

29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It is lovely today to share some good news within our community. Some of you may have seen on our Facebook page the wonderful news about Charlotte and Jamie's new baby. Jacob John Lee was born on Saturday 23rd January. I am sure you would like to join me in sending congratulations and best wishes to Charlotte and her family.

Our pupils have been working really hard both in school and in remote learning sessions. We have recently purchased some devices to enable pupils to have individual access at home. If your child is in a position where they are sharing devices with siblings or parents who are working from home, please let us know and we will see what we, or other services, can do in order to support you.



It was lovely to see the photos and videos of children playing in the snow last weekend. We did have a bit of snow left on the field on Monday and some of the pupils managed to have some more fun. Please be aware that the weather is due to change again this weekend. Snow is once again forecast. For those pupils who are currently being educated in school it is important to check the website for updates if we do have snow. Michael worked really hard to clear the snow and ice which fell last weekend.

Thank you to everyone updating Evisense and Facebook with all the amazing things your children are doing at home with you for remote learning as well as weekend wellbeing walks.

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th February End of Term

Monday 22nd February New Term Starts

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 and Yellow Class

We have had an exciting week in Green class with the snow, we started off with a sensory story called 'One snowy day' so we could learn more about it. We wrapped up warm putting on hats and scarves, we explored the icy cold snow outside and even made some snow for ourselves by mixing together shaving foam and bicarbonate of soda.



We have also been working hard this week on the Eye Gaze. We use our eyes to play games and make exciting things happen on the screen like popping bubbles and making monsters, our favourite game was defiantly the pie splatting game. In sensory circuit we explore lots of different apparatus to develop our movement and balance. The wobble board is something we try to balance and walk along with some adult help. The favourite way to use it though is to sit on top and wobble it back and forth, this week we were helping each other by wobbling it for our friends and taking it in turns.



We have had lots of music this week from Clare, it has been so exciting to see our friends at home during these sessions.

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



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class



Let's kick off the newsletter with two very beautiful smiles from Sienna and Katie. We had so many smiles from everybody this week. Despite everything in the outside world, the students of Pink Class have been nothing but happy and ready to have a bit of fun with each other. Some examples of the fun we have had being our impromptu dance party over lunch (Katie's picture) and Sienna's new, very funny game of getting staff to sit in the wrong chairs.



We have managed to put some learning in around the fun too. We have to say a massive well done to Toby and Yujan, both of whom have done really impressive work around using their various methods of communication to request snacks. In Pink Class crisps are pretty significant motivators it seems



We are continuing to love our Superworm story. Everyone likes different elements of the story. Chloe in particular thoroughly enjoys the colourful worms we have to 'wiggle and squirm' during the repetitive verses and gets ready with her worm when we start to 'chant the chant'. Well done Chloe! We also made our own worms. Indeed, worms are so popular we might have to arrange to use them in future stories. We will get thinking ready for next term.





News from Summer Cluster

Finally, we explored mouldable foam as a means of keeping the snow a little bit longer. It is defiantly strange stuff and as a result had quite mixed reviews from the group until a snowball fight began and then everyone was happy- staff included.



Take care all,

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



News from Summer Cluster

Good Afternoon everyone.

It's definitely been an interesting week for Blue Class and a rather short one at that! Nevertheless, I thought you might like to see some images of some of the fun that Blue Class had been getting up to this week!



It was Arthur's Birthday on Saturday!



We hope to see you all again soon,

*From Richard, Sarah, Ellie (and Lorraine and Jasmine!),
~ The Blue Class Team*



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

We started week 4 in Purple Class with a relaxed swim session and were able to have a little longer in the pool this time (Gill *loved* her swim!). This Monday 25th January was also '*Burns Night*,' so we found out a little about the famous Scottish poet and lyricist Robert Burns. We have listened and practised '*Auld Lang Syne*' and even attempted some Scottish dancing! The students have looked at different styles of Tartan and attempted to have a go at their own version. Roberto and Matthew had a go at weaving a tartan pattern. As Burns Night supper is such a popular event, we even tried some haggis, neeps and tatties – yummy (no *wee* Drambuie though!).

On Tuesday, Iqra, Jakob, Harry and Sam made our Friday dessert – Rhubarb Crumbles (supervised by our baker Mary). Other students enjoyed a story together, answered questions and practised their word recognition and reading skills.

Our topic for '*People we know* (not family)' this week focussed on 'famous people' (past and present). We had a think about the different things people do and the reasons why they are famous. Although we don't know the people personally, we thought about how we know about them – because they are *famous*! We looked at and heard about some different famous people to see if we could name them. Most students knew Elvis and Mr Tumble! Matthew knew Lady Gaga! Everyone knew the Queen and a few knew Simon Cowell. Online sessions have continued this week for students working at home and they have also been working through their home packs – super job everyone!

Sam chose the Friday lunch – Mexican Taco's with chips and salad. On Wednesday we thought about the ingredients we would need and constructed some shopping lists. Josh and Gill had a go at trying to identify some foods by touch (both blindfolded so no cheating). Josh was much better at Gill as he guessed by feeling shape, texture and smell. Well done Josh!

Students have continued to focus on individual targets. Jacob and Iqra have been concentrating on Punctuation, Odds & Even numbers and Multiplication/Division. Harry, Sam and Josh have worked hard on matching number to ages, thinking about the human growth cycle. Roberto and Matthew have worked on a variety of math activities involving number order and sequencing. Jakob and Iqra even managed to complete the corridor display including a picture of Clive (Coronavirus). Great work everyone!

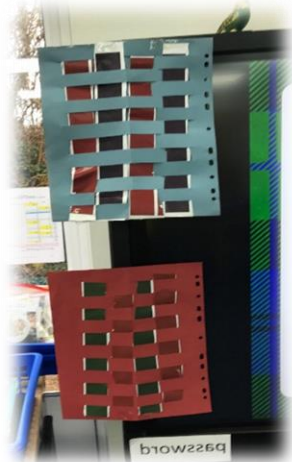
Sam, Josh and Harry prepared and cooked the Friday lunch this week, which was lovely! Well done lads! The other students engaged in individual reading and continuing with target work. Later in the afternoon after all the weekly jobs completed ready for the weekend, students once again joined an online Topic session (lead by our Maria) so they could catch up with friends and share the information they have learnt over the weeks. Students working at home are clearly do a grand job! We ended the week with some free time and sharing our favourite songs (we now know Johnny Gilbert – thanks Jakob!).

Happy weekend everyone!

Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Gill, Sian, & Julie & Marie (Gold)



News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

It has been lovely to welcome more children back to Orange Class this week – I can see that everyone is pleased to catch up with their friends again.

We have been thinking about 'People We Know'. We read *The Jolly Postman* and tried to spot all the characters that we have heard of as they appeared in the story. You could have a go at this at home, if you like. Follow the link to hear the book being read:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpeo_0yoD0k&safe=true

We have written our own letters and posted them in our class post box too.



As we enjoyed our pizza day so much last week, we decided to have another go. We followed the list of instructions and used the communication boards to make our choices. We were really proud of the finished results, as you can see!



*Have a good weekend,
Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin and Beccie.*



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold and Red Class

I have really enjoyed seeing so many enthusiastic faces on my screen this week. It has been a good week with lots of fantastic learning and some new pupils joining us.

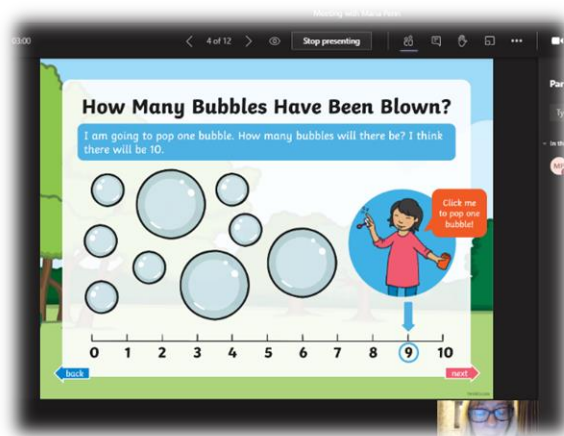
We had maths lessons at the beginning of the week. Freya, Isabel and Eleanora enjoyed popping bubbles virtually to find 'one less' and we played a one more one less game together. Ben and Oliver did brilliant counting forwards and backwards and gave each other hard numbers in our game. Zenun, Gabe and Scarlett were working with odd and even numbers this week and Leythan, Jack, Jakob and Iqra were doing multiplication and division.

The Read Write Inc lessons are going well and pupils are revising sounds that they have been taught and learning the next sound. Group 1 learnt 'ee' this week and were great at reading and writing words with this sound. Group 2 did well at speed sounds and learnt 'oi' this week. They also did some proof reading to spot mistakes. Group 3 did great spelling and writing in 'Hold a sentence.' The last group worked really hard at editing, which is a tricky skill to learn but useful.

Today we are looking at important events in the life of Queen Elizabeth. I hope they remember the bunting and to wear red, white and blue!

Have a lovely weekend.

From Maria, Julie, Esther and Jo





News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Silver class started their new sensory story 'Postman Bear' by Julia Donaldson this week as part of our topic 'People who help us'. Our favourite part was when Postman Bear walked past frog's pond and we felt the spray of water. It's a lovely story where we can see different animals in their habitats, and we will be focusing on the story next week as well.

In numeracy we focused on sharing and enjoyed sharing toppings on pizzas.

As part of our PE we are bike riding around the school field every week and are all working hard to improve our bike riding skills.

Our singing times are always a firm favourite in class. Quinn particularly enjoyed doing the actions for 'The wheels on the bus' this week

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Julie, Leann, Tina, Zoe and Melissa





News from Winter Cluster

White Class

Happy Friday everyone!

This week has been a quiet one for White Class, with some of the class off. We can't wait for all of White Class to all be together again.

Within Literacy this week, we have continued to read 'Postman Bear', by Julia Donaldson. Within mark making, we've been tracing patterns to put on our envelopes, focusing on our grip. During symbol lessons, we have been matching people who help us, to their equipment/cars, for example a letter to a postman or a fire engine to a fireman.

Within Maths, we have continued to focus on position, up and down. The children are getting very confident with knowing the directions/position of putting/going/pulling/pushing things up/down. In phonics this week, we have been continued to revisit on the letters S, A and T. The children have been exploring objects starting with these letters and tracing these letters. The children have also been working on identifying symbols with objects and identifying sounds e.g. the bang of a drum. In cooking, we have been following instructions on how to make a cheese and tomato sandwich. The children have been buttering the bread, cutting the cucumber, and placing all ingredients in the sandwich, ready to eat. In art, we have been sticking and gluing paper/card etc. to vehicles in the community, e.g. a police car.

Homework: We have noticed that some children are getting very confident with tracing using a tripod grip! Please could you continue this, we are seeing such good progress, and try and record some more evidence! Thank you to those who have uploaded evidence on evisense of your child showing an understanding of being safe in the community, focusing on the words 'stop, go and wait'.

Swimming days- Monday and Wednesday for **ALL** students (please bring in kits on Monday).

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki and Sarah

