

Dear Parents and Carers

We had the pleasure of welcoming back our pupils last Thursday, I hope that you all managed to have some quality time with your children over the summer holidays. This year has been a strange one, where your children have spent more time with you at home than they usually do, I know that this has been both positive and negative for you and hope that we continue with the new normal.

We have got right back into the swing of things with pupils engaging in a range of activities. The key theme across the school this term is 'Ourselves', particularly our likes and dislikes including choices. There will be more information in each of the individual Class pages each week. There will also be some 'homework' ideas for you to support your children with. Talking about what we are doing in school with your children at home helps to reinforce their learning. Charlie from Red Class has been cycling to school with his dad to try to avoid the increasing traffic. Well done Charlie, and dad of course.



You will be receiving a letter explaining the role of Key Person, naming the member of staff in the classroom that is your child's Key Person. There will be an opportunity to speak to the class teacher and discuss the finer details of their targets during Parent Consultation Day at the beginning of October. We plan to hold this as a telephone consultation and will take place after the school day.

Thank you to the parents who bring children to school for respecting the Social Distancing and observing the signage. 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.

Can I please remind you if you come into school at all by motor vehicle, to be respectful of our neighbours and refrain from blocking drives or parking on grassed areas. If you are visiting the school during the day you are more than welcome to park in our minibus bays between 09.15-14.30.

Our Kingfisher View

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

We will be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support and hosting a virtual coffee morning, more information to follow soon once we have finalised the details.

Dates for your diary

McMillan Coffee Morning is Friday 25th September

INSET Day-School will be closed for All Pupils on Monday 5th October

Finally, if your child or anyone else in your household shows any symptoms of COVID 19, you must not send your child into school. You must take the self-isolation precautions stated by the Government, and also let us know immediately.

Have a great weekend

Lorraine



News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

It has been lovely to have everyone in Green class back this week after a long break. All of the children have done really well settling back into our routines this week with big smiles on their faces. Our topic this term is 'ourselves', we will be focusing on what each of us like and dislike as we are all different. As part of this topic we are also looking at ourselves in mirrors to recognise ourselves and see if we can find our eyes, nose and mouth.

All the children in Green class have been very excited to spend time with each other this week, we have spent this week playing and enjoying lots of music with Clare and her guitar. We have also been working on our physical targets including developing our walking up and down the stairs.



We are all very excited about the school year ahead and looking forward to learning lots.

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



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

Welcome back to school Yellow Class!

It has been a really long time for most of you but now is time to celebrate now we are all together again. Firstly, we would like to thank you all for the incredible work you have all done during lockdown. We are amazed how strong, smiley and grown up they all came back.

This week is a week full of exciting news! We would like to give a really warm welcome to Carrie who has joined the team and also to our new class friend Roman. We are really excited to have you in the class and we hope you enjoy our little class family as much as we do.



Everybody has been really smiley and ready to start with school work. They have all done an incredible amount of work on helping us to get all their books, diaries and photos ready to start the school year. They have done incredible artwork to go in them and they have decided how they wanted it all. We have also worked really hard on our physio programs and they have all shown us the incredible development that they have achieved over the recent months that has made all of us feel beyond proud. Getting back in the pool has put a smile on everybody's face.



As we have had lovely weather this week, we have also spent some time in our sensory garden exploring the different kinds of flowers and smells. But especially what I would highlight from this week is the smiles that they have all shown at seeing each other and gathering together.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Gal, Sally, Kerry Ann, Emma and Carrie



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

It has been such a pleasure to welcome the students back, many of which we have not seen in person since March. Yet despite that they have returned ready to go. We have been very proud to see how quickly everyone has resettled into the school routine. We are aware that many of our class desperately missed the swimming pool so it was very exciting to see everyone back in the pool. As well as our swimming skills and physiotherapy we will also be working on our ball skills and playing with others in the pool.



We have also been active during our Sensory Circuits sessions. The students have been working on their balancing and going up and down steps. The sensory swing and the wobble board are the current favourites with the group.

Our overall topic this term is 'Likes and dislikes' as such it is important to work with the student's preferences.



If there are any new 'likes and dislikes' your child has it would be great if you could make a note of them in the home-school books.

Have a great weekend,

Tor, Siobhán, María, Sue, Liza, Noraí, and Daniel.



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

Good afternoon all, it's the end of the first full week already!



This week, Blue Class pupils have done fantastically. Whilst the sun hasn't always shone and there have been some teething issues, it has without a doubt been a successful return to routine for everybody – staff included!

We've engaged with a wide range of activities over the past 7 school days, as staff and pupils have begun to get to know each other. Sessions have ranged from parachute games, visits to the ball pool and swimming lessons right through to making toast, singing songs and messy play.

Of course, aside from this, we have also begun to access some more academic sessions with Blue Class pupils over the past few days. We have read and experienced the book "The Magical Toy Box" as a class and have practiced our mark making and writing as we communicated about what we could see in images from the book.



In numeracy we have made a secure start and have been working on our counting. It has been great to see so many of the pupils with such a confident grasp of their numbers; and demonstrating their ability practically.

Next week we look forwards to building upon some of the interactions that we have developed; and wish you a safe and sunny weekend in the meantime. See you on Monday!

From Richard, Sarah, Teresa, Lynette, Ellie and Helen, ~ The Blue Class Team



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

What a great start to the new academic year!

The students have certainly settled back in after a long and rather different break and we are now on track for getting right back into our new weekly routine. Students have listened to and looked at the instructions and posters for new rules and have adapted extremely well.

Swimming restarted on Monday morning and was an enjoyable session for all. We have started our termly topic on '*Ourselves*' and have been busy creating individual pieces all about ourselves for our class display – including photos of our family members. Some students have attempted drawing self-portraits or portraits of their peers!



At this present time, we will not be joining our Fitzwaryn friends for enterprise until it is completely safe to do so and so Kingfisher Enterprise Group (now officially known as the Purple Hearts) are going to take advantage of the cooking space and offer more themed food days to raise money.

Kayah, Brandon, Ben, Harry and Josh shopped this week at Tesco. The students were prepped before they left and were aware that they would need to follow all the new social distancing measures put in place as well as wear their masks. Staff were very pleased with how maturely the students behaved when out in public. Other students have worked hard on their individual assessments whilst in smaller groups, although they will all have their turn to shop.

A small group visited OXSRAD this week for a pre-visit to get accustomed to the new measures put in place. Kieren the sports coach explained all the new rules in and showed us round. We were very impressed with the changes and are looking forward to getting back to our normal sports routine next week. Cycling at Wheels4All also started up again this week although with so much open space the changes were not as noticeable but very well organised. As we will be accessing community facilities, we

have started to think about Stranger Danger and ways that we can keep ourselves safe when out and about.

Kayah, Brandon, Harry and Sam prepared and cooked the Friday lunch of pizza (with various toppings) and home-made chips which was chosen by Ceri.



Happy weekend everyone!

Leah, Mary, Dawn, Sean, Sian, & Julie



News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

Welcome back to school – it is so lovely to see everyone in Orange Class. There have been a few changes with staff and pupils, so we have been getting to know each other over the last week or so. The children seem very happy to be back at school and to catch up with friends. Everyone has settled in amazingly quickly



Our topic this term is 'Ourselves' and we have been thinking about the things we like. We will soon add some of our ideas to the self-portraits we painted this week. We are also learning how to look after our bodies, particularly our teeth. You might want to talk about this at home when it is time to brush teeth in the morning or before bed.



Thank you for a wonderful week, Orange Class! You have worked hard, as well as making the most of all the opportunities to play and learn alongside your friends.

Have a lovely weekend,

Rachael, Tracy, Niki, Gill and Vikki.



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

It has been fabulous to see the children after such a long break. They have been delightful and so excited to be back at school and see their friends too. The children really enjoyed our 'Zoom' chat with Katherine and baby Beatrice on Monday. She was really cute and we can't wait to meet her in person.

The children have been displaying lots of positive attitudes and great learning skills – you have obviously been working very hard at home. We have seen some great reading. Some really neat handwriting. Some super physio moves and children being so enthusiastic and keen to learn. They have been counting forwards and backwards with great gusto and Charlie got 33 number bonds questions right in a minute!

The children have also enjoyed using our outside area for lots of exploratory play; Lewis built a Formula 1 racing car from an old box and Henry created a landscape out of sand for the soldiers to hide in. Camron and Holly have enjoyed painting at the big easels and even more than that; washing them with a big sponge and soapy water when they have finished.



Have a good weekend.

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



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

It is brilliant to be back in School and we have made an amazing start in Gold Class. Although a few pupils and families were a little nervous about returning, our pupils have come back refreshed and ready to learn, which is great. I am really enjoying getting to know each of them and teaching has been fun.

We have a whole school topic – Ourselves, in particular likes and dislikes. However, in Gold Class, we begin the topic thinking about ourselves and then will start to think about others too. We are also looking at aspects of the UN Rights of a Child and have been thinking about the right to an education this week. We made a class charter, which shows what we do in school to keep safe and enable good learning. We have started our science topic, learning about teeth and pupils have recorded the things that they already know and been thinking of what they would like to find out. I am very impressed how engaged they have been in maths lessons so far and they have worked really hard on place value of numbers. Activities have included ordering numbers and solving tricky problems. As you can see in the photo below, we have created some lovely art work. The silhouettes of themselves have all of the things that are important to them and their personal likes and hobbies drawn within and the hand 'Zentangles' were really relaxing to complete and look amazing on the wall.

We enjoyed celebrating Zenun's 14th birthday this week in class with a delicious birthday cake. We all surprised him when he came back in to the room with a hand-made card and we sang Happy Birthday to him.



Just for your information, our girls have swimming on a Monday and boys swim each Wednesday. They also have two P.E lessons a week with coaches doing tennis and games.

Enjoy the sunny weekend, which will give everyone the chance to relax after the first full week back in over six months.

Have a lovely weekend.

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



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

It has been great to welcome back all the children in Silver Class. It's been amazing to see them all come back in such a great mood and ready to learn and engage with all the class activities.

This term we are thinking about our likes and dislikes. We have started by thinking about toys that we like and dislike.

We enjoyed our sensory story 'The magic toy box' and especially enjoyed exploring the toys and disco lights linked to the story. We also did some colouring, writing and mark making linked to the story as well as matching pictures and symbols to different characters.



In maths we have started with thinking about number. Some of us have been exploring different number songs and joining in with the props linked to the songs. Some of us have been doing lots of 1:1 matching and others have been counting out amounts.



In art we have been busy painting box templates ready to make boxes to store our favourite toys in and in topic we have been working hard on washing our favourite toys although lots of us enjoyed washing the table more.



We have also carried on with all our other weekly activities such as swimming on Monday and Thursday and dance on Thursday. We enjoyed our trips to the light room and ball pool and especially liked our walk out on Wednesday to feed the ducks.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Charlotte, Tina, Leann and Zoe



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

Hello all,

I hope you have all had a lovely, relaxing summer. The children were very enthusiastic to get back into the classroom and to start learning from the very first day of term. Our topic for the term is 'likes and dislikes', the white class team have been finding out new things about the students everyday through different activities.

On Friday 4th September we celebrated Isaac's 12th birthday by having a dance party and eating cake. All of White Class really enjoyed eating the birthday cake (including the staff). We found out that most of the children love art lessons, whilst we made birthday cards for Isaac.



This week, we have been reading 'The Magical Toy Box' by Melanie Joyce. The children have enjoyed listening to the story, exploring the props and decorating their own toy box.



Overall, white class have had a lot of fun at school during their first week back. The white team have really enjoyed getting to know the students. We can't wait to spend the rest of the year teaching the children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jemma, Katie, Ali, Caitlyn and Ellie



News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Hope that you have all had a lovely extended summer! The children have come back to school more excited than ever and have had a fantastic first week back in Black Class.

We have been practicing our communication this week using communication boards and PECS symbols to request lots of different things. The children really engaged in using the communication board to choose songs during Music as well as choosing some of their favourite toys.

In Literacy, we have been exploring 'The Magic Toy Box' through a sensory story. The children explored the sensory props and especially enjoyed pretending that they were at the magic toy disco. Following this, we used toys for mark making. This week we used toy cars and paint to make marks on to paper. Some of us have been using symbols to label the pictures in the story, whilst some of us made 'I see' sentences to describe the pictures.

In Art, we made our own magic toy boxes using old shoe boxes. The children used communication boards to request coloured paint and materials to paint their toy boxes. Next week we will be requesting decorations to stick on to our boxes.

This half term we will be practicing some independent skills in our science/ messy play session. We will be focusing on washing up, drying up and putting items away. This week we started by washing toys from the story and labelling washing up equipment. Everyone has made a great start!



The children were most excited about going Swimming this week! They were all very eager to get back into the pool and had so much fun.

I am really impressed with how well everyone has come back and settled into Black Class. The children were very excited to see familiar faces and friends which has been lovely.

Have a restful weekend,

Katie, Amelia, Olivia and Pauline

