

2ND OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter into 'real' Autumn, when the weather and the colour of the leaves on the trees change, we also think about Harvest Festival. Thank you to all the families who sent items into school. Purple Class co-ordinated the collection and delivered it to Radley Church for them to distribute in the community.

Still thinking of our local community, I had the pleasure of going to Waitrose this morning to collect a cheque for a total of £333. It is great that our local community think of us and continue to support us. We will be making and taking a card to show our thanks.

Purple Class have been providing lunch today. Soup and a roll for £2 and delivered to my office by Ben. Perfect!



It is that time of the year when we would usually be holding our first parent consultation. This year we will be having telephone consultations. For some classes where there are a lot of pupils, we are offering extra times on Thursday so that all parents and carers can take part in the process.

Dates for your diary

INSET Day-School Closed for All Pupils is Monday 5th October

Parent Consultation Day is Wednesday 7th October

FLU Vaccinations Friday 9th October – details on newsletter

Have a great weekend

Lorraine

Our Kingfisher View

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



News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

We have had a lovely week in Green class and have been working hard indoors due to the wet weather.

We began the week with attention bucket, this is a magical bucket that contains super exciting toys and objects for us to look at. Our favourite was defiantly the dancing lama which we enjoyed wiggling our bodies in time with the music.

In Art we have been continuing to explore our faces, we have been making some excellent choices about which colour we would like to use for our paintings and creating some great eyes and mouth shapes using paintbrushes and our hands.

As always, we have enjoyed lots of music in Green class this week, we had lots of fun singing Twinkle, Twinkle little star. We used a shiny crinkly blanket which flew over the tops of our heads and a colour changing torch that reflected lots of different colours. We were all really good at lifting our arms way above our heads to touch the blanket and make it move, it makes a great sound.



Hope you all have a great weekend

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



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

Really busy week for yellow class, It has been a really artistic and creative week where everybody has expressed the way they see Autumn in their minds. It was really nice to see the children feel, smell, choose and manipulate all the natural resources that we have previously collected on our explorers walks to the big field. We have been looking at the colours that we can see this time of the year and some other colours that we can create when we mix them. After learning about Autumn and collecting everything we created an amazing display that we have hang in our classroom. We painted using all the natural resources and creating every type of shapes and patterns and they all loved it. Singing, painting, mixing, laughing we all had an incredible day outdoors



Physiotherapy has also been key this week and we are observing how every child is growing in confidence on completing their exercise program. We have also been sharing the small hall with Green Class and creating an amazing obstacle course and exercise routines that every child has enjoyed. We have also joined Green Class for our singing and music session with as we call her 'Our Super Clare', the children have responded amazingly well to every sensory song.





News from Spring Cluster

V.I. has played a large role in this week's learning as we were creating circular motions in our light room and encouraging the children to trace and track the shapes along with us. Once again, after great learning session we have projected that in a creative way on to paper.



Have a wonderful weekend,

Gal, Sally, Kerry Ann, Emma and Carrie



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

We have been exploring the story of 'Stone Soup' this week. It has given us lots of opportunities to explore lovely sensory experiences, communication, counting and very importantly it has been good fun and been very, very messy. After working through the story and focusing on hand function, we followed the instructions as we 'made' the stone soup. We had a chance to make our own baked bean soup during messy play, there were equal levels of playing and eating for some of the class but great fun.



As you know we have been working hard this term to develop our physical skills in swimming and sensory circuits. This week we progressed to using some of the ride on toys as part of our sessions. The rocking horse was very popular. We were all happy to have a go, some of us were confident enough to ride it by ourselves which was lovely. We were a little nervous of the balance bikes to begin with. Watch this space to see the improvements we all make.



As always, a huge focus of our week has been on communication with signs, symbols, topic boards and eye gaze. Just a reminder that if you ever need symbols or topic boards around something specific at home please ask.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

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



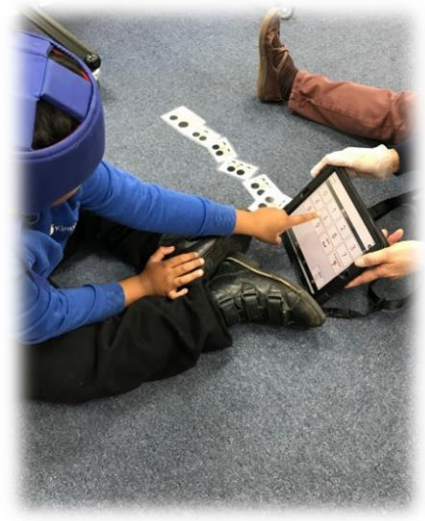
News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

Good afternoon all and well done for making it through to the weekend.

We've had a positive week in Blue Class this week even if it has been rather soggy at times!

In literacy we have continued learning from the book 'Handa's Surprise' although much to the pupils' credit, I don't think it's a surprise anymore as pupils are now actively asking if it's time for the book – nothing to do with the fruit I'm sure!



Our numeracy focus has also followed on from last week with further practice on 2D and 3D shapes, sorting food and objects accordingly. Swimming and P.E. have gone well with all pupils continuing to make steady progress and phonics has gotten into full swing.

Inbetween times of course, we have had great fun with messy play, ball pool, light room, sensory circuits and communication sessions, helping us develop in our interactions with others and catering to our sensory needs.

Have a brilliant weekend and we will see you all on Monday

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

~ The Blue Class Team



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

This week Purple have thought more about themselves and what they might like to do when they are older and leave school. We looked at some examples of jobs and heard others share their dreams and aspirations for the future. Although it can be difficult to think about the future, most students had an idea of a job/hobby they think they might like. For example, Ben fancies being an ambulance driver and Ceri and Matthew like the idea of singing and being on stage.

This week the focus has been on Harvest with Harvest Festival taking place at the weekend and so the Enterprise Group hosted a themed food day – Harvest Soup and roll. In the morning they shopped for some great looking vegetables which included super large potatoes, red onions, butternut squash, carrots and fresh parsley. The students peeled and chopped up all the veg in order to part boil ready for cooking on the Friday.

Purple Class also collected food donations for Harvest in class and we have been overwhelmed with the generosity of all the parents, carers and friends of Kingfisher. The class visited a local church on Wednesday to drop off all the donations and filled up a whole bench with food items. We are lucky to have a visit arranged to the church next Wednesday also as we have continued to receive donations!

Josh has been bringing a book in each week to share with peers and the Communication group have been learning their chosen Christmas song for the class with signs.

Sam chose Friday lunch this week – Tasty Tacos with salad. It was Sam's turn for target-based work this week however so Sam and Kayah worked together on their functional maths targets with Leah whilst Brandon, Ben and Josh shopped for lunch.

We had a great time at OXSRAD and the spinners enjoyed their session in the fresh air and sunshine. The Boccia group have certainly honed their skills and I think we could quite possibly have a county champion in our midst as Mya has rolled some perfect shots, Chan was certainly keeping her on her toes however! In the afternoon, Brandon and Sam focused on individual spellings whilst Roberto and Matthew engaged wonderfully with their phonics. Ceri, Ben and Kayah have now almost completed their personal shields with their favourite things for the class wall.

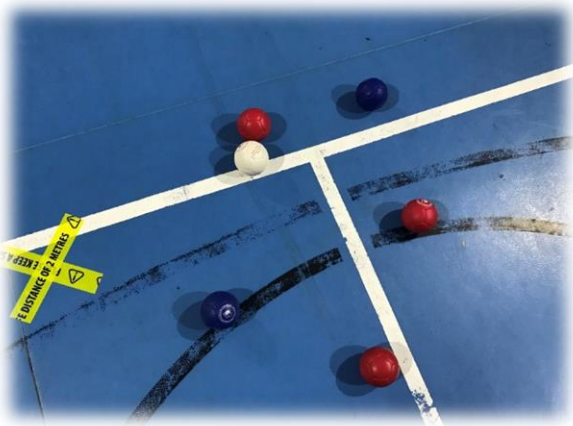
This Friday Ben and Kayah took charge of preparing the Harvest Soup with baked rolls to sell to staff whilst Sam, Josh, Ceri and Mya helped prepare and cook the lunch – tasty Taco's with salad yum!

We ended the week with a quick recap by looking at photos of all the things we have done since the start of term and my goodness we have been busy!

Happy weekend everyone!

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

News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

We are really starting to enjoy our PE in Orange Class!

On a Monday we have tennis where we practise some basic skills, such as hitting the ball with the racket, or dribbling the ball around cones using the racket to guide it. Christina makes it fun and helps us to learn through little games and exercises.

We have a PE coach to run our session in the hall on Wednesdays – we have been focusing on ball skills. This week we were bouncing and catching a ball on our own, before trying it with a partner. We also kicked a ball to a partner so that they could kick it back. Orange Class showed some excellent team work when it was time to collect up all the equipment at the end of the session. Well done!



At the end of the week we have dance with Gina. We all found this a bit tricky at first because we have to use our imaginations, but now we've had a few sessions we know what to expect. We always begin by getting on our magic train and going off on an adventure. Last time we had to imagine that we were squirrels looking for nuts! There was a lot of scampering going on! At the end of our class, we have a dance to some music – Justin Timberlake is a popular choice for us all 😊



Enjoy the weekend!

Rachael, Tracy, Niki, Gill and Vikki.



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

Another exciting week has rushed by in Red Class. Our shopping skills are improving and the children are really enjoying the opportunity to be a shopkeeper. We have also started to learn about giving change. Alex brought in a great book this week called 'A bag full of Worries' which we read and based one of our lessons on. Thank you Alex for sharing that with the class.

If any of the children have books or activities that they would like to share in class we are always very pleased to see them. We like to share each other's interests and learn new skills from each other. We have had another Zoom call this week with our friend and classmate Leythan. It was so exciting to see him and we can't wait for him to come back to school. We sang him a new song that we have learnt all about keeping safe on the Internet. He was also very pleased that we sent him some letters to read all about what we have been learning.

One of the most enjoyable activities this week has been helping Michael, our site manager making some repairs in our outside area and building a new toy box to keep our outdoor toys in. The children were very helpful and very sensible with the tools.



Have a good weekend.

Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, Jo and Esther



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

Gold Class have done so well with addition and subtraction this term, so we are now using that knowledge to work with money. Some of our pupils are using shop role play to pay for items and are learning to recognise the coins. Other pupils have been using addition knowledge to add amounts of money. They have done investigations with money to work out different ways of making a total, for example how many ways can we make £2.00. They have also created imaginary shopping lists and added up the total cost of those items and worked out how much change they would get by counting on.

In class, pupils have been learning about connectives, which are used to join two simple sentences together. They used cards with sentence starters and endings and a word bank of connectives e.g. and, because, but, so, during, after and then built sentences that make sense.

We have really enjoyed science this term and after learning about teeth, the types and why we need to clean our teeth they have begun to plan an investigation. We decided that as we didn't have any real teeth we would find a substitute material to test in different liquids. In a fair test, we are learning that we make one change and keep everything else the same. So in this case we are changing the liquid to see which causes the most decay. We will let you know how the investigation goes next week





News from Autumn Cluster



A letter went home on Thursday about Parent Meetings, which will need to be done by phone call at the moment. Please return the reply slip with the best time slots for you and I will do my best to make suitable appointment times.

Homework: Over this week, please do some reading and practise times tables and counting in 5s, 10s or 3s. Practise looking at coins and recognising and using them to pay for things – in a real or role play situation.

Have a lovely weekend.

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



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

We have enjoyed another busy week in Silver Class. We all still seem to be full of energy and keen to learn.

We have continued with our story 'Handa's surprise'. This week we practised feeding the animals different fruits from the story. We also practised making sentences about different animals in the story. A special mention to Quinn, Arya and Jake who worked completely independently on their sentence work for the first time, also to Matthew who has been choosing to come to the table independently to join in with our story and maths activities.



We have continued with all our other activities linked to the story. We enjoyed exploring and tasting the different fruits from the story. We also had lots of fun painting with apples and pears. Our favourite sessions are still messy play where we enjoyed playing with coloured rice at the end of last week.





News from Winter Cluster

We also did really well using our communication boards in cooking and are getting much better at chopping fruit. Last week we made fruit salad and this week we choose ingredients to make our own smoothie drinks.



One of our highlights of the week was definitely PE. There was lots of new equipment to explore. We are getting really good at following instructions for using different equipment and using the 'more' sign to ask for more bouncing, crawling and throwing.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Charlotte, Tina, Leann and Zoe



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

Happy Friday everyone!

Whilst the weather has definitely taken a turn for the worst, White Class have trooped on brilliantly this week!

In Literacy this week, White class have been exploring the animals in our sensory story 'Handa's surprise'. In mark making, we've been copying the spots and stripes of tigers, zebra's and leopards. During our symbols lesson, we have been describing the different colours of the animals. In Maths, we've been working on shapes for the second week, some of the children are getting really confident with identifying and sorting shapes, we've also found out the children love shape puzzles.

In Dance class, we danced and ran with ribbons and material to the sound of lively music. The topic for this week is 'food I like and dislike'. The children had messy play with cream and jelly, exploring and serving up different jelly dishes for us! In art this week, we have been doing apple printing, picking a paint colour, and using the sliced apple as a tool to paint with. The children really enjoyed this!

The children have also carried on with other weekly activities such as music on Wednesday, swimming on Monday and Wednesday, Tennis on Monday and games on Wednesday. The children have also enjoyed trips to the light room and ball pool.

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!

In Literacy this week, we continued with our story of 'Handas Surprise' with a focus on the animals within the story. Some of the children used symbols to label the animals within the story, whilst another group matched an adjective to an animal using symbols. E.g. stripy zebra. We also had lots of fun in our mark making session, choosing different colours to colour in the animals using a communication board.

In Cooking this week, we made fruit smoothies. The children had to follow a visual timetable to add different ingredients to the jug. E.g. first strawberries, next raspberries. The children really enjoyed making their smoothies! I would like to make a special mention to Miley who focused and engaged so well in this session! Well done 😊



In Maths this week we continued with our shape work. Some children were sorting physical shape, some sorted shapes within their environment whilst another group labelled and sorted 3D shapes.

We have continued to work hard in our Phonics groups this week. I have noticed lots of progress within the short time of being back at school!

We loved our messy play session this week, which involved using a communication board to choose different messy activities. E.g sand/ foam etc. The foam and sand were a firm favourite! It was a good job it was homemade sand made by blending cheerios into small segments as lots of the children enjoyed tasting it!

Finally, I would like to mention this weeks Bucket Time activities. The children were really engaged in Bucket time this week and have been focusing and attending for longer periods of time. This week, for stage 2, they enjoyed observing a 'volcano.' This was made using coca cola and mentos. The children absolutely loved it, so it could be a fun and engaging activity to do at home as well.

I would like to make a special mention for Malachi this week who is growing in independence both with functional life skill tasks and with completing his focused work.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Katie, Amelia, Olivia and Pauline



Flu vaccination

IMPORTANT!

FLU IMMUNISATION AT SCHOOL ON 09/10/2020

IF YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE FLU IMMUNISATION AT SCHOOL, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE CONSENT FORM BY 5pm ON 06/10/2020



The school nurse team will be coming to school on **09/10/2020** to offer the flu vaccination. School will have sent 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 the closing date to enable us to give the immunisation in school. After this date you will find the online system will not work, so please make sure you complete the form in plenty of time.

If your child has any health conditions that may affect their suitability for the nasal immunisation, the school nurse team will be contacting you by telephone to discuss. Almost all children can have the nasal flu immunisation, but we do need to ensure it is appropriate for your child.

If you would like to discuss your child's immunisation, have any questions or are having any problems with the consent form then please discuss with your nurse in school or please ring the Immunisation Administrator on 07920 254400 who will be happy to help.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION. There are some illnesses that may mean we have to delay immunising your child until they are well. If your child is unwell on the day of the immunisation but is in school, it is important you let school know **and** contact the school nurse team on the mobile number provided in your letter

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ASTHMA: if your child has asthma which has recently got worse, meaning they have been taking steroid tablets in the last two weeks, or have been wheezy inhalers more than usual in the last three days then delay their immunisation.

BLOCKED NOSE: a very blocked or runny nose that unable to clear by blowing will mean we must delay immunisation.

HIGH TEMPERATURE: If your child has an infection them feel unwell and giving them a high (even if their fever has been reduced by medication then we will have to delay the immunisation.



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IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL OR WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE THE IMMUNISATION.

If you have completed the consent form and your child does not have the immunisation, then we will send you information on how to book an appointment in a clinic in your area. Unfortunately, we are not able to return to school to give the immunisation. Alternatively, you may book an appointment for the flu immunisation with your child's doctor if you prefer to have the immunisation at your surgery and your GP is able to provide it.

Community Links



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