

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

Our pupils have had real challenges over the past few months, but all seem to be taking the changes to their environment really well. You will see throughout the newsletter happy smiley pupils and staff. The weather seems to be changing but that isn't stopping the classes enjoying our outside spaces.

Thank you to the majority of parents and carers who bring children to school for respecting the Social Distancing and observing the signage. However, there are a few parents who do not seem to be observing these rules, as reported to me by other parents. Therefore, we will now be insisting that all parents and carers wear a face mask whilst on our site to drop their children off.

Could I please also ask you to stay in your vehicles or offsite until 9am when we open our doors. As you are aware, we have 102 pupils to get through the door and into class. I am trying not to enforce a staggered start and finish time as I believe this will prove to be disruptive to our pupils, their families and the classes.

Please remember that class staff are not in the position to have lengthy discussions at the gate in the morning as they need to get back to the class to engage with all pupils. If you wish to pass on information, please use the home school communication book as if you were placing your child on transport.

I have been informed that some of the information which has been sent out over the past week has caused some confusion. A much-simplified version was sent out yesterday, the main message is:

**Do not send your child to school if:**

- They are coughing (not due to Asthma)
- They have a temperature
- They have a loss of smell or taste
- They have been given paracetamol/ibuprofen or any other similar drug within the last 6 hours for any reason at all

**You will be asked to collect your child if they display any of the symptoms above or we believe they have had paracetamol or similar before coming to school**

**Our Kingfisher View**

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile

This may be updated at anytime, due to further restrictions or rules imposed by our Government.

Please be patient with us, I know that this is an extremely difficult time for all, especially for children with additional needs and their families. The decisions that I have to make as a headteacher may not be the ones that you or even I would want to make as a parent, however I do have 102 pupils and a total of 75 staff members that I have to consider with each and every decision.

**Dates for your diary**

**INSET Day-School Closed for All Pupils is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Parent Consultation Day is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**Flu Vaccinations Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Have a great weekend

*Lorraine*



# News from Spring Cluster

## Green Class

We have had a busy week in Green class working hard as always. We have spent lots of time with our friends in Yellow Class singing with Clare and having lots of fun. Our favourite song was wind the bobbin up where we all enjoyed joining in with the actions.

We have loved learning more about ourselves and exploring our likes and dislikes. We have been doing this by exploring wet or dry textures. One of the textures we explored was cornflour and water, we all made some great patterns moving it with our fingers. It made some of us laugh at how slimy it was but some of us would rather keep our fingers out. It's really easy to make, just add a bit of water to some cornflour. Why don't you give it a try and have some fun with this at home?



We have also been working hard this week on our different physio tasks. We have all been moving our hands, legs and feet in the classroom and around the school. This is an area we all enjoy with lots of smiles all round



*Alicia, Kim, Amanda, Jackie, Julia, Maria and Clare*



## News from Spring Cluster

### Yellow Class

Yellow class has had a wonderful week. We have been using our new class light room and exploring all our new sensory light toys. Everybody has really enjoyed tracking, observing and reaching every kind of light object and they have all done amazingly well. We have also done lots of singing and signing and we have had incredible responses to it, with most of the children responding back to us with their own noises. Everybody has been really vocal and chatty in the sessions and that makes us feel really proud.



Swimming keeps being a highlight. This week we have been working on our standing in the pool along with our leg and arm coordination. The Yellow Class children are showing amazing progress on their physio and exercises. Everybody is really loving having Gina for dance lessons on Friday's and they are showing amazing moves and being very responsive.



Finally, this week we have had visitors from Green Class that they have joined us for some play and singing. Our children really enjoyed seeing their friends from the other class.

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Gal, Sally, Kerry Ann, Emma and Carrie*





# News from Summer Cluster

## Pink Class



We have had a very playful week in Pink Class. It has been lovely to see the children playing with sensory toys together and making really clear choices. Particular favourites this week have been colourful umbrella play, play dough and treasure basket style play. This has given us wonderful opportunities to work on our hand function skills.

We have also used our weekly art sessions to work on our hand function. Everyone is becoming very used to the routine of hand washing, hand massage and using vibrating toys to get our hands ready. Many of the students have now made real progress in what they are willing to engage with during art, although some are still keen to keep as clean as possible. This week we started our Autumn art project.



Physiotherapy has also been a key part of the week. The students have defiantly grown in confidence completing sensory circuits and are clearly proud of their achievements. We will all certainly be fit by the end of the term.

The continued good weather means we have really been able to encourage the students in their walking as we keep exploring the garden.



We have also been working very hard in helping staff in preparing drinks and snacks. Some of the students are getting really good at supporting with pouring squash and setting the table for Lunch time. We will work on the washing up too and let you know when you can expect some help with this at home.

*Tor, Siobhan, Maria, Sue, Liza, Norah, and Daniel*



# News from Summer Cluster

## Blue Class

Happy Friday everybody, hope you're keeping well as the first of the chilly weather arrives.



Whilst there are definitely some cold bugs about, Blue Class pupils have nonetheless trooped on brilliantly this week both in and out of lessons.

Our literacy this week has centred around the story 'Handa's Surprise'. Pupils started the week off by enjoying a sensory version of the story, touching, smelling and tasting a variety of different kinds of fruit

including guava, mango, avocado and passionfruit amongst others. This was followed with some mark making/writing and linked to other lessons with Fruit Salad in cooking and role playing a shop to purchase different fruit and foods for messy play.

In numeracy we investigated different 2D and 3D shapes, singing a shapes song, matching the shapes to images and recreating them using playdough

All pupils made notable progress with their swimming this week, some learnt to reach with long arms while others overcame anxieties and habits as they moved into deeper water with support.

Have a fantastic chilly weekend and we'll see you all again on Monday.



*From Richard, Sarah, Teresa, Lynette, Ellie and Helen,*

*~ The Blue Class Team*



# News from Summer Cluster

## Purple Class

Purple Class students have worked hard this week on their individual targets in both Literacy and Numeracy activities. Harry is developing his knowledge of numbers to 100 and is growing confidence in his own ability. Well done Harry!

For our topic on 'Ourselves' this week we have focussed on the Human body, looking at body parts, organs and structure. We have considered similarities and differences, including male & female.

As we are unable to hold a parents', families and friends' coffee morning this year in aid of Macmillan, the Enterprise Group spent the session making cup-cakes to sell to staff to do their bit to support the charity. The students followed their hygiene safety rules and wore their aprons, gloves and masks. In their pairs they meticulously weighed out their ingredients and engaged in each part of the process under the careful watch of our very own Mary (Berry!). Brandon and Sam completed the cakes by decorating with icing and sprinkles. The Communication group spent time this week determining a song to focus on for a Christmas video of which the class will learn new signs.

Kayah chose Friday lunch this week – Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread mmmm and Ben, Mya, Kayah and Sam shopped at Tesco for the Friday lunch ingredients. All students followed the new rules appropriately. Students then donned their waterproof gear and went on their wellbeing walk this week at Abbey Meadows.

This week Purple Class visited OXSRAD and accustomed themselves to the new rules and set up of the centre. All the students used the sanitizer machine on entry and listened well to instructions. The spinning group went outside where the bikes have now been positioned under a waterproof canopy. Some of the students joined in a game of Boccia and this week Mya won!

Ben, Kayah, Sam and Mya helped prepare and cook the lunch this week whilst the other students went cycling. Roberto was clearly happy to get back cycling after missing the session last week due to helping with the cooking and Josh enjoyed going round the track on a double seated bike with Sean (although I think he made poor ole Sean do most of the peddling!). Matthew continues to practice on the balance bike – watch this space!

Happy weekend everyone!

*Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Sean, Sian, & Julie*





# News from Summer Cluster







# News from Autumn Cluster

## Orange Class

We have continued our work on calculation in maths, in particular using money, and the children have been really enthusiastic about their shop role-play. They have been able to exchange a coin for an item, write shopping lists as well as choose and pack their own items. We have been so impressed with how they have played together.



We have also started to sort and match coins, with some of us starting to understand that coins have different values.



We are busy with lots of different sports sessions during the week: dance, tennis and PE, which are all led by specialist teachers. The children engage well with the different activities on offer. I will include some photos in next week's Newsletter so you can see what we get up to!

*Have a lovely weekend,  
Rachael, Tracy, Niki, Gill and Vikki.*



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Red Class

In Red Class this week we are learning all about money. Being able to recognise and use different coins is our focus. We have set up a 'Snack shack' where we are using the class coins to buy snack items or a drink of squash. The children have really enjoyed this and have all been on their best behaviour hoping that they will be chosen to be the shop keeper next. We are hoping that their skills will improve and we can then charge different prices where change and tricky maths will be needed. These skills will be so helpful for when we get back out and about in the community.

We have also had 2 amazing PE lessons this week. The children's ball skills and racquet skills have been impressive. They have also been listening very carefully to the PE coaches which I am sure has led to those big improvements in their skill sets.

Finally a big warm welcome back to Corrine, our music teacher. It was such a delight to have a good old sing song with her on Friday last week. The children were so excited and pleased to see Corrine, their beaming smiles and strong voices said it all.



Have a good weekend.

*Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, Jo and Esther*



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Gold Class

Gold Class are now working on subtraction in maths lessons. As always, concrete resources are being used to support good understanding before doing written subtraction and we are recalling known addition and subtraction when dealing with larger numbers in column subtraction. On Friday, we used our subtraction knowledge to play some fun maths board games.

Much of our literacy is being done in small focussed groups, however we have enjoyed building sentences in class and making silly sentences that include an adjective to describe the noun and an interesting verb. Pupils worked hard to write a detailed description of a scene collaboratively.

In Science this week, we have been trying to answer some of the questions that pupils had at the beginning of the term. We have explored a model of adult teeth and jaw and can work out how many teeth an adult should have and we have made close observations and looked at the different types of teeth and their function. Pupils can hopefully remember some of the tooth names e.g incisors, canines and molars.

This term, in ICT we have been replying to emails and learning about internet safety. There has been lots of great discussion in class and pupils are definitely becoming more aware of the importance of internet safety and ways that we need to keep ourselves safe. They have made lovely posters to explain internet safety.







# News from Autumn Cluster



**Homework:** Over this week, please do some reading and practise counting in tens or fives. A few pupils are learning 3 X tables too! They might also want to share with you the subtraction that they have been doing in class.

Have a lovely weekend.

*From Maria, Marie, Tess, Julie, Esther and Sarah*



# News from Winter Cluster

## Silver Class

It has been a quiet week in Silver Class but all the children have continued to impress us with how well they are following routines and joining in with all the activities.

This week we started the new part of our topic, thinking about foods. We have been exploring different foods we like and dislike. Our story this week was 'Handa's surprise'. We enjoyed looking at all the animal props from the story and especially enjoyed eating the juicy Oranges.

In maths this week we thought about shape. Some of us completed shape sorters and puzzles, others sorted shapes into groups and some were even naming different shapes and counting how many corners.



In art this week we chose different colours for potato printing. Some of us enjoyed splatting the potatoes on the paper and others enjoyed pushing them around to make different patterns. We are doing really well at exchanging symbols for different colours and using communication boards to choose colours and comment.





# News from Winter Cluster

We also did really well using our communication boards in cooking at the end of last week. We enjoyed using our boards and symbols to choose different toppings for crumpets. We are getting much better at spreading by ourselves but mostly enjoyed eating them!



Continuing with the food theme, we also enjoyed using shaving foam to make pretend ice creams. We filled up the cups with the foam and put the sprinkles on the top. We got very messy but we all had lots of fun.



We enjoyed our walk to Albert park and loved our weekly dance again. We have also been enjoying the sunshine in our garden and particularly enjoyed making sandcastles in the sandpit.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Charlotte, Tina, Leann and Zoe*





# News from Winter Cluster

## White Class

This week in white class we have been busy enjoying the last days of sun. We have been reading Handa's surprise, making a fruit salad, and exploring the animals in the story. We learnt that the students really enjoyed picking what fruit they would like in their fruit salad and enjoyed eating it even more!

We enjoyed going to the moon in this week's dance lesson with Gina. Playing tennis in Physical Education, watch out Andy Murray. We also really enjoyed football club at lunchtime with our new PE coaches. Our favourite is swimming with Angela, the children are becoming very confident in the pool and are learning new skills every lesson. Inside the classroom we have been experimenting with different shapes and colours whilst potato printing in art. In music we have been experimenting with different instruments, exploring the different sounds (a class favourite is the drum!).

White class have also been learning about routines in history, we learnt that most of the children would prefer to play all day in the ball pool, trampoline and field! In communication play, we have been learning how to ask for more and when we are finished with our favourite toys, the children are getting really good at telling us they want to play with toys for longer.

White class have had another really good week, filled with lots of learning and fun. We are already looking forward to see what next week will bring!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Jemma, Katie, Ali, Caitlin and Ellie*





# News from Winter Cluster

## Black Class

Happy Friday everyone! Black Class have had another fantastic week full learning and lots of fun!

We started our new story this week, titled 'Handa's Surprise.' The children really enjoyed exploring the different sensory props and using role play when exploring. The children particularly enjoyed balancing the beanbags on their head, just how Handa carried her fruit basket. Dressing up in African dress was another firm favourite with lots of the children.

In Numeracy this week we have been exploring shape. All of the children practiced using physical shapes to complete pictures e.g. using a triangle as a party hat. Some of the children sorted food items according to their 2D shape, whilst some children sorted food items according to their 3D shape. The food theme was very motivating and engaging for everyone!



We continued with our food theme for Art this week and used potatoes to print. The children used communication boards to request preferred paint colours. It was lots of fun and very messy!

In Cooking this week, we made fruit salads to link to our new story of 'Handa's Surprise.' We practiced lots of different skills including peeling and chopping. The children first tasted the different fruits before choosing their preferences for their own fruit salad using a communication board. We all enjoyed a little taste as we went along too!

We have seen some fantastic progress in Swimming this week! I would like to make a special mention for Eleonora who went all the way into the deep end for the very first time. Well done Eleonora!

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

*Katie, Amelia, Olivia and Pauline*

# Community Links

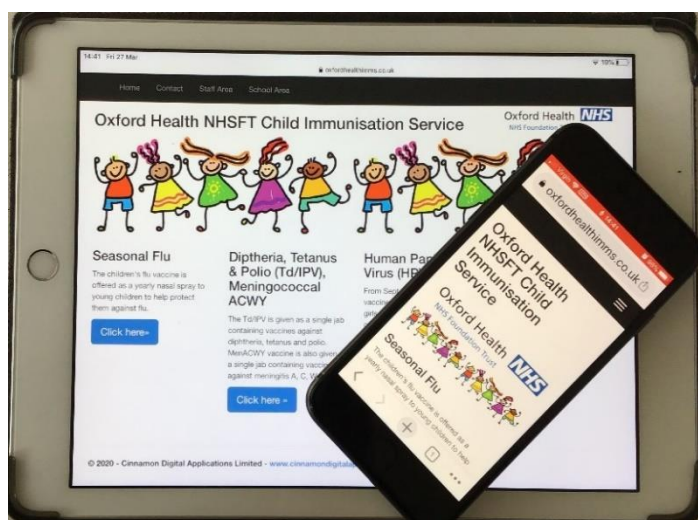
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## Flu vaccination

The school nurse team will be coming to school on **09/10/2020** to offer the flu vaccination. School will send you an email with information on how to complete the online consent form to agree to your child having the immunisation in school. The consent form must be completed before 5pm on **06/10/2020** to enable us to give the immunisation in school. If you would like to discuss your child's immunisation, have any questions or are having any problems with the consent form then please ring the Immunisation Administrator on 07920 254400 and she will be happy to help.



The consent form can be completed on any internet enabled device: a smart phone, tablet, or computer and keeps your information secure.

Children with certain health conditions that mean they are at greater risk of becoming seriously unwell due to complications of flu can choose to have their flu immunisation at their doctors' surgery **or** in school from the school nurse team. These health conditions include learning disabilities, heart conditions, and breathing problems such as severe asthma. If you choose to

have the immunisation at your doctors' surgery, please contact them before the school session to make sure you can get an appointment. You may also be able to obtain a free flu immunisation for yourself from your GP surgery, if you have caring responsibilities for someone with a health condition or have a health condition yourself.

You can find out more about flu and the children's flu immunisation from the NHS website :  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

The NHS easy read leaflet about the childhood flu immunisation [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/651667/Easy\\_read\\_childhood\\_nasal\\_flu\\_leaflet.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/651667/Easy_read_childhood_nasal_flu_leaflet.pdf) could be helpful to explain to your child why they need to have the immunisation. We have also produced an information sheet for children showing them what to expect when they have the flu immunisation in school. You may wish to share this with your child closer to the date of the session and is available on our website