



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our half termly Newsletter – it did not seem very long ago that I was writing my last one as the weeks have flown by!

This term, I want to draw your attention to the broad and balanced curriculum that is offered to all of our pupils but particularly in the area of Sport, PE, Music, Art and Drama. Whilst literacy and numeracy is extremely important and pupils continue with daily lessons, enrichment for the Arts and Sport is equally important to provide our pupils with the widest variety of experiences that we can. The Creative Arts team and PE department ensure that a wide variety of opportunities are open to all and encourage even our most reluctant pupils to try something new. Trying out a new instrument, attending a swimming gala, taking part in wheelchair rugby, creating an art piece, making a film, performing in a play, or attending a county cross country event are all activities that offer our pupils opportunities to practice so many skills, but in particular social skills, team work and communication. If just one of these activities sparks an interest in a pupil that they take further to enrich their life, those activities have done their job.

I would like to highlight one student in particular, Luka White, who along with 2 of his peers attended the Berkshire Schools Cross Country Championship. He was selected to go forward to the South East England Competition, a huge achievement that will hopefully inspire others to literally follow in his footsteps!

I am also looking forward to seeing our pupils perform both at WASMA and in the Shakespeare Schools festival alongside their mainstream peers where they can showcase their talent, resilience and enthusiasm in equal measure.

Participating in sport, music, art and drama is a fundamental aspect of the curriculum at Addington and I hope you enjoy the highlights in the following pages.

I wish everyone a good half term and I look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 20 February

Yours faithfully

Sara Attra



Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has January gone? It was great to see some of our families enjoy the relaxed performance of Jack and The Beanstalk On Friday 30th December. 30 pairs of tickets were kindly donated by the charity INSAAN. A huge thank you to them for their continued support.

In January we welcomed Bluebell Class in Early Years and a new pupil In Tulip Class. It is lovely to see how well the children have settled in their new classes.

On Thursday 19th January, Addington hosted an Opportunities' Evening. This was an excellent opportunity to find out about post school placements as well as the many varied clubs and societies that are available in the community for your young person. Thank you to the Careers Team.

Save the Date: 1st and 16th March at 7pm and 10am a presentation from a very experienced solicitor specialising in the area of Wills, Trusts and Deputyship. We look forward to seeing many of you either in person or virtually.

Useful links:

<https://www.tuvida.org/reading-west-berkshire-hub>

<https://www.tuvida.org/wokingham-outreach-service>

Cost of living support:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living/financial-support/>

<https://www.reading.gov.uk/housing/money-matters/>

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/cost-living-support>

Community winter Hubs:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/cost-living-support/community-winter-hubs>

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living/warm-spaces/>

<https://www.reading.gov.uk/housing/money-matters/warm-spaces-in-reading/>

Free meditation classes for Women from Thursday 23rd February at 9pm.

Bindu Bodanapu is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Weekly Guided meditation session for Women

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5130338288?pwd=J6nbQ55M9RqB6LMgRkCe3IL2sno14o.1>

Meeting ID: 513 033 8288

Passcode: Light

Wishing you all a healthy Half Term

Ellie Robinson

Family Support Worker

Attendance and Safeguarding Officer / Family Support Worker

As part of my extended role in school, I work alongside our Designated Safeguarding Lead supporting with Safeguarding and Attendance concerns.

I am here to support families with any issues they may have with getting children and young people in to school. We know that regular, consistent school attendance is vital for pupils to achieve their potential while we understand that many of our children have complex health, physical and mental health needs that may have an impact. I hope to provide supportive strategies to families who are facing barriers with their child's attendance.

I have recently completed Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) training which I know we have families going through right now. If your young person is struggling with school refusal, please let us know when you report in the mornings – we will do all we can to help get them in to school. The earlier we help, the sooner we can help manage school related anxieties. I can help with transport concerns and any other problems that may arise that could potentially jeopardise attendance.

I work as part of a team with Ellie, Family Support Worker, and other school staff, to build positive relationships with pupils and families to ensure you get the most support and guidance possible for your children and young people.

Toni Cannon

Attendance and Safeguarding Officer / Family Support Worker

Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra
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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 Promise Inclusion

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 Annah on 07551 159073 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.

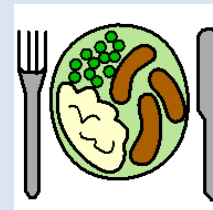
As a reminder:

Primary lunch is £2.30

Secondary lunch is £2.40

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

To ensure the smooth and safe operation of the busy Addington car park we need all parents that drive their child to school, to park in the Bulmershe Leisure Centre car park and walk across the zebra crossing, during drop off/pick up times. However, we recognise that for a small minority of pupils this will not be possible. A limited number of parent passes, allowing access to our car park are distributed based on an individual's agreed needs; physical, emotional or behavioural.

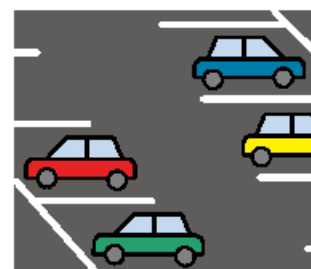
We only have a small number of spaces for parents in our car park, so we will not always be able to give out passes to all parents that would like one.

Parents must only park in the allocated bays near the main entrance and not in the main body of the car park where staff park, unless specific arrangements have been made with a member of the leadership team. This is especially important in the morning as some staff start at 9 and sometimes cannot find a parking space.

Car park passes 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 crossings and the pavement when walking around the school car park or 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.

Parents or carers must not park in the old entrance to Addington (near Bulmershe Leisure Centre) or on the double yellow lines near our old entrance, to drop off or pick up.





Headteacher's Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students:

HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNERS – February 2023

Early Years

Adam Hussain
Eklavya Singh
Oscar Roderick

Key Stage 2

Ethan Rozycki

Key Stage 3

Beau Beckenham
George Matthews

Key Stage 4

Daniel Jackson
Danny Shilton
Joshua Heys
Levi Barnes
Rowan Nyamaradzo

Key Stage 5

Haaris Naseer
Luka White

Sensory & Complex Needs

Amber Jutla

Therapeutic Needs

Joshua Austin



SPORTS PAGE



Berkshire Schools Cross-Country Championships

On Saturday 21st January, 3 Addington students represented the school at the Berkshire Schools Cross-Country Championships. This was open to all schools in Berkshire, both state and private, in age categories from under-13 to under-19 boys and girls. This was the first time we have entered such a wide-ranging, mainstream competition. The weather was perfect and the boys made us proud with their determination and resilience. Luka was selected to go forward to the South-East England competition next month in the under-19 category. Well done to the boys and a big thank you to their parents for their support.





Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2022-2023

This half-term, the Bronze DofE group have been learning about first-aid and thinking about all the things which could go wrong on expedition and what to do if they do go wrong. We have also done more training walks for fitness, team-work and route finding. The walks also help give the students an idea what it will be like on expedition. They have also been finding out how to use a compass, follow directions, read an OS map and plot a walking route.

The Bronze group were presented with their DofE shirts, which they can wear for lessons and the expeditions.



Dates for Bronze expeditions:
Practice Expedition
Thursday 8th – Friday 9th
June 2023
Qualifying Expedition
Wednesday 5th – Thursday 6th
July 2023



FOOTBALL INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

54 - KS2, KS3, KS4 & 6th form students participated in the Football inter-house competition on the last day of the Autumn Term. The students were amazing and demonstrated excellent skill, sportspersonship and enthusiasm.

The final results were:

- 1st - **Blue Sharks** (16)
- 2nd - **Red Eagles** (16)
- 3rd - **Yellow Tigers** (9)
- 4th - **Green Crocodiles** (6)



Thanks to all the staff that made this event such a success. The team managers selected their most improved players (MVP's). Here is the list:

Blue Sharks - Maisie Weatherley, Daniel King, Anamol Rai & Ege Cetin

Red Eagles - Brayden Caston, Ethan Rozycki, Saahil Ali & Reid Denman

Yellow Tigers - Rowan Nyamaradzo, Presley Shearer, Basil Malik & Sophie J - Smith

Green Crocodiles - Nathan Hunter, Luka White, Alfie Cook & Aayan Majeed

Our next Inter-house will take place in our Healthy Lifestyles Week on Friday 31st of March.



Panathlon Discovery Swimming Gala Bulmershe



On Monday 23rd January 7 students from Rowan Class took part in the first Discovery Swimming Gala at Bulmershe for Wokingham Primary Schools. They participated in 5 different races including mats, floats, balls and hoops. Addington did well in competing against 4 other schools. Each pupil was awarded a medal, certificate and swim hat.

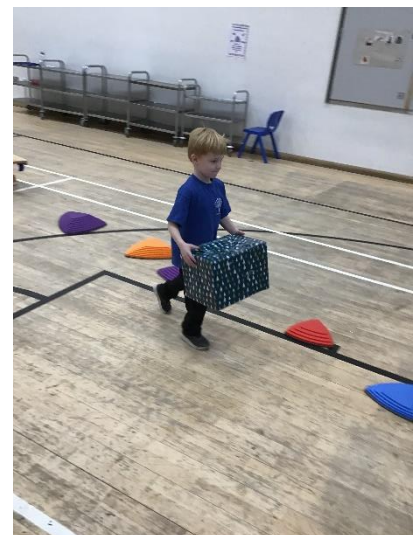
Addington also sent 8 Sports Leaders to help in and around the pool. They were a great asset to the running of the event. Well done everyone.





Santa Dash December 2022

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. When it was too cold to go out, we set up an inside course around the school. Parents were asked to sponsor their child and any money the pupils raised was split between 2 charities: Diane Brimblecombe Animal Shelter and Camp Mohawk. The total was **£217**.



Young Sports Leader Award 2022-2023

This half-term the Young Sports Leaders have revisited the games that they have learned and taken turns in leading them. The games have focussed on **F**un, **A**ctivity, **S**afety and **T**eamwork, taking into consideration the **P**articipants, the **A**rea, **C**ommunication and **E**quipment. The course culminated in the group supporting the Panathlon swimming gala for primary schools in the Wokingham area at Bulmershe. They were able to use the skills they have been learning to help the younger children stay safe and enjoy the games at the gala.

The leaders will receive a certificate now they have finished their course and helped to deliver the activities at the gala. Well done to all the students.



THE HOUSE POINTS CUP



The House point total for the Autumn Term are as follows:

Blue Sharks	1111 points
Red Eagles	614 points
Green Crocodiles	571 points
Yellow Tigers	497 points

Wheelchair Basketball

On Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings this half-term, two rugby coaches have been in to school to deliver wheelchair rugby sessions. Swan, Kite, Rowan, Beech and Holly classes have benefited from this exciting, fun and inclusive sport. There have always been extra chairs available so pupils from Sycamore, Elm and Chestnut have joined the sessions on a rota.



Early Years and Yoga

Daisy Class

'Joyful January' in Daisy Class.

This term has been full of **JOY** as we enter the new year with exploring lots of wonderful learning opportunities in our topic of '**Food and Shopping**'. Daisy class have enjoyed our sensory story 'Pass the Jam, Jim' by Kaye Umansky & Margaret Chamberlain'. We made ham sandwiches, jam on toast and printed with everyday kitchen utensils. In swimming and splash this term, we have explored lots of ways to relax our bodies in the water. We engaged with lots of red and gold things to celebrate Chinese New Year and explored making 'rabbit' pose with our body in yoga. In music with Martin we have explored the topic of 'Space' and have loved feeling and hearing the amplified sounds and vibrations on the resonance board as well as making vocalisations into a microphone. What will Fabulous February bring for our Daisies?



Sunflower Class

We've had another busy term in Sunflower class! Our topic for this term has been Food and Shopping and we've really enjoyed the book 'Handa's Surprise', exploring the fruit from the story and starting to match and identify the animals stealing the fruit. We've also enjoyed lots of fun cooking activities this term, with a focus on using knives to chop fruits and vegetables for different activities. We loved making vegetable faces on wraps!

To celebrate Chinese New Year we enjoyed the story 'Peppa's Chinese New Year', exploring sensory trays with chocolate coins and coloured rice, and tasting some Chinese food. The prawn crackers were our favourite! In Maths we've enjoyed learning about time through using timers, and sequencing the steps to familiar routine activities such as brushing our teeth. We've continued to enjoy exploring number through number songs and developing our 1:1 correspondence skills. Another highlight of this term has been gardening, and we have been learning how to use a spade effectively to scoop soil into pots before adding some seeds. We've grown some cress and have just planted magnolias!



Tulip Class

This term, pupils in Tulip class have been extremely busy exploring our new theme 'Food and Shopping'. A big focus in Tulip class this half term has involved the children working on developing their tolerance and interest in a wider range of foods that may be similar to their safe foods or slightly out of their individual comfort zones. The exploration of topic books such as 'Don't Put Your Finger in the Jam Jim' and 'Handa's Surprise' have helped to provide many exciting opportunities to develop this life skill and learn about different foods.

We also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year, exploring the different food and using chop sticks. As well as using the drums and making our own dragon dances in soft play. We have enjoyed exploring mark making using different tools, especially the light boxes and through dough disco. The students have also engaged in lots of communication tasks that have focused on requesting food items to mix together within food play.

The children have made some fantastic achievements this term, including developing their water confidence and swimming skills during our weekly swimming lessons onsite in the hydrotherapy pool. This term, pupils in Tulip class have also thoroughly enjoyed buddying up with Primrose class and attending weekly assemblies and weekly integration sessions. In maths we have been looking at matching colours, counting, 2D shapes and exploring heavier and lighter using balance scales and capacity full, empty and half full. We have also been working on turn taking skills with our friends and using communication boards in play situations to request things we want to play with. They very much look forward to coming together and integrating with other peers in the Early Years department! We have also welcomed a new pupil into Tulip Class who is settling well.



Bluebell Class

We have completed our first term, we can't believe how fast it went! The children settled into school life brilliantly and are transitioning around school so well. Our topic for this term has been Food and Shopping. In Communication, Language and Literacy we have been looking at 3 different books; 'Handa's Surprise', 'Oliver's Vegetables', and to celebrate Chinese New Year we looked at 'Peppa's Chinese New Year'. We really enjoyed exploring the different fruits and vegetables from the stories. During cooking, we practised our chopping skills to make fruit and vegetable faces, the children loved doing this! In Maths we have enjoyed exploring number through number songs - our favourite was '5 little ducks'! We have also started developing our 1:1 correspondence skills.

We have really enjoyed our first few swimming lessons and are very excited to have more next term. We love Music and Dance here in Bluebell, so our weekly Music lessons with Sean are always a HUGE hit! To celebrate Chinese New Year, we made a dragon to do a dragon dance with, Chinese lanterns and spring rolls! We loved eating the spring rolls afterwards! We are all so proud of how the children have settled into school and are very excited for next term.



Daffodil Class

This half term we have been settling into our new classroom and experiencing the new KS2 playground. This has been so much fun for us all with new play and regulatory equipment and being around different peers and staff. Our topic this half term has been Food and Shopping, we have been enjoying exploring different Food Play activities with the foods relating to one of our class books, 'Don't Put Your Finger in the Jelly, Nelly!' We celebrated Chinese New Year where we experienced different foods, made Chinese New Year cards and learnt about the different traditions through the story, 'Peppa's Chinese New Year'. We have been continuing to work on our cooking skills; this half term we have been making banana muffins and developing our independence skills by using symbol recipes, adding the ingredients and giving it a great mix!





Lily Class

We've had a very busy term in Lily class. Our topic this term has been 'Food and Shopping' and we have engaged in a range of fun activities to support our learning. In literacy, we have enjoyed reading the story 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Oliver's Vegetables' and have worked really hard at using a communication board to make comments on what is happening in the story. In maths we have been listening to number songs, practicing counting and colour sorting with fruits. We have also enjoyed fruit printing in art and trying different foods, commenting on whether we liked or didn't like it. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we enjoyed participating in a Chinese Dragon themed bucket time, using our fruit printing skills to make a dragon face, as well as, exploring different Chinese foods. We really liked the spring rolls! Towards the end of the term, we enjoyed a trip to Thames Valley Adventure Park. We had a great time exploring the different equipment and activities. Some of our favourite activities whilst we were there were swinging on the swings, playing in soft play and zipping down the zip wire.



Primrose Class

This Spring Term in Primrose class our topic has been 'Food and Shopping'. We have enjoyed exploring the story 'Handa's Surprise' by examining the different fruits talked about and doing some food tasting and cutting up!

We have enjoyed lots of different role play opportunities such as in a café, in a shop and dressing up like a princess!

We have been painting different fruits and vegetables through stamping with sponges, hand prints and painting with paint brushes of all different sizes.

In Maths we have been exploring different sizes and different capacities using words such as 'big' and 'small' and we have been exploring putting items inside one another, as well as continuing with our number learning.

We have really enjoyed our learning this term all about different types of food and about shopping.



Joyful January Yoga in Early Years with Rainbow Claire

This term has been full of **JOY** as we enter the New Year with exploring lots of wonderful breathing techniques and new yoga poses across the Early Years classes. We have enjoyed the 'blue/emotional' □ yoga cards to help with regulation, using the dice to throw them in the air and

then help us choose which emotion and pose to explore for our body and mind. Lots of fun was had exploring Chinese New Year 🐰 in Yoga, with a wonderful learning opportunity to explore this year's animal of the 'Year of the Rabbit' as a physical pose with our body and as a breathing technique called 'bunny breath'- two sniffs inhaled through the nose and then one long exhale. Have a go at rabbit pose over the half term break, an opportunity to release tension from your back, open up your hips and hide away from the world for a bit. The children have continued to enjoy the benefits of **'Relaxation'** at the end of every yoga session with calming music, blankets, mindful toys or sensory lights. The intention here is for every child to be fully present in the moment and experience a sense of calm for their body and mind. Namaste.



Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Oak Class

We have been learning about lots of exciting things as part of our topic “Dragons and Castles” this half term! We have made our own junk model castles and learned about who lives in a castle and what they do by looking at a non-fiction text. George and the Dragon has proved a very popular story in Literacy and we are moving on to reading “Zog”. The children have enjoyed imagining that they are dragons and how they would feel in different scenarios.

Oak class have been learning trampolining skills in PE and have explored Chinese music in celebration of the Lunar New Year. This term we have tried something new and split into Key Stage groups for swimming and outdoor learning. These groups are called “Dragons”, “Castles” and “Knights”. The children have been very brave getting to know new adults and children and are thoroughly enjoying themselves on a Tuesday afternoon in their new groups. We have been getting messy in Outdoor Learning, making mud cupcakes in the Mud Kitchen and “special” hot chocolates in the Mud Café! The children have all really enjoyed their swimming sessions and are gaining confidence quickly.

We have been learning to subtract using a number line in maths and deepening our knowledge in the subjects of time and capacity. In cooking lessons, we have all mastered the art of using a knife safely to cut, slice and chop, making delicious salads and yummy pizzas (I think the adults ate more of the pizza than the children though!)

We loved experimenting in the cold weather, finding snowflakes and mini icicles. We even made our own Chinese New Year style ice sculptures! We are looking forward to continuing our topic next half term and learning all we can before visiting a real life castle before Easter!



Pine Class

Pine class have had another busy term! We have been enjoying our new topic called *Dragons and Castles*! In Literacy, we have focused on the story 'Zog' and we experienced our first non-fiction text about castles. We have been enjoying learning about key features of a castle and have been creatively making knights and dragons using different materials and textures.

In Maths, we have focused on Capacity and Time; we are getting good at singing the Months of the Year and learning when our Birthdays are! This term we are in new swimming and outdoor learning groups across Key Stage 2 and our groups are called 'Dragons, Knights and Castles!' We have really enjoyed spending the time with new friends!

We have also been working hard with understanding our emotions by doing lots of work with our Colour Monster friends! In cooking, we have been making Dragon Pizzas, building on the skills we learnt last term and learning how to use an oven to include all the key safety skills. This term, we also celebrated Chinese New Year where we explored some of the Chinese food culture using chopsticks. We also went to Taplow: we loved spending time in soft play, the sensory room and we even explored the outside! Pine class also really enjoyed it when the Berkshire Music Maestros came to school; we experienced making sounds using maracas and listened to music to demonstrate feelings of happy and sad. Well done Pine Class for a fantastic term! ☺



Willow Class

Willow Class have found this half term's topic 'Castles and Knights' fascinating and have loved it so much we are going to spend some more time on this topic after half term. This will culminate with a trip to Windsor Castle: "shhhh" they don't know yet!! ☺. We have explored what castles look like and what they have been used for over time, through stories, art, craft and exploration. We had great fun using boxes to make castles and even a knight's helmet. One of the stories we enjoyed was the story of the 'Zog' and we focussed on retelling key parts of the story and also using adjectives to describe different dragons.

In Maths, we have focused on Time and Capacity in addition to our number work. The children have all progressed well with learning to tell the time to the hour and half an hour and learning the months of the year. In capacity we have been estimating and measuring using non-standard units and introduced litres and millilitres. The children have been making excellent progress this term in PE with trampolining and exercise stations. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Taplow too!

The pupils have each made wonderful progress in different areas and we are very proud of them all. A fantastic half term Willow, well done!



Rowan Class

This half term the class have been hugely enthusiastic about our *Dragons and Castles* topic! Activities included learning about key features of old castles and how they were built to defend, designing shield crests and making eye-catching dragon masks and paper models. We covered stories such as *George and the Dragon* and *Zog in Literacy*, with an emphasis on aspects such as rhyming words and the use of interesting adjectives.

Our Numeracy topics this half term have included reading and setting the time, addition and subtraction using number lines and counting on/back and basic data handling. We identified parts of the human body in Science and discussed the changes that occur during puberty in RSE.

We used role play scenarios to explore the concept of first aid in PSHE, with aspects such as conducting a Primary Survey and putting others in the Recovery Position. It has been a fun and highly constructive half term for all!



Complex, Therapeutic and Sensory Needs Department

Cherry Class

Cherry have had a good start back into the New Year. We are all enjoying our new topic; getting around. The sensory story we are doing this term has been very well received by everyone as it contains a range of classic songs linked to the mode of transport! We have been enjoying regular rebound and hydro sessions which we all love to do. We have had some musicians come in to see us and they played a range of music to pictures - favourites being the thunder and lightning and the rainbow! We have planted some herbs during our gardening sessions and have been enjoying immersive drama - camping!



Apple Class

Apple Class have had a good start of the term! We have been exploring new toys under the new topic "Transport".

During *My Interactions*, we have enjoyed "My bus" a multisensory story following the five cats and five dogs journey with the bus, the car, the boat and the aeroplane. Through *My Senses*, we have enjoyed the cars driving on our body parts and different movements we can make during *Tac Pac*. We have also been exploring some sensory books about trains and cars.

Under *My Discoveries*, we have been learning new movements and new words "up", "down" and "round" during Art sessions by painting using cars. We have been playing with the toy buses and cars while watching Reading buses routes. Also, we have been developing our focus and concentration skills through Waldon activities.

Also we continued to work hard on *My Movements* throughout regular sessions in the pool, on the trampoline, soft play and in the playground during playtime.



Poppy Class

This half term we have started our Going on an Adventure sensory story where we take different transport around England and France. Our favourite parts are definitely going under the sea in a yellow submarine and flying over a mountain in a plane (lots of bubbles get wafted around by fans!)

We have enjoyed listening to The Train Ride story with a drumming call and response and experienced some travel inspired messy art sessions!

We have had a visit from some musicians who played a weather based music session with flutes and violins. All the class were amazed and fully engaged in the sounds and sights. Bailey the therapy dog is also still coming to visit us in class and we are all very used to greeting him now and giving him lots of smiles and strokes.

We have been on a jazz journey during our music with Martin and camped out in a field for Immersive drama and continued to have fun and work hard in hydro and rebound.



Birch Class

Birch class has started a new adventure. We have a mission on Planet Earth where we travel around the planet using all type of transports. We have also enjoyed many sensory activities. Our favourite ones this term have been Open Circle, Tacpac and Curiosity.



Beech Class

It was lovely to come back after our Christmas break and see everyone again for the start of 2023. We have started our new text for our Talk 4 Writing lessons and have been enjoying the text 'Aliens in Underpants Save the World'. We have been learning about rhyming words and syllables. We have had great fun clapping out the syllables in names and objects! We have also started doing our weekly handwriting lessons. The students are motivated to improve their handwriting, and many have set themselves personal targets to have neater handwriting. We work on a set formation of letters using set phrases for each letter and the students say this aloud to help them form the letters correctly.

In Science, we have been learning all about the human body and the amazing abilities it has. We have particularly enjoyed the sessions on the heart, lungs and our pulse rate. We took part in *Just Dance* and ran around outside to get our heart rate up and then looked at the different effects it has on our body.

We are cooking once a week, in the kitchen. This half term we are making shortbread and this is a lesson led by the students. They are given the instructions and need to gather the equipment and follow the recipe with limited adult help. They certainly enjoy the tasting part, which we do before the end of the day. Some of the students walk to the shops on a Monday afternoon to purchase the ingredients we need. 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



Holly Class

We can't believe that it is half term already! This half term has flown by. As always Holly class have been working hard on their targets and coming together as a class for short periods of time during the day. The pupils have been engaging in our group sessions for longer periods of time, which has been lovely to see.

Our topic this term is 'Getting Around' and our shared text is called 'Rosie's Walk'. This story introduces positional language. The pupils have engaged with this story through *touch talk* massage sessions and some have been able to retell the story.

In cooking we have been focusing on how to use a rolling pin and a grater safely by making cheese straws. Some pupils have explored the ingredients and others have followed one step instructions. These have been a huge hit and each week the pupils have gained in their independence skills.

Attention Autism sessions have been hugely successful this term with the majority of the pupils engaging in them. Some of the pupils have enjoyed Stage 1 and focusing on the items coming out of the bucket and others have also enjoyed Stage 4 in creating an end product.

We have continued with our daily cognition sessions where the pupils have worked on their individual targets. We are seeing pleasing progress and engagement within these sessions.

We look forward to seeing some of you at parents evening so we can share the progress your child has made this half term and discuss what they will be working on next.

We hope you have an enjoyable half term

Kerrie & Holly Class team





Lime Class

Lime class has been very busy this term! We have done a lot of food exploration and messy play involving pasta and noodles and the children have had so much fun!



We have enjoyed exploring different places such as Camp Mohawk and different rooms like Soft play, Music room and Sensory room. Children loved exploring a range of musical instruments, their sounds and their textures.



The children have all been working really hard towards their targets and communication and they have made fantastic progress.

Eva & Lime Class team

Key Stage 3

Aspen Class

Aspen class have been very busy since returning from Christmas!

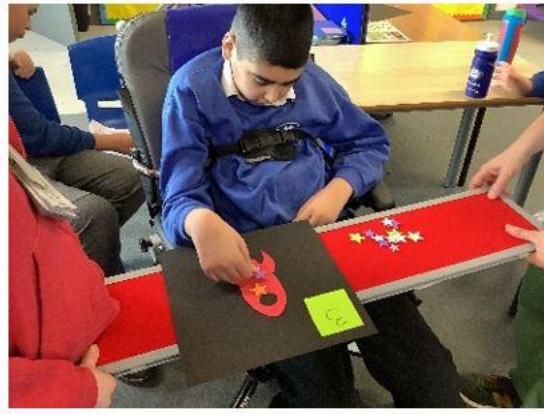
We have started the topic 'Moon Zoom'. We are learning facts about space and building our own rockets to zoom from planet to planet. In maths, we are learning about money and choosing the correct value to buy toys to play with in class. In maths, we are also focussing on measure and capacity to revisit our prior learning from last term. In literacy we are looking at three different books: 'Whatever Next', 'Alien Tea on Planet Zum-Zee' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'. In RHSE we are learning about puberty and changes to our bodies, and in science we are also looking at the human body. For PE we have begun trampolining and circuits.

This half term has been short but we are really enjoying delving into our topic with some hands on learning. Check out the pictures of us doing our things!



Cedar Class

In Cedar Class we welcomed 2023 with loads of fun activities and learning. Our topic for this term is 'Moon Zoom' and we have been exploring the stories 'Whatever Next' and 'Alien Tea on Planet Zoom Zee'. We loved participating in role play where we pretended to be astronauts and we used boxes to make our own rocket! We have also been invited to an 'alien tea party' where we got to enjoy time with some other classes. This half term we started going to Co-op to practice buying ingredients for our cooking lessons and practise using money in real life situations. We also practiced more role play shopping in class and started to identify some of the coins. As always, we enjoyed going to Camp Mohawk and enjoy outdoor learning alongside our friends.



Chestnut Class

This term in our *Moon Zoom* topic, we have been learning about our solar system, the moon landing and life as an astronaut. In other subject lessons, the class have been learning about the human body, developing their first aid and trampoline skills and studying and playing Jazz music. Here's what the students had to say about some of their experiences this half term:

Aytan: 'Putting cheese and tomato on a pizza.'

Maya: 'I made cheese and tomato pizza. It tasted good'

Teigan: 'I got chocolate cake. It was good. I like going to the café.'

Anamol: 'I am discovering how a sheep's heart works. I was squishing it like a stress ball. Everyone thought that was the most funny thing on Earth!'

Grace: 'I tried to open the heart but it was too slimy! It was a disgusting smell. It was an annoyingly gross lesson but I enjoyed it. I liked touching the heart.'

Reid: 'For once, we went to camp Mowhawk and it was dry instead of muddy. My favourite part of going to Camp Mowhawk is playing football with Danny and Billy.'

Billy: 'I liked First Aid because it's fun.'

Taran: 'I am colouring circles in ICT'

Leo: 'I'm in the ship at Camp Mowhawk. Camp Mowhawk is good because I like the soft play'

Finn: 'I liked playing football. It brings people into the game and I feel like more people should play it'

Natalia: 'I'm putting the stickers on the dead dummy because he wasn't conscious. We were doing First Aid.'

Melek: 'I thought it was like chicken but it was a heart! I don't want to touch any more hearts.'



Elm Class

Elm Class have worked so hard this half term!

We have enjoyed our new topic, *Moon Zoom*. We have some fab space experts in class already, who have enjoyed sharing interesting space facts with their classmates whilst we studied the planets in the solar system. Recently we have been learning about the Moon landing, as well as researching what it is like to live on the International Space Station.

In Science, we have been learning about body parts, and some of us were brave enough to have a go at dissecting a heart!

We have been exploring the topic of First Aid in PSHE and were lucky enough to be invited to a session with Reading University where we were able to practise with a training defibrillator and try other medical equipment too! The visitors were so impressed with our class who showcased their first aid skills brilliantly!

We have thoroughly enjoyed our cooking topic of pizza. We've experimented with different bases each week and a pitta bread base is winning so far! Our pizzas have given us lots of energy for PE lessons, and one of our favourite sports – Wheelchair rugby!

We can't wait for more adventures next half term!





Maple Class

We started the term with a trip into space! Well, a book about space and a teddy who ventured into space. We used a cardboard box, wellington boots and a colander to follow the story of 'Whatever Next' and pretended to get to the moon for a picnic. Our second book is also about a picnic, but this time with aliens. We plan to finish the half term with a party with two other classes. In maths, we have been handling money, we used real £1 coins and played shop, even working out change from a real £10 note. We also explored 2D and 3D shapes as well as working on smaller targets such as doubling numbers to 5.

In cooking we have continued the space theme; moon rock cakes, planet pizzas, rocket sandwiches and alien fairy cakes. Art was space themed too, while music has been focused on Jazz. PE has been trampolining and using machines to help us move – the running machine was a big hit with all the children, while in immersive theatre we have been using hand puppets. In science we have been exploring the human body, including handling a lamb's heart.

We visited Camp Mohawk once and had a go at creating nature art based on Andy Goldsworthy, as well as spending time inside as it was very cold. The children also had a go at wheelchair basketball or photography and of course, swimming has been the highlight of the half term. Each week we have got quicker at changing and we all had fun in the water.

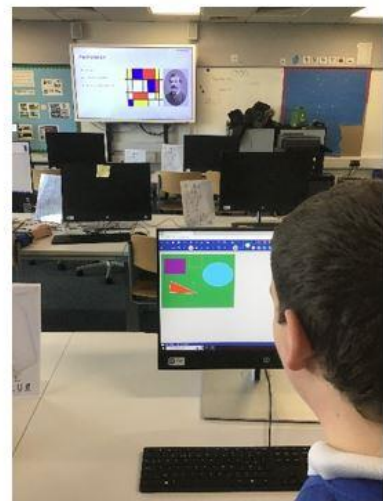
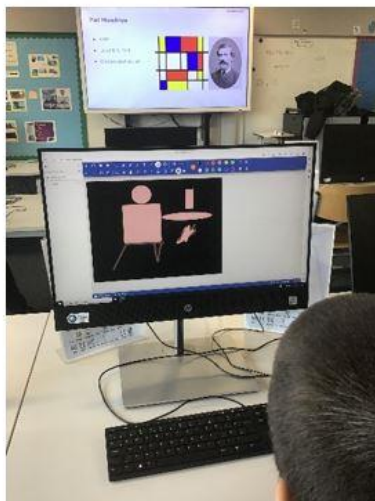


Sycamore Class

In Sycamore Class we have learnt lots about space through our 'Moon Zoom' topic. We are trying to make sure we answer all our questions through lots of research.



During our time in the ICT suite we are following the Computing curriculum. This term we are learning all about digital Art.



We are still enjoying weekly cooking lessons – this half term we are doing a pizza investigation – finding out which base is best – so far we have tried muffins, pittas and French bread. We are evaluating each week to see which one wins!



Key Stage 4

Kite Class

Kite Class have been focusing on our new theme for Project, 'Planet Earth: What a Load of Rubbish!' this term. We have learnt about different ways materials can be recycled, created art and craft out of items by reusing them, taken glass bottles to the Woodley Bottle Bank, and learnt about the difference between meat-eaters, vegetarians and vegans and why some people decide to become vegetarian or vegan.

We have also fitted in travel training, shopping, internal work experience (some students cleaned and maintained the scooters), re-purposing furniture in Business Enterprise, horticulture and kitchen skills where we make our lunch every Friday. We have also had visits to Woodley Library, experienced the fun of wheelchair basketball, music, art and drama lessons, phonics and writing, as well as our weekly Make Sense Theatre sessions which we all love. We have earned our half term!



Swan Class

Planet Earth - This term our Topic is *Planet Earth – What a Load of Rubbish*. The focus is on the environment, and the things we can do to help. This term we are focussing on recycling, and food. The students (and staff) were surprised at how what we eat affects the environment. Beef produces almost 10 times the amount of greenhouse gas emissions as chicken. Beef has 60kg of CO₂ per kg of beef whereas root vegetables produces 0.4kg of CO₂ per kg of vegetables. We thought about how we might cut down on the amount of animal products we eat in a week. With this in mind, we did a vegan taste test. Vegan sausages were a big hit, with most of the class quite happy to eat them. Vegan ice cream (Swedish Glacé brand) was also very popular. Vegan bacon was not a hit and the soya milk was universally disliked! However, many of the class quite liked the oat milk. (I actually prefer oat milk in tea than ordinary milk.) We looked at the price of these products and could see that they were not more expensive, in fact, they are often cheaper than animal products.

Additionally students have been learning about what can be recycled in our local community. We have found out that we can recycle bottles, paper, clothing, shoes, books and even coffee beans!



Careers and Work Experience - The students have had the opportunity to learn about different careers. Some went to a Careers Fair at the Town Hall in Reading. On Wednesday, some of the students had a talk from NHS staff about the huge range of jobs in the NHS, such as porters, kitchen staff, laundry, IT support and warehouse staff. They had fun trying the blood pressure monitors and other equipment.



Horticulture - We have been working again at Jealotts Hill this half term for a few weeks, tidying up the gardens ready for an open day. The students showed great resilience working in all weathers!



Home Management - In Home Management we are learning laundry skills, such as ironing, pairing socks and folding clothes. Some of our students even had a go at ironing a shirt – perhaps they could practice these skills at home!



Sixth Form News

Kestrel Class

Students in Kestrel have been accessing the link courses at both Reading College and Bracknell and Wokingham College. They continue to familiarise themselves with the settings in preparation for their eventual transition.



While accessing the community, students have further developed their skills when purchasing items in shops. They are all now becoming skilled in using mobile phone technology to navigate themselves to unfamiliar destinations while working towards travelling independently.



Some students have taken part in PE lessons this term where they have been doing some circuit training. They worked very hard!

As part of the Life Long Leisure curriculum, others have participated in tennis sessions at Woodford Park.

We had our delayed Christmas celebration, with an outing to the bowling lanes and Pizza Hut. The students had a great time.





Owl Class

Welcome to the spring term. This term we have been exploring our new topic, *what a load of rubbish!* We have been looking at animals and the environment, our cognition and

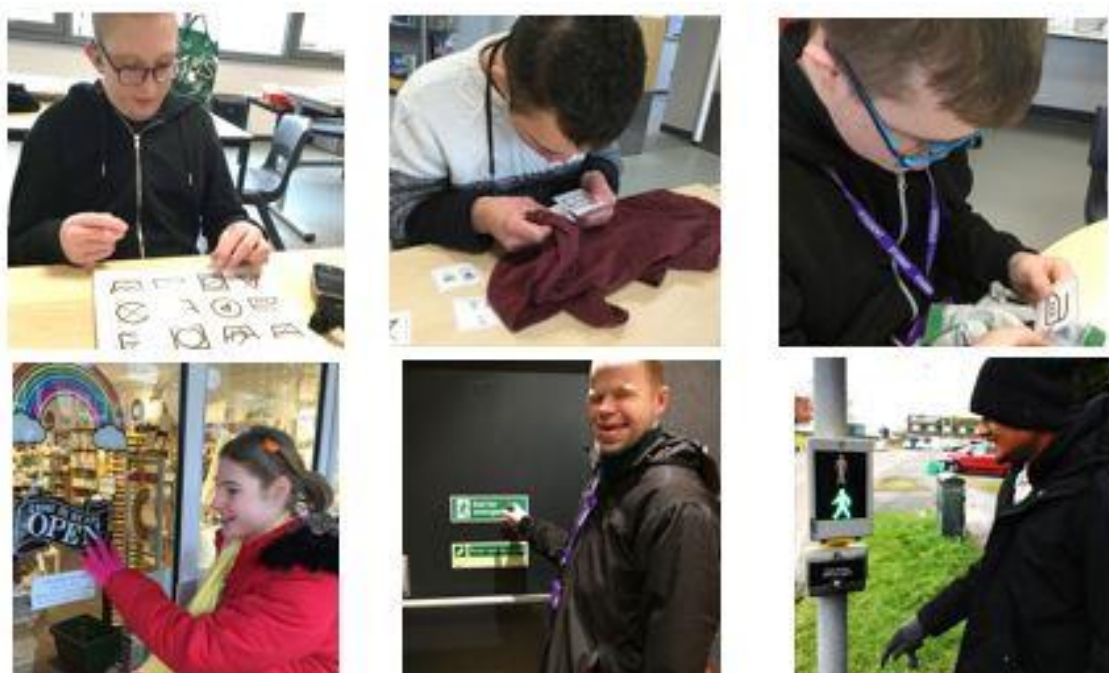


learning. As well as our fine motor and gross motor skills in art and other activities. In music we have been listening to and experiencing Jazz music which everyone seems to be loving. We have been enjoying getting back out and about in the community and going to Woodley when we can.



Robin Class

Robin class have had a fantastic start to 2023! We are all very excited about our project for this term – *'What a Load of Rubbish'* and have been planning our upcycling projects. We have continued with town training, this term focussing on social sight vocab. We have enjoyed spotting words and symbols we recognise in different locations, and have extended this into our home management with lessons on recognising laundry labels on clothes before washing them. Robin class have practised playing games with each other – preparing for our visit from Brookfields. Some students have enjoyed working in the café, either making treats to sell or serving customers and keeping the café clean, whilst the



Bracknell and Wokingham college group have enthusiastically enjoyed drumming sessions this term!



Eagle Class

It is said that January and February bring on the Winter Blues. That does not apply to the buoyant members of Eagle class. Everyone has been upbeat, enthusiastic, energised and happy, despite the cold and wet. The class team, students and staff returned in the New Year to take on and enjoy familiar and new routines.

Once again over this half term, our young people have enjoyed a number of activities in the wider community to develop their social, leisure, independence and life skills.

Some of the highlights have been doing work experience in school and in the community. Students have enjoyed attending and getting a flavour of college life, doing the links courses at either B.C.A, Reading College or Bracknell and Wokingham College. To access lifelong leisure and sporting activities, some of our young people have enjoyed weekly swimming sessions at the Bulmershe Leisure Centre, while others have developed skills either in badminton and tennis during their weekly visits to the Woodford Park Leisure Centre or in golf at a local driving range.

While some students are pursuing a City and Guilds in Horticulture each week, others continue to visit The Ridgeline Trust to learn about and have a sensory experience in gardening.

With our project title being 'What a Load of Rubbish' our young people have been focussing on caring for the environment by recycling and reusing items. They are enjoying experiencing DIY using electric sanders and other tools when upcycling old furniture. During these sessions they learn about the importance of Health and safety in the work place, and team work.

Focus has also been on town and travel training.

After a busy half term, a well-deserved break is looked forward to when everyone can recharge their batteries in readiness for another rather busy and activity filled half term ahead. Eagle class wishes all a safe and enjoyable half term break.



Horticulture

This half term the students have been busy working towards the Newbury challenge later in the year, planting up herbs that will grow indoors until the weather is warmer and also working towards units for their City and Guilds.



TeamSport Mechanics

This half term some of our sixth form students have been accessing their level 1 mechanics course at TeamSport Go-Karting track in Reading.

Having completed the MOT test module, and all students passing the assessment with very high marks, they have started to learn all about the parts of a combustion engine. In practical sessions students have practised taking a go-kart combustion engine apart, naming all the parts and then reconstructing it again. This required considerable skill to use a ratchet to undo all the bolts as well as aligning the parts correctly.

Students have also been testing that the karts are working properly by driving test laps. They have all progressed on to driving complete circuits independently.





Opportunities Evening

On the 19th January we held our annual Opportunities Evening. This event is designed for organisations to join us in school and showcase what their organisations so and can provide to parents of our students. We had a great turn out with over 15 organisations in attendance as well as governors and the Careers and Enterprise Company. Optalis provided a talk on transitions for our young people and support they are able to provide during this time. The evening was a success with very positive feedback from all.





News from the Workshop

We have been busy this term working on our topic "What a load of rubbish"

Our students have been disassembling, sanding and removing worn parts of furniture. They have been using a variety of new tools and many are designing how they would like them to look after we have upcycled them.

After half term we will be painting, stencilling and re-upholstering cushion pads and chair covers. All items will be available at our auction near Easter. Watch this space for some amazing unique furniture.



Work Experience

We have had over 13 placements each week that started at the beginning of January, this is over 60 hours of work experience each week. The students have made great progress to their learning, being able to implement what they have been taught during Functional Skills careers lessons. Students are able to identify the new skills they are working on and ones they feel are their strengths within the work place.





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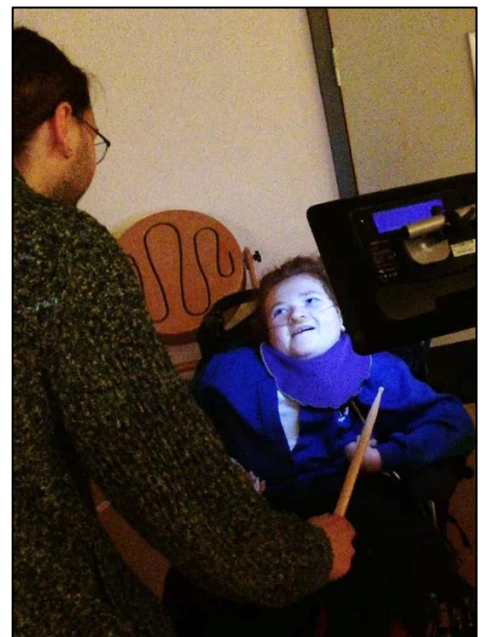


Music

Early Years have been exploring space songs. They have been using the resonance board or gathering drum to explore rhythm and changing music elements like dynamics as they zoom to the moon. They have enjoyed using the microphone to make alien sounds and a song about a purple people eater which gets faster and faster.



In Sensory and Complex Needs Music students have been exploring jazz. With a focus on rhythm and improvisation, pupils enjoy sitting or lying on resonance boards when possible, feeling the beat through the boards. They have explored musical structure and cause and effect with the classic Glenn Miller piece 'Pennsylvania 6-500', in which pupils have to respond to a pause in the music by ringing a bell, pressing a switch or otherwise reacting the break. Frank Sinatra's 'Fly Me To the Moon' has been enjoyed as a vocalisation and singing focus, with many pupils joining in, and Oscar Peterson's 'C Jam Blues' has been jammed out on ukuleles and tambourines, with pupils exploring the instruments and joining in with and without support. We will continue our jazz journey next half term, with some of the current repertoire alongside some new pieces too.





Key Stage 2, 3 and 4 have also been exploring jazz. In Key Stage 2 and 3 the pupils have enjoyed being introduced to the music of Oscar Peterson, exploring improvisation with 'C Jam Blues'; the music of Glen Miller, working on stopping and starting their singing and playing with 'Pennsylvania 6-5000'; and the music of Frank Sinatra, learning to sing and sign 'Fly me to the Moon'. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning about jazz instruments, having a go at playing the saxophone, trumpet and clarinet. In Key Stage 4 they have been learning about the history of jazz and focussing on playing in a jazz structure, using 'So What' by Miles Davis as the focus piece. They all learnt the head melody and took turns to improvise using the same rhythm of the melody before finishing together playing the head melody again.

In 6th Form, the community group have continued focus on developing ensemble skills, choosing their role in the band and developing their independence to set up and rehearse their parts on their instrument of choice. They have also explored some jazz pieces like C Jam Blues.

Art

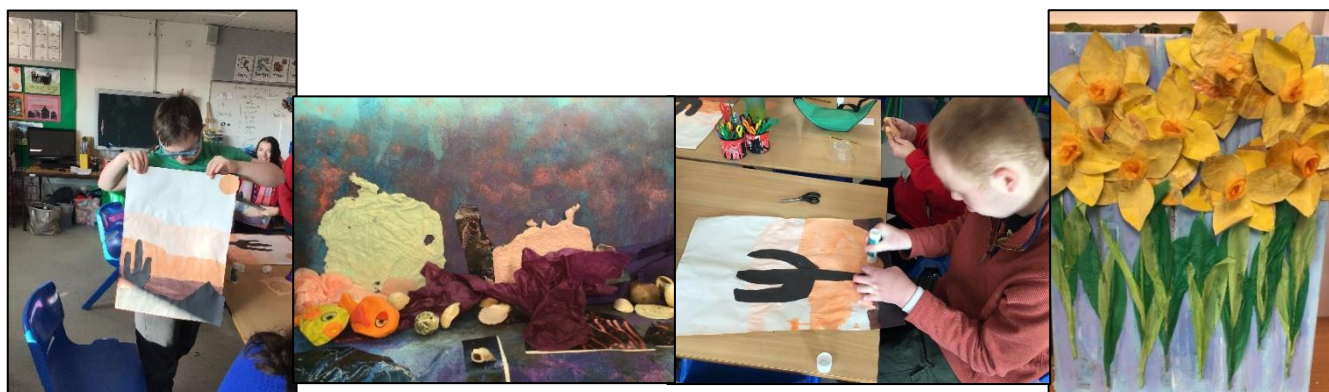
Key Stage 3 have been very busy exploring collage this half term. Sycamore, Chestnut and Elm class have referenced the work of artists such as Deborah Shapiro and Shawn Marie Hardy, exploring different ways of layering papers and adding surrealist ideas to our work. The second group in KS4 have now set to work on their stop motion animations. I will put them on the school website once they are complete. If you have a minute, please take a look.



6th Form Art community group are still working on our brief to create canvases for all the new classrooms at Addington School. We have now almost completed Daffodil and Cedar canvases, with Elm and Bluebell on the way! We have also had a request from Ron, our Site Controller, to create a board for outside his workshop.

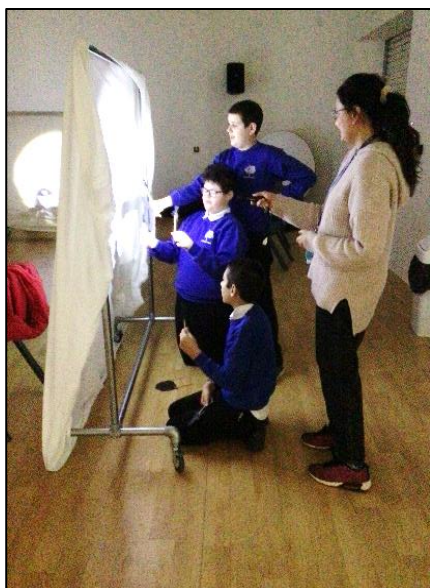


Robin Class have been enjoying their Art 'experience' session in the afternoon and have been creating a variety of cactus artwork.



Drama

In KS3, we have been exploring puppets and creating characters and stories.



In KS4, we have been exploring film. Students have re-created moments from films, explored different genres of films and used an iPad to film short scenes.



In KS5, The Wonky Veg Theatre Company have been busy rehearsing for the Shakespeare School Festival. The company are performing Hamlet on Tuesday 14th March at South Hill Park. Tickets can be purchased here.

<https://www.southhillpark.org.uk/book-online/10316/>

The actors took part in a drama workshop with actor, Joshua Picton. This was a valuable experience, students gained some industry techniques and interviewed Joshua about what it is like to be an actor.



WASMA

Addington School are participating in WASMA this year. The songs selected are from different decades over the last 90 years to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's life. We have 6 students involved and rehearsals are going well and they love the new songs. The concert is on Sunday 12th March at The Hexagon in Reading. We look forward to sharing pictures of the concert next half term.

Addington Band

It was great to see the Addington Band perform again just before the holidays at the Carol Concert. They have started to learn 'Satisfaction' by The Rolling Stones and 'Havana' by Camilla Cabello this half term.

Listen Up! Music Workshop

On 31st January, we had a trio of musicians from Berkshire Maestros come and host a workshop with some of our KS2 and 3 students. They explored how sound changes through weather pictures with students joining in with percussion instruments.



Upcoming Events

Here are key dates for your diary in 2023:

- WASMA Concert – Sunday 12th March – 7pm
- Shakespeare Schools Festival – Tuesday 14th March – Evening
- Proms Week – Monday 3rd July – Friday 7th July

You can find regular updates on our music page on the school website

<https://www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk/pupil-pages/music>

Here you will also find resources and videos for the pupils to engage with at home.

We hope you all enjoy half term!

The Creative Arts Team



News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

Dear Parents and Carers

How quickly time the year is passing! I'm not quite sure how we find ourselves in February already!

Although it now seems like a long time ago, I wanted to share how we got on with our fundraising over the Christmas period.

We try to hold 3 events at Christmas which are the Christmas Fayre, the Christmas Raffle and the Carol Concert. It was lovely that we were able to hold all 3 events in 2022 – this being the first time all 3 have taken place since Covid hit. It was especially nice to hold the Carol Concert again, and see everyone having such a happy time.

The events raised a combined total of £2,074 which was a great achievement! Thank you to everyone that gave up their time to help, donated items, bought raffle tickets, or attended the events. It really was brilliant to see so many people in attendance. It was also fantastic that the students supported the events so wonderfully, be it as part of the Business Enterprise team, the Horticulture team or the 6th formers that made and sold their very tasty cakes in the 6th form café. It was a great team effort.

So, let's now move into 2023! As you are hopefully aware, supporters of the school have been able to nominate the Association to receive a percentage of the cost of their purchases on Amazon, via AmazonSmile. In 2022, the Association received £524 from this initiative. Unfortunately, Amazon have now decided to close AmazonSmile, which is clearly a huge disappointment!

There are however, 2 ways which you can support the Association and I would ask that you please help us by either:

1) Joining the EasyFundraising website

With on-line shopping being the easy way to buy every purchase made via the EasyFundraising website earns the Association a small donation.

What is EasyFundraising?

EasyFundraising is the UK's biggest charity fundraising site. It's simple to use, and it's free.

Can I buy everything online that I would normally?

Yes! EasyFundraising's 3,500+ retailers include big names such as John Lewis, M&S, Boden, Expedia, eBay, all the major supermarkets, holiday operators, insurance providers, plus a wide range of smaller and more niche online shops and stores.

What do I need to do to raise donations?

It's easy, just register on the site using the following link and then start shopping via the website!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonschoolassociation/>

2) Join Addington's very own School Lottery



Fancy having a little fun for as little as £1 per week? If so, then why not have a flutter on the lottery. Tickets cost £1 per week, with a cash prize available each week! You also have a chance to win the star prize of £25,000! Please follow the link below to reach our page.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/addington-school-association>

Your support with either of the above initiatives would be so much appreciated. Please do think about joining up or let me know if you have any questions.

Best wishes & hope you enjoy the half-term

Dawn Adams & all at the Addington School Association

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022 - 2023



Addington School

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Inset Days – (closed to pupils)	Friday 2 September & Monday 5 September 2022
Term Starts	Tuesday 6 September 2022
Inset Day – (Closed to pupils)	Friday 21 October
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October inclusive
Inset Day (closed to pupils)	Monday 31 October 2022
Term Restarts	Tuesday 1 November 2022
Term Ends	Tuesday 20 December 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

Term Starts	Wednesday 4 January 2023
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 20 February 2023
Term Ends	Friday 31 March 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

Term Starts	Monday 17 April 2023
Bank Holiday for the Coronation of the King (school closed)	Monday 8 May 2023
Inset Day – (closed to pupils)	Friday 26 May
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 5 June 2023
Term Ends	Friday 21 July 2023

Inset Days – School closed to pupils

Friday 2 September 2022
Monday 5 September 2022
Friday 21 October 2022
Monday 31 October 2022
Friday 26 May 2023

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023 - 2024



AUTUMN TERM 2023

Inset Days – (closed to pupils)	Friday 1 September & Monday 4 September 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 September 2023
Inset Day – (Closed to pupils)	Friday 20 October 2023
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023 inclusive
Inset Day (closed to pupils)	Monday 30 October 2023
Term Restarts	Tuesday 31 October 2023
Term Ends	Friday 15 December 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

Term Starts	Tuesday 2 January 2024
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 19 February 2024
Term Ends	Thursday 28 March 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term Starts	Monday 15 April 2024
Inset Day – (closed to pupils)	Friday 24 May 2024
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 3 June 2024
Term Ends	Tuesday 23 July 2024

Inset Days – School closed to pupils

Friday 1 September 2023
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 Monday 30 October 2023
 Friday 24 May 2024