary bus passes, this is something we have been helping many of our pupils with this half term. The bus passes are free and will allow free travel within the area during certain times of the day. Please read through your terms and conditions for your area for the exact timings. If this is something you would like our help with, please get in touch.

There are some half term ideas on the website – we are happy to add more in if there's something going on that we don't yet know about.

We look forward to offering all our Addington families our continuing support for the second half of the year!

Take care,

Ellie Robinson and Toni Cannon
Family Support Workers

Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra
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.**

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.

If your child has school dinners, and there is a balance outstanding on your account, we would be grateful if you would kindly clear this balance as soon as possible.

If you have any query or difficulty with payment of this amount, please let us know and we will endeavour to help.

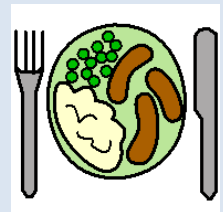
You will need to register online if you have not done so before. **A letter with your personal log on details has been sent home with your child.** If you have previously logged on to the Tucasi system but have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the login screen.

As a reminder:

Primary lunch is £2.15
Secondary lunch is £2.35

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.



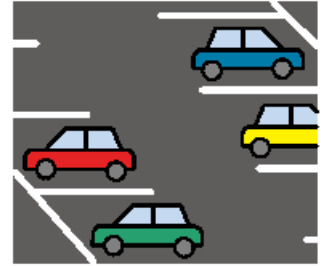
CAR PARKING REMINDER

Leisure Centre Car Park

This can be used by parents for dropping off and collecting children.

School Car Park

Parent parking on site is restricted primarily for safety and to those parents who have been authorised to do so. Those parents that do have permission will have been issued a pass which must be displayed clearly in the windscreen.



The two disabled bays near the school are for priority wheelchair users and larger vehicles with tail lifts.

Permitted drivers must use the one-way system marked out and only park in marked parent or disabled spaces.

All pedestrians must use the zebra crossing and the pavement when walking children to and from the site. DO NOT WALK on the road as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident



Headteacher's Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students:



Early Years

Ananya Uppal
Cecil Oduro-Koranteng
Lily Beresford
Masun Hussain
Noah Hussain
Sammy Gibson
Thomas Martin

Key Stage 2

Alfie Cook
Dylan Bourne
Lourdes Mirza

Key Stage 3

Aaliyah Argrave
Anamol Rai
Austin Samway
Aytan Scott-Blake
Daisy Cornell
Jacob Williams
Jenna Geary
Joshua Martin
Milena Tzortzis
Mishika Kachwaha
Natalia Kolodziej

Key Stage 4

Joseph Kenneh
Joshua Heys
Levi Barnes

Key Stage 5

Abhishek Das
Angelina White

Complex & Sensory and Therapeutic Needs

Alayna Tariq
Haadiya Ahmad
Lewie Cheeseman
Mikail Asif

Santa Dash December 2021



During the last week of the Autumn Term, the PE department ran a Santa Dash for the pupils. They had to run, walk, scoot or travel around the school field. On each circuit they picked up a 'present', tinsel or bauble and hung it on the tree as they passed. Five times around the field and five Christmas items hung on the tree is equivalent to one mile travelled. Parents were asked to sponsor their child and any money the pupils raised was split between 3 charities: New Beginnings Homeless, Diana Brimblecombe Animal Shelter and Parenting Special Children. The total was **£276** (£92 to each charity).





Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award **2021-2022**

Another rather disrupted half-term with Covid related issues causing changes in the lesson schedule. However, we practiced with the stoves and did a taste test on the meals we will be eating on expedition.



We managed to fit in a training walk around Woodford Park and made some bird feeders in preparation for our walk at Peacock Meadows. Time was also found for a great game of Uno!



Dates for expeditions:
Practice Expedition
Thursday 19th May and
Friday 20th May
Qualifying Expedition
Thursday 7th July and Friday
8th July.





Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award 2021-2022

Another rather disrupted half-term with covid related issues causing changes in the lesson schedule. However, we have been on a training walk to Peacock Meadows near Bracknell where we searched for roads with names of birds. The team is bonding well!



Onsite, we have learned to whittle sticks, which we used to toast marshmallows, cook a one-pot-pasta outside and learn how to make Paracord bracelets.

Expedition dates:

Practice Expedition Tuesday 24th May – Thursday 26th May 2022

Qualifying Expedition Wednesday 29th June – Friday 1st July 2022



Early Years

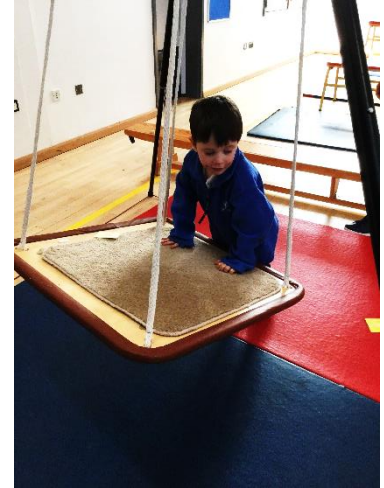
Daisy Class - Dinosaur Roar!

This term, Daisy class have been stomping, chomping, roaring and exploring all things DINOSAUR! Through our sensory story and poems, we have explored different textures, smells and tastes as our 2 legged Daisy dinosaurs have stomped through swamps of mash potato and forests of lettuce and broccoli. We have developed our gross motor skills by splashing like a Plesiosaur in hydrotherapy and stamping like a Diplodocus through the sensory garden. Signing and singing along to dinosaur number songs have been a huge hit.



Sunflower Class

This term we have continued to enjoy exploring different rooms around school, especially our swimming sessions. The children are growing in confidence in the water and starting to want to swim more independently during the sessions. The children that don't swim have been working on water confidence during water play sessions and are building up to going to Splash. They've been enjoying splashing in the water trays! This term our theme has been "Dinosaurs" and we've enjoyed exploring toy dinosaurs, listening to songs about dinosaurs, doing some dinosaur yoga with Claire and lots of dinosaur themed sensory play! We've also started gardening this term and have been filling pots and planting seeds with support. Our plants have been growing really well!



Daffodil Class



This term Daffodil Class have been exploring the theme "**Megabeasts**". We enjoyed the poems from "Mad about Megabeasts", engaging in call and response and looking up fun facts about the Woolly Mammoth. "The Colour Monster" by Anna Llenas taught about different emotions. We have been thinking of ways to help ourselves calm down when we feel sad or angry.

This term we got to visit Thames Valley Adventure Park. For some of the class it was our first offsite trip. We had lots of fun!



A real highlight this term was also learning about Chinese New Year. We enjoyed the story and made a giant Chinese dragon! We did a dragon dance and made our own drumming music.



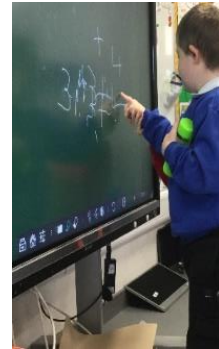
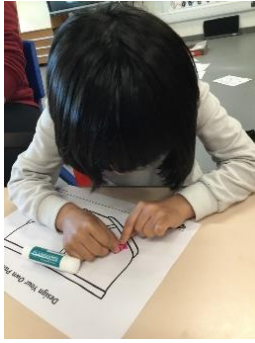
We have been learning some good independent skills including looking after our own belongings and getting organised at the start and end of the day. It has been wonderful watching the children's confidence grow in Sean's music lessons, many of the children relishing the opportunity to have a go with the microphone and sing the "when I wake up" song.

Lily Class

Lily Class have had fun with our "Megabeasts" topic this term! We started by reading and completing activities linked to the story "The Gruffalo" by Julia Donaldson. Look at the fantastic artwork we have made!



We then moved onto the story "Dinosaurs Love Underpants" by Claire Freedman, which we all thought was very funny! We have enjoyed designing our own underpants and using this theme in our maths sessions



We have learnt about Chinese New Year – making Chinese lanterns and learning about the Year of the Tiger (another Megabeast for our topic!) We also celebrated Valentine's Day and have completed different activities based around the theme of 'love', which we have thoroughly enjoyed! We've also had lots of fun in our PE sessions with Danny.

Primrose Class

In Primrose class we have been enjoying learning about dinosaurs! We have tried moving to the dinosaur stomp music, exploring various sensory play with plastic dinosaurs and creating footprints and marks in different textures with stamps and our bodies.



We have also really enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year. We dressed up, practised pouring with some bowls and spoons and were experimenting with chop sticks. We have been really busy and had lots of fun!



Tulip Class

This term's topic has been "Mega-Beasts" and Tulip class have been enjoying exploring monsters and large animals based on some key books: "Where the Wild Things are", "Not Now Bernard" and "The Snail and the Whale". We have worked really hard on our communication in focused PECS sessions and intensive interaction time as well as developing our verbal communication during circle time. We have also learned about Chinese New Year and enjoyed doing some dragon dancing during "wake-up shake-up". We tasted lots of noodles and rice and tried out chopsticks as part of our fine motor skills development.



We have continued to practise safe and calm transitions to other areas of the school and we have particularly enjoyed walking across the field up to the sensory garden for parachute games and bubbles! As always, we have enjoyed music and yoga with Claire, especially our dinosaur poses and trying different smelling doughs in dough disco.

We have also been working hard on our independence when dressing and undressing for swimming and we are all exploring further into the swimming pool and enjoying soaking our teachers with squirting dinosaur toys! Next half-term our topic will be "Growing" so we will be engaging with gardening activities as well as taking care of caterpillars and helping them to turn into butterflies.

We hope you all have a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday the 1st of February.

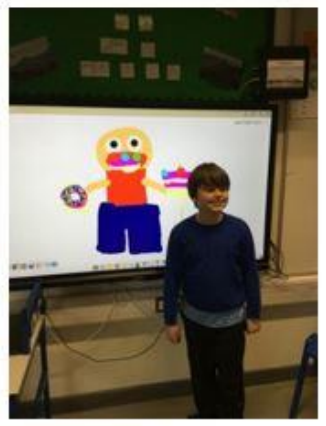


Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Pine class

Pine class have been very busy this term developing their social skills, independence, engagement and communication skills. Our topic this term was called "Mountains and Snow" and the children have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing all things cold and icy! In Maths, we have focused on time and capacity. The children have all progressed well with learning the days of the week and our favourite story to support this was called "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". The class have also been making excellent progress this term in PE with trampolining and circuits and they also thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Taplow!

I am very proud of Pine class for their resilience towards classroom closures due to Covid and how they have continued to make progress despite this. Well done Pine class for being superstars!!



Rowan Class

We have had a busy but hugely rewarding half term, with some excellent progress made throughout by all. In Literacy we looked at several traditional tales in depth and explored the differences between fiction and nonfiction books, which included creating “real life” invitations and “wanted” posters. In Numeracy we worked on telling the time and handling money; two concepts very important in everyday life, as well as methods to add and subtract, using resources such as number lines and techniques such as counting on or back. We loved exploring “Mountains and Snow” in Topic, which involved creating “Mod Roc” volcanos and colourful paintings inspired by the Northern Lights. We also discussed changes during puberty in RSE, healthy living in PSHE and loved using the trampoline in PE!



Willow class

Willow class are continuing to enjoy their new downstairs classroom with access to outdoor space. In PSHE we have been finding out what keeps us healthy, including food and exercise. The students have enjoyed learning to play some traditional playground games to foster play skills, cooperation and teamwork. We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic "Snow and Mountains", despite not having experienced any snow yet this year ...

Willow class love stories! The "call and response" story "We're Going up a Mountain" written by Helen was a huge hit! We love exploring letters and sounds in multi-sensory ways and we have been using our writing skills to retell familiar stories.

Every morning we practice our money and shopping skills buying healthy snacks from our class shop



Complex, Therapeutic and Sensory Needs Department

Beech class

It was lovely to come back after our Christmas break and see everyone again for the start of 2022. We have started our new text for our Talk 4 writing lessons and have been working on learning the text from "The Gruffalo" to be able to create our own versions. Some of the monsters we have been creating have been amazing, with dragon wings, living on the London Underground and eating nothing but eggs and ice cream!

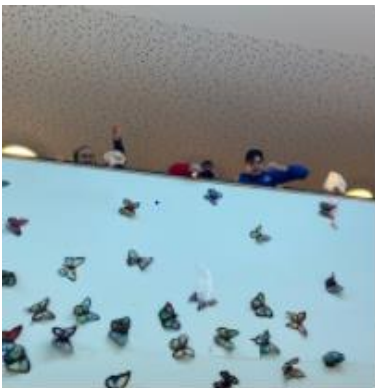
In Science we have been learning all about friction, our lessons have involved riding scooters over different surfaces, creating our own zip lines out of different materials, and making helicopters. The best part of all of this has been the practical demonstration, riding scooters over bubble wrap and testing out our homemade helicopters by flying them from the top level of the school.

We have also started new songs in Music with Sean: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" is a firm favourite, and they have been learning to sing in a round. We have also continued to work on our keyboard skills, following a beat and creating basic rhythms.

We have been keeping fit and healthy every week by doing PE and trampolining. We are all working towards our rebound certificates which is really exciting and Ian from PE will be presenting them to us. In PE we have been designing our own fitness circuits which include climbing, balancing and bouncing.

Next term will be upon us soon and hopefully will bring some sunshine and warmer weather. We hope you all have a restful half term.

Clare and the Beech class team



Poppy Class

This half term we have been enjoying our Space theme through sensory story, messy play, art and TacPac. We have been exploring different light effects with torches, light spinners and cubes and how they reflect in mirrors and on foil blankets. In art we created some aliens by splatting bath scrunches soaked in paint and we created Oobleck art with cornflour, water and paint.

We have been working on our kicking skills, and have really been enjoying rebound and hydrotherapy each week. In horticulture we have been growing different plants such as cress and beans. We have been taking care of our beans and they are already starting to shoot on our window sill in class.

Have a lovely half term!



Birch Class

Birch class has been exploring the Outer space during this half term. They are travelling to all the planets of our galaxy with our sensory story; we keep learning and having fun with activities such Tacpac, Messy play, Arts & Crafts. Everybody is doing a fantastic job working on maths, PECS, reading, and we had a great time at Thames Valley Adventure Park too!



Lime Class

Lime Class have been having lots of fun exploring our topic of "To Infinity and Beyond" this half term. We've really enjoyed our Art sessions where we have been making lots of space-themed creations!

We have also been really enjoying our sensory relaxation sessions, interacting with a range of sensory materials and discovering how to operate them.

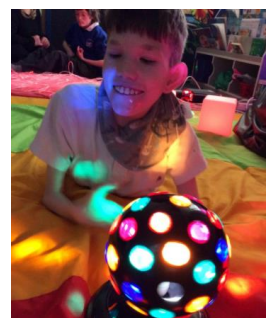
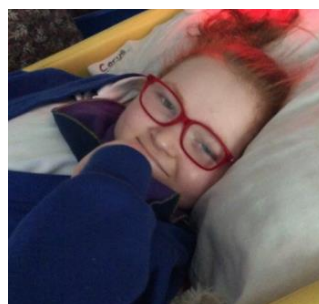
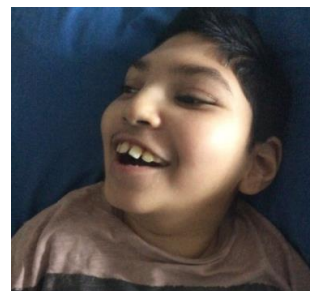
We have been sharing our weekly news via Earwig so please do look out for it and feel free to comment and share what you have been up to at home!

Have a lovely half-term everyone and we'll see you in March 😊



Cherry Class

In Cherry this term we have been doing "To Infinity and Beyond!" We have enjoyed a themed massage and Tacpac. Our sensory story this term is coming together and we have really enjoyed exploring the different resources and are starting to decide on our favourite parts of the story.



Apple Class

This term Apple Class have been exploring with a range of space themed sensory play and enjoying a daily Space Sensory Story, where we take a journey into space. In weekly rebound sessions, pupils have been building up their confidence on the trampoline and working hard on their stability and balance! We have had a renewed focus on Waldon activities during cognition sessions.



Holly Class

Holly class have enjoyed exploring the sensory garden and using the gym equipment on the field this half term. We are going to expand this exploration into Forest School and outdoor learning sessions after half term. The class have continued to engage in our structured communication sessions, especially when there is food involved. Their firm favourite is decorating biscuits. We have also begun "Breakfast Club" and "Afternoon Tea" where some of the pupils are learning how to make their own breakfast and hot and cold drinks.



Key Stage 3

This term Key Stage 3 have begun their learning on the topic "Old is Beautiful". For our semi-formal classes we explored this through our own timelines and through fiction stories about growing up and beloved old toys. In our formal classes we have also looked at our own timeline as well as exploring ancient Egypt.

We have enjoyed many trips to Camp Mohawk this term and learning in the outdoor environment as well as enjoying the brand new upgraded music room as well as the other rooms and activities on offer.

This term we have also learnt about e-safety and children's mental health week and the theme "growing together". We thought about different people we'd like to say thank you to and made thank you notes.

We hope everyone has a happy and safe half term break!

Lydia Colios - Head of KS3

Aspen Class

This term we have enjoyed learning about our topic "Old is Beautiful" especially learning call and response songs about growing up. We learnt about the differences between babies, toddlers, children, teenagers, adults and elderly people. We loved looking at photos of us all from a baby until now and making a timeline of these.



In art with Angie we've looked at Ancient Egypt and made pyramid prints, repeating patterns and papier mache.



In PE we've really enjoyed trampolining with Danny and Ian. In Science we've loved exploring the science trays with Julie and making our own parachutes. In cooking we've been enjoying making tea and toast and practising our knife skills. We've been working on our cleaning up skills too!

Maple Class

Maple have been enjoying the "*Old is Beautiful*" topic and the story of "The Paper Dolls". We've explored growth, changing, our memory and our own timelines. They all had photos of themselves as babies, which we shared amongst us all and we even had some staff photos! In maths we have been focussing on words that describe size – big and small, short and tall, for example. Then we moved on to comparing sizes, so we used words like smaller, bigger, smallest biggest etc.

In science, they have been exploring friction and doing lots of practical activities like making a mini zip wire and flying homemade kites.

We have been continuing our weekly cooking sessions, repeating each recipe over a 3 week period and expecting a lot more independence by the time they do it the third time. They have really enjoyed both making and eating what they made. Sometimes, the remnants make it home in their bag!!



Cedar Class

This half term we started our history topic by creating our own personal timelines ordering photos from different stages of our lives. We enjoyed activities based around the stories 'The Paper Dolls' and 'Bear Shaped' that explore the concept of memories from the past.

We have been learning about the importance of having a balanced diet as part of our healthy lifestyle topic in PSHE. We tasted foods from the different food groups and made healthy snacks in our cooking sessions. We also explored different ways of exercising keeping our body fit and strong.

In maths, we have been identifying the shapes of everyday objects, making cubes using straws and sticks and we built models with 3D shapes.

We celebrated Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and we joined in with activities to recognise Mental Health Awareness week.



Elm Class

Elm Class have worked so hard this half term!

We have been learning about Ancient Egypt in Literacy. We have compared how we live now to how the Ancient Egyptians used to live, and explored pyramids and the importance of the River Nile. This is a topic we will continue to work on next half term too!

In PE, we have been doing fitness circuits and in Science, we have been learning about forces and experimenting with making helicopters, kites and parachutes!

In PSHE, we have been focusing on how we stay healthy. We took part in a fruit taste test and rated lots of different fruits, we made fruit skewers and we have been learning about different food groups. We have even been weighing fruit and veg in our Maths lessons to help us practise reading scales.

We have been developing our independence skills, making toast and other breakfast options in the kitchen. Perhaps not quite in keeping with our healthy living focus but chocolate spread was a very popular toast topping for some reason!

We have really enjoyed swimming each week at Bulmershe Leisure Centre. Everyone has made such incredible progress already and we can't wait to see what we achieve in our next half term of swimming too!

We are really looking forward to further adventures next half term!



Chestnut Class

This term we have asked the pupils to dictate to us what they would like to include in the newsletter under various headings:

Maths with Ness (Counting in 2s, 5s, 8s, odds and evens)

Cody - We have been counting in 5s. The numbers always end in a 5 or a 0.

Finn - The odd numbers can't be the same as even numbers.

Maths with Martin (Shopping, Time, Data, Shape)

Sophia – We learned how to find the right coins to shop.

Finn – When you do a tally, when you get to the fifth, you have to cross the gate!

Kayla – We counted the corners and sides of the shapes.

Literacy/Topic with Ness (Ancient Egypt)

Gracie – We learnt about the River Nile and how they get water, and how their houses are close to the river.

Literacy/Topic with Martin (How did the Ancient Egyptians live?)

Anya – We looked at lots of different pictures of Ancient Egyptians making mud bricks.

RSE (Puberty)

Sofia – We have been learning about how life changes when we get older.

PSHE (Healthy Living)

Billy – We were learning about mental health.

Gracie - We learnt about couch potatoes, where a couch potato doesn't do any exercise!

P.E. with Danny

Leo – We have been doing trampolining and exercise in the hall.

Art with Angie

Gracie – We have been making landscapes of Ancient Egyptians with a sunset.

Science with Julie

Billy – We were learning about air resistance using paper helicopters and parachutes.



Sycamore Class

In Sycamore Class we have been finding out lots of amazing (and sometimes gruesome!) facts about the Ancient Egyptians. We have learnt about the River Nile, the pyramids, mummification and pharaohs to name but a few.



We continue to enjoy gardening, bike maintenance and cooking-making snacks and hot drinks.



In PE we really enjoy it when we get to go on the scooters.



This half term we have also been getting out and about to the local Co-Op each week to buy healthy snacks for the class. We are learning lots about road safety, stranger danger and budgetting as part of these outings.



Key Stage 4

Swan Class

This term our Topic is "Fast Fashion". The students learned about how ideas can be presented by using a Mood Board. We all made our own Mood Board to showcase what fashion style we like. Here are some examples below.



As part of our project on "Fast Fashion", we have practised some life skills such as recognising washing symbols, folding clothes and clothes sizes. We took a group to Woodley to do a Scavenger Hunt. On the list were things like a bank machine, library, supermarket and chemist.



In cooking we have been learning about healthy lunchboxes. We have been cooking items from scratch such as bread rolls, potato cakes and sausage rolls. We celebrated Burns Night on the 25th January with a traditional Burns Supper of haggis, neeps and tatties.



Kite Class

In cooking with Amanda on a Wednesday, students have been focusing on some key cooking skills, such as safe knife skills, measuring, mixing, getting ready to cook and food hygiene. Students have enjoyed making Petticoat Tails for Burns Night and bread rolls.



Kite class visited Reading College to find out about future options beyond Addington. They saw some familiar faces and represented Addington well, and many are keen to go again!



During life skills sessions, students have been developing independence in making snacks, using the microwave, and cleaning up after themselves in the kitchen. They have been sorting clothes for washing and using a washing machine.



This half term, students have had the opportunity to use a sewing machine with the aim of making a tote bag. They've really enjoyed the sessions and are keen to continue, showing others what they have learnt.



Sixth Form News

6th Form News - Spring Term



Students across 6th form have enjoyed cooking lunches and snacks with increasing independence – including clearing up afterwards! Students in Kestrel class have enjoyed working with Jan from Newbury showground, using local produce.



6th Form Creative Arts

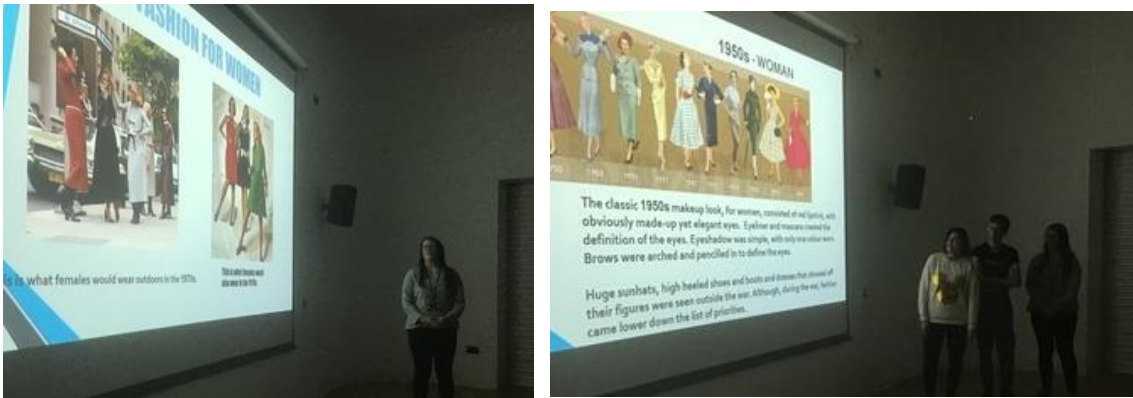


Ridgeline



Fast Fashion! – Project work

Kestrel class launched our topic for this term – Fast Fashion, with a fantastic assembly highlighting Fashion through the ages, with music from each decade!



So far this term we have shopped for outfits within a budget, and that are appropriate for a variety of occasions as well as learning more about our shoe and clothes sizes. Students in Owl class have looked at clothes designs, whilst Robin have been investigating laundry symbols. With Key Stage 4, we are continuing to sort and launder clothes ready for our pop up shop in the precinct, later on in the term.



College Links



The Reading College link course not only provides our 6th form students with a taste of college life, it also gives students the opportunity to practise money skills in the canteen and shop, as well as travel training by bus.



BCA animal management – this half term, students have learnt about reptiles, how to handle them, the food they eat and their environment. This has given our students the opportunity to practise their maths skills, weighing out food and counting portions, as well as following instructions exactly, and dressing appropriately for an activity. They also use the canteen and have the opportunity to budget and pay, as well as learning to look after their belongings.



Bracknell and Wokingham College



Students at Bracknell and Wokingham College are cooking this term. There is also a canteen on site for students to buy lunch and practise budgeting, choosing and paying.

External Work Experiences



Wokingham Library



Sainsbury's



Museum of English Rural Life



Sainsbury's



The Cowshed



Experiences of Work



Bike Maintenance



Horticulture



6th Form cafe

Life Long Leisure





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Music

Early Years have been exploring changing tempo and dynamics during song using percussion instruments and taking turns to use the microphone sing songs based time and our daily routine.

Sensory and Complex Needs have been going on a hot air balloon ride around the world. They have been exploring tempo changes in the desert using drums, explored playing bass chimes and xylophones in the jungle as well as making sounds using their voices on the moon.

KS2 and 3 have exploring dance music around the world. They have been learning clave rhythms and developing their knowledge of musical structure through salsa music, changing tempo with 'Hava Nagila' and reading rhythms with 'Bolero'. They have been focussing on singing 'Dancing on the Ceiling' by Lionel Richie and 'Dancing Queen' by Abba.

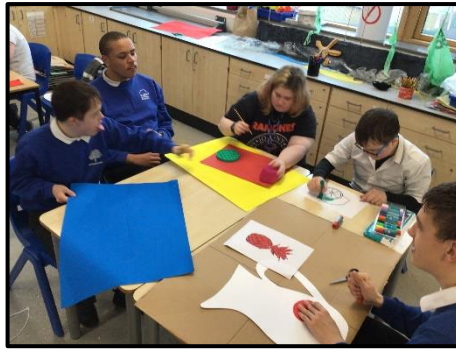
In Sixth Form, Robin class have been leaning how to play 'Happy' by Pharell Williams. They have chosen their roles within the ensemble and working on their independent skills to setup their equipment, rehearse and perform. The music community group have been composing their repertoire and building leadership skills to lead workshops later this year.

Art

In Art, Key Stage 3 have been exploring print. We have been experimenting with both printing shapes and textures to make pictures and patterns. Using imagery from the KS topic work, 'Ancient Egypt' we have also been experimenting with different types of printing such as Stencilling, Collagraphs and Polyprints.

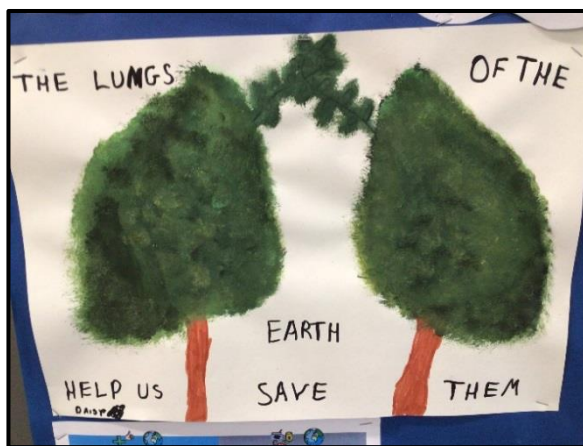


Key Stage 4 have been working collaboratively to produce colourful still pictures in the style of artist Patrick Caulfield.



6th Form Kestrel Class have produced a range of landscapes reflecting the work of some of the famous expressionists. We have tried out painting with dots like Seurat, swirls like Van Gogh and blocks like Metzinger.

6th Form Art community group has been thinking about important messages that can be sent through Art. We have decided that drawing attention to climate change is a worthy topic. We have set to work on creating different Art activities that include environmental information with the aim of sharing our ideas with other classes in school.



Addington Band

Unfortunately, the Addington Band have only been able to meet once this half term. We are looking forward to getting back together after half term with Di.

We hope you all enjoy half term!

The Creative Arts Team
Rhona, Sean, Jules, Martin and Angie

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021 - 2022



Addington School

AUTUMN TERM 2021

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 | Wednesday 20 July 2022 |

Inset Days – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 1 September 2021
 Thursday 2 September 2021
 Monday 1 November 2021
 Monday 28 February 2022
 Friday 27 May 2022