

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The pupils and staff looked amazing this morning coming into school dressed in red. Some people even had red noses drawn on their face coverings. Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation, we have raised a total of £104.



We have also had a cake raffle to raise money for World Down's Syndrome Day which is on March 21<sup>st</sup> - £125. The winners of the cakes were Michael, from Black Class, Oliver from Blue Class, Camron in Red Class, Seb in Red Class and Clare and Maria who are staff members



Easter is fast approaching and we have had a kind donation from Gareth who is the son of Maria in Pink Class. We have a Percy Pig, dressed as the Easter Bunny, to raffle. If you like a raffle ticket they will be £1 a strip. Please send the money in with your child to the class teacher in an envelope with your child's name on. If you wish to purchase tickets and your child is not in school, please send or bring the money to reception. Alternatively, you can use parent pay to buy tickets, by going to the charitable donations tab.



Thank you to everyone who has booked a parent consultation time next week, hopefully next time we do this we will be able to meet in person.

**Dates for your diary****Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** Parent Consultation Day

Have a great weekend

*Lorraine*

Ps.....We had a lovely visit from Chloe's cat Millie today

**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 started the week with Tac Pac, it features set music and 5 different objects or actions. We had some deep pressure squeezes and the adults moved their fingers in different shapes on our back all in time to the music. Tac Pac is always super relaxing as we turn the lights off to make the classroom dark and listen to the relaxing music.

In resonance board this week some of us tried putting our feet on the board instead of our hands. This really made us laugh when we sang I hear thunder and hit the board really fast and loud as it made our whole bodies wobble. Some of us liked the noise and vibrations so much they decided to lie on it and watch the coloured rice jump up and down around us.

We have had lots of music this week both with Clare and with the music therapist Lizz, we are getting really good at choosing which musical instrument we would like to play using photos and symbols. The drums are definitely the favourite, we also have a digital drum which makes different drumming sounds when we press the buttons.



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



# News from Spring Cluster

## Yellow Class

Yellow Class has been working really hard this week. Every morning we have been working on our ILPs. Table work is starting to become the favourite way to work for most of the pupils in Yellow Class. So, once the good morning routine has finished, they will all go and develop their ILP's on the allocated table. We have been playing with a purpose, sharing our toys, taking turns and making the choice of our activities. Francesca and Roman have done an amazing job at sharing and turn taking with the switch toys, Willow has done incredible at choosing from 4 symbols and Sienna is working hard at grasping and releasing different size balls.



Our sensory story was also a success. With "healthy eating" being our topic this term, we have been reading "The Gigantic Turnip". Everybody really enjoyed the story and was very keen at getting their hands dirty and exploring all the textures. The favourite has been trying to get the turnip out, using the parachute to help pupils showed incredible skills at pulling and pulling and pulling until our gigantic turnip finally came out. Swimming and PE are also the favourite this week, in PE this term we are learning all about the balls and different ways of playing with them.





# News from Spring Cluster



We have also incorporated the same elements to our resonance board. Everybody is showing really good progress with the resonance board and we are communicating with intentions. This term we are using rice as a symbol of planting our seeds, little bug toys as our small world friends, balls to grasp and release and bubbles to encourage them to explore the board.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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



# News from Summer Cluster

## Pink Class

We have had another busy week in Pink Class. The students all enjoyed taking part in their Resonance Board session. Sienna vocalised happily throughout. Ryan showed excellent concentration in this session.



Gina led an exciting dance session, that all of the students loved participating in. Everyone was really engaged with the session and participated with great enthusiasm. Yujan, in particular, thoroughly enjoyed the session and he danced with great zeal. Chloe vocalised animatedly throughout and participated with excitement.



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March marked St Patrick's Day. To celebrate, the students tasted some Irish soda bread. The students were then encouraged to use their index fingers to decorate their shamrocks. Yujan, Ryan and Toby worked particularly well in this session and they were great at dipping their index fingers into the paint. They all did super looking as they decorated their shamrocks.





# News from Summer Cluster



Our Tacpac session is always a firm favourite at the end of the week. The students all worked extremely well and this session always has such a therapeutic effect. Everyone was relaxed, which was wonderful to see.

Have a great weekend.

*Siobhan, Tor, María, Liza, Sue, Katia, Norah, Daniel and Sarah*





# News from Summer Cluster

## Blue Class

Happy Friday everyone, I hope you've had a good week. It's been a positive week for us here in Blue Class if a tad busy!

Continuing our topic of healthy eating this week we have continued to read Oliver's Fruit Salad in literacy. Activities have complemented this with pupils printing apples and making easter baskets in art, sorting fruit and vegetables in science and even making fruit kebabs in cooking!

Pupils concluded their work on money in numeracy this week and it has been good to see them show where they are at so clearly with both achievements and misconceptions coming out in the wash. We look forwards to working on place value next week as 2p and 5p does not make 25p!

Phonics has carried on as per usual this week with our phase 2-3 individuals working on the phoneme /v/ and our phase 5-6 group investigating a range of /ph/ words. Whilst swimming was unfortunately cancelled on Thursday, we had a very positive session with those individuals who went on Tuesday.



This week was our second week joining P.E. coaches over zoom. We're definitely getting slicker at it from both ends now and pupils enjoyed working with someone on screen as well as seeing themselves on there too!

Have a good weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

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





# News from Summer Cluster

## Purple Class

Purple Class have steamed ahead in week 4 and what another busy week this has been! Amongst all the various things happening this week students have continued to work hard on their individual targets at various times. Kayah, Ben, Jakob and Iqra have enjoyed attending their maths session with Gold. Sam has worked on money recognition, Harry on numbers to 100 and matching peoples ages. Roberto, Matthew, Mya, Josh and Hannah have worked on number recognition and have enjoyed playing number bingo! Brandon has been working hard to solve time problems.

As it was Red Nose Day this week and World Downs Syndrome Day at the weekend, the Enterprise Group made and decorated a selection of colourful cup-cakes with delicious sweets to raffle for the causes. Thank you to all of the parents that have supported the charities by purchasing tickets.

Our topic this week on 'Healthy Lifestyles – *Looking after ourselves*, focussed on the importance of personal hygiene and also dental hygiene. We discussed and noted how often we should try to do things as part of our personal *and* dental hygiene routine. We recapped on a few tips for caring for our teeth such as brushing twice a day morning and night, visiting a dentist annually for check-ups and changing our toothbrush at least 3-4 times a year. We found out about teeth in general and will be carrying on with this next week.

On Wednesday it was St Patrick's Day, so we found out a little about the Patron Saint of Ireland. We looked at how people celebrate across the world and put some lucky shamrock's around our class door. In New York the Empire State Building lights up green! This week is also William Shakespeare Week and as he is such a famous person throughout the world, we thought we should find out a little about him! *Did you know he wrote all of his plays and sonnets with a goose feather!* We are creating a Shakespeare information board for our class and we are going to focus on his famous story and play *Romeo & Juliet*. Gill very kindly introduced the story to us and we will hear a little piece from the story each day before we watch a version of the play and even a film!

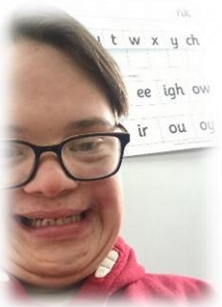
Kayah chose the Friday lunch - Mexican Taco's with salad and as the class have had a fruit-based dessert for the past few weeks we decided this week to have a special treat of cookies and ice cream as its fine to have a special treat now and then – *everything in moderation!* Kayah, Iqra, Hannah and Brandon prepared and cooked the Friday lunch. In class, Jakob and Ben worked together to finish our class display on The Eatwell Guide.

Finally, Friday was Red Nose Day and students have enjoyed wearing their own choice of clothes. We even had a visit from a Harry Potter! There was quite a lot of red in school! We have even had some cheeky selfies found on the class camera this week *hmmm* and I think Harry might be ready for the holidays!





# News from Summer Cluster



Happy weekend everyone!

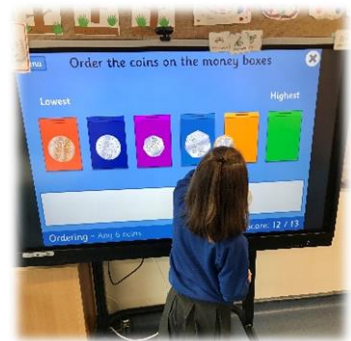
*Purple Class - Leah, Mary, Dawn, Gill, Sian, & Julie*



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Orange Class

In PSR (Problem Solving and Reasoning) this week we have been learning about money. We have looked carefully at coins to notice their different colours and shapes, and to see what amounts they represent. The tray of pretend money was in a terrible muddle, so the children have worked hard to sort it all out! Some of us have started to think about how many 1p coins have the same value as a 5p or 10p coin. We played some games on the board to practise our skills.



Our PE sessions have been happening online this term and although it took a bit of practice, we are quite good at them now! It is important to think about exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle and this ties in nicely with our Healthy Eating topic. Of course, you can't beat playing outside in the fresh air, although looking at our last picture, this can be harder work for some than others!



Enjoy the weekend,

*Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin and Beccie*





# News from Autumn Cluster

## Red Class

Another busy week in Red class has whizzed by. We have really enjoyed the warmer spell of weather, playing out on the big field. The children have also been able to explore some of their favourite outside activities again. Painting is a firm favourite while some of the children prefer to get the squidgy mops to clean the easels when the painting has finished. We have had lots of pouring and scooping with sand and cereals, thinking about different sized containers and which tools are best to use. It was very challenging to pick up shredded wheat with tongs and tweezers and fill big containers!

We have also enjoyed the online PE lessons with the coaches and found that the exercises on a chair were exhausting. The children have also been developing their dance skills using sports themes to develop and perform some dance sequences. Tomorrow we are going to use swimming strokes as part of a dance routine.

As part of our topic, we are exploring where food comes from and have been finding some new countries on the world map. Did you know that Honeydew melons can come from Costa Rica? Would you be able to help us by saving some of your food packaging this weekend and sending it into school for next week please? Then we can try to find the different countries on the world map – thank you.

The photographs this week show the children exploring some very exciting new books. Julia, who works in Green class, gave them to us and they are interesting, lots of weird and unusual pictures and facts. So a great, big, thank you to Julia from all of us, what a treat!



Have a great weekend.

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





# News from Autumn Cluster

## Gold Class

We are getting into a good routine in Gold Class. It has been a busy week full of activities and learning. If there are any Duke of Edinburgh booklets still at home, can pupils please bring in the booklet so that we can begin to sign off skills and activities towards the award. Pupils are learning a new skill, doing a physical activity and volunteering towards the award. The skill is being done in school, the physical activity assessment is swimming and pupils all have volunteering jobs and roles within school. However, they may like to do more volunteering and 'helping out' at home to support this. At the moment, there are no expeditions planned (partly due to restrictions) and we will give you plenty of notice if we intend to do anything like this. There is no need to purchase any clothing or equipment for this right now.

In topic lessons, pupils in Gold class were interested to learn about the way milk was sent from the farm to supermarket. They learnt a little about the milking stage and dairy before milk is bottled up. They are getting more confident at finding places on a map of the UK. We have been doing maths lessons with money this week and it is always good to practice recognition of coins and notes and adding up amounts of money.

On Thursday, we enjoyed cooking omelettes and most pupils at least tasted them. They had a choice of fillings – the cheese and ham were very popular and some pupils also had fried red pepper. We then wrote a recipe for making an omelette in class and pupils were good at remembering the method that they used in the cooking room. They also used lots of time connectives to order the recipe with clear numbered steps.



The girls had a good swimming session on Monday. Unfortunately, the boys' session was cancelled this week as the pool was out of action. We have needed to change the swimming timetable slightly and so boys and girls will swim on a Thursday from now on, but still in separate sessions.

Have a lovely weekend,

*From Maria, Tess, Julie, Esther and Liza*





# News from Winter Cluster

## Silver Class

Silver Class have been starting to think about Easter and Spring this week. We enjoyed a lovely Spring walk to the school Sensory garden, looking at the blossom growing on a tree outside our classroom, the pretty spring flowers and smelling the herbs growing. We really liked the smell of the rosemary plant. We also enjoyed exploring the different areas of the garden. Afterwards we started to create our own Spring blossom tree. Hopefully we'll have a picture to show you next week.



Added to this we have been continuing to practice our counting and singing number songs together. In literacy we have been enjoying our new sensory story 'Pete the cat's Big Easter Adventure', about a cat who goes on an Easter egg hunt to help the Easter Bunny. We look forward to painting our own eggs and going on an Easter Egg hunt next week.

In cooking we made colourful stained glass window Easter biscuits using pastry and melted boiled sweets. We used symbols to choose which colours we wanted to use.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend

*Julie, Leann, Tina, Zoe and Melissa*



# News from Winter Cluster

## White Class

Happy Friday everyone!

Within Literacy this week, we have continued reading 'Oliver's fruit salad'. The children have been tasting, smelling, touching, listening and looking at different fruits and describing the fruits appearance and texture in our symbols lesson. In mark making lessons, the children have continued to use their tripod grip to create letters and patterns around fruit on the paper. During cooking, we made a banana split, following step by step instructions, peeling the banana, scooping the ice cream, spraying the whipped cream, sprinkling chocolate sprinkles, squeezing the strawberry sauce and then describing how it smells, looks, feels and tastes! In topic we have been feeling the textures of tinned fruit and commenting on it, we got really messy, but clearly stated we prefer fresh fruit! In science, we have been planting seeds! After digging and sprinkling the seeds, the children really enjoyed watering the plants with a watering can.

Within Phonics we have been spelling CVC words from SATPIN, the students are doing really well, and we have also been identifying instruments and environmental sounds. In art, we have choosing stamps to use, and colours to dip it in, to print onto paper, creating our own artwork, were getting really good at raising our hand up to press the stamp on the paper. Within PE, we have been doing a sensory circuit every morning, swimming lessons we have been focusing on our confidence and arm movements, and in dance we have been dancing under the parachute, with Gina.

We hope you have a great weekend!

*Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki, Ellie and Christina*







# News from Winter Cluster

## Black Class

Happy Friday to you all on this years Red Nose Day! We have had a brilliant week this week with lots of fun and lots of cake for Malachi's birthday. In Literacy this week we continued with our story 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' and practiced our sentence construction and writing skills.

We continued with our theme of fruit and had lots of fun exploring during messy play using tinned fruit, jelly and custard. It certainly got very messy!

In cooking this week, we made banana split using bananas, ice cream, cream, sprinkles and chocolate/strawberry sauce. Everyone was so excited when they saw what we would be making and followed the visual instructions very well. The best bit was definitely eating up the end result!



We all worked so hard on our money skills last week that this week we focused a little more on size and measurement during numeracy. Some of us practiced sorting big and small objects, others practiced putting objects into size order and some of us used rulers to measure different lengths.

Our communication work in the Sensory Garden has come on so much that this week we decided to do a scavenger hunt during our session using visual cues and instructions. Raihan managed to find a worm wiggling in the mud, whilst Eleonora found specific coloured flowers. This tied in very well with our Science work as we have been learning about flowers, plants and how they grow.

Have a brilliant weekend everyone,

*Katie, Amelia, Olivia, Teresa*

# Community Links



Is your team ready?

- A local activity outdoors, fun for the whole family!
- Follow the map to find our hidden Easter Egg Markers!
- Event runs **2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April!** (Take part whenever suits you!)
- Help support a new local Scout Group by taking part!

**4<sup>th</sup> Abingdon (Peachcroft) Scout Group**  
Invites you to join us for **Easter Orienteering fun!**

**“Sounds great!”**  
**“How do we sign up?”**

To register your team and receive all the event information, please use the link below, thanks! 😊

**Easter Orienteering**  
[forms.gle/UHsdUrHDpXDHKEw9](https://forms.gle/UHsdUrHDpXDHKEw9)

Entry fee is just £5 per team (Family groups or Support Bubbles)

This can be paid into our gofundme page: [gofund.me/ef26ce48](https://gofund.me/ef26ce48) ☺

**Scouts**   
4th Abingdon (Peachcroft)

It's an Easter Themed orienteering loop linking the area's green spaces and playparks. Teams are of 1 household (including support bubbles) and can take part at any time over the whole Easter Weekend (2nd-5th April) so it can fit in around your family

To register a team, please use the form linked below and to donate its entry fee (just £5 per team) please visit our GoFundMe page:

Entry Form: <https://forms.gle/aWax3PEyafW1f7jk7> GoFundMe Page: <https://gofund.me/d5199c16>



## FREE Upcoming Event!

OxPCF would like to inform you that we have a workshop coming up for parent carers in Oxfordshire which is being hosted by [Contact](#) on behalf of the forum. Please see further details below and click on the button to book your place.

**Workshop: Handling Meetings Effectively**  
**Tuesday 30th March 2021**  
**7:30pm to 9:30pm**  
**FREE for parent carers in Oxfordshire**  
**Online via Zoom**

Please direct any enquiries relating to your booking to Claire Robinson at  
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