

30th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely time we all had last week celebrating St George's Day. There are lots of photos on the next two pages to show you all the fun we had. The scones with jam and cream were lovely, however my favourite thing was the way we looked at traditional English Games, such as Aunt Sally and Cricket.

It really seems that we are coming through the pandemic with good news about transmission rates and vaccinations across the country. I

do hope as carers of our pupils you too have been able to receive at least your first vaccination. If you haven't and you require some support in getting this, please let us know as a letter from the school may help prioritise the adults within your home. Most of our staff have had at least one vaccination with many lined up to get their second in a couple of weeks. We have been given appointment times and as you are probably aware these are allocated rather than requested. We have surveyed our staff to ensure we have enough staff to accommodate all our pupils each day around the appointments, however we will need to take each day as it comes with regards to illness following the vaccination.

The Giant Land Snails seem to have gone down well in Red Class, it was lovely to see Holly looking through a magnifying glass this week to try to spot them. Well done to Lewis for giving them their names. The Thankyou card Red Class have produced is fantastic and I will be delivering it on Tuesday.

I hope you are able to spend some time with your friends and extended family over this first May Bank Holiday and will look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 4th May.

Message from Ashley and Carol-Parent Governors

Please fill in the parent Survey if you wish to have your view heard, this can be found here [Parent and Carer Engagement Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk) or within the Parent Carer/Survey page on our website

Dates for your diary

Last Day of Term
First day of Term

Friday 28th May
Monday 7th June

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



St George's Day Celebrations







News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

We have had a busy week in green class and definitely enjoyed the sunny weather at the beginning of the week. We have been developing our understanding of cause and effect, we have been practicing using switches to operate some great toys and other objects such as fans. Some of the toys sing and dance this really makes us laugh.



We have had lots of music with Clare this week and have singing lots of different songs, we love touching the multi coloured material and watching it float over our heads when we sing about the colours of the rainbow.



In our story this week we have been on a train ride, we explored lots of different things that we saw on out of the window on the train journey. The train ride finished at the beach, we loved exploring the water but some of us were really not sure about the sand.

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



Yellow Class

News from Spring Cluster

This week in Yellow Class we have learnt all about bricks. We have been looking at the Three Little Pig's story and in class we have chosen to explore bricks this week. We have looked at the different colour bricks, sizes and we have been building some beautiful houses out of it. We have also been working really hard at developing our individual ILP targets on our table work in the mornings and we have seen great improvements.



This week's highlights have been TAC PAC and music. Everybody has felt really relaxed with our new TAC PAC set and have been exploring all the new textures and how do they feel around their bodies.



Music has also been a favourite one this week. We learnt different ways of using our hands to play 4 different instruments: the piano, drums, tambourine, and the bell. The piano and the drums were the absolute favourite ones and they have all created some great tunes.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Gal, Sally, Emma, Katia and Kerry Ann



Pink Class

News from Summer Cluster



Another busy week in Pink Class. We haven't forgotten that we shared our Art with you last week but we had such a great time with Art this week we just had to share it again. Sticking with the Australian theme we are exploring this term we started by exploring and mark marking with sand and shells this week. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying and playing with such confidence.

Once we were nice and warmed up we moved to explore some scented paints and make our own Aboriginal cave paintings.

Pink Class have made such positive progress with Art. We are very proud to see how students have moved from hand over hand support to following familiar processes themselves.



Some of Pink Class have been reluctant in the past to engage with Art and messy play but those days are behind us much to our delight. To parents, we apologise for the mess this week, but it was truly fun and worthwhile mess for all.



We have had a couple of weeks now to settle into our new songs around the Resonance Board. We are working on London's Burning and London Bridge this term. Each having set routines that we are learning and having fun with. London Bridge is definitely the favourite at the moment, building the bridge is quite fun but it's great when London Bridge falls down.



Take care,

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



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class



Good afternoon everyone and happy Friday. I trust you've had a good week, we've certainly been keeping busy our end.

This week in literacy we have continued reading 'Farmer Duck'. Blue Class pupils' favourite part was when the animals all pushed the lazy farmer out of bed and chased him down the road. This was re-enacted and role played with glee by all! As ever, pupils put out some good mark making and sentence construction.

In maths we have continued working on fractions. Some pupils have absolutely wowed us by finding fractions of amounts, breaking towers of cubes into equal halves and quarters and counting the remaining amount.

Swimming has been a real success this week with all pupils continuing to make excellent progress and we have had some wonderful engagement in P.E. too with shotput and standing jumps.

In topic we have been working on weather and weather appropriate activities and in art we have been creating our own farms inside a shoe box with straw and cotton wool sheep!

Have a fantastic weekend and we will see you on Monday,



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



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

Purple Class have had another great week and students are rising to their challenges! We are all *very* proud of the student's achievements!

This week the Enterprise Group had a change of plan and were able to show off their independence skills by having a go at cooking an omelette in pairs by themselves with a 'little' supervision. Our Mary took a *well-deserved rest* from supervising in order to sit back and take assessment of all the skills the students have learnt. Students did a great job and enjoyed tasting their own omelettes. Mary was very proud of how well they all did!

The Communication Group focussed again on signs and labels in the environment and recognising all the different shops and businesses in our local community. They continued with their formation skills and are making progress. Sian's Phonic Group are doing amazing! Hannah, Matthew and Roberto are blending their sounds to vocalise words. We have some videos to share shortly.

We continued our topic work about 'The Environment' and the world around us by focussing more on the United Kingdom, looking more closely at the shape and features and acknowledging the countries. Students attempted to colour code a map of the UK and tried to remember where the countries are. Iqra is great at naming the countries and Jakob can now name the seas around the UK! We ended the session with a 'Pin the Oxford' on the sensory UK board challenge for Josh and Harry and we decided that it had to be a draw. Well done Josh for having a go! supported by Gill. We also introduced a France topic as part of our ASDAN work so we will be looking at the country of France more closely and trying to say some words in French! Luckily, our Julie knows quite a few French words. We are looking forward to creating a French Bistro at the end of term, however students are not sure about tasting snails!

This week Chan chose the Friday lunch and she opted for fishfingers, chips and peas. Students worked hard on their individual targets in their groups for maths and Sam and Harry worked well together on calculating money – great work guys! Students are doing great at recognising coins. Alicia has been a super star and has completed all her tasks with Dawn.

This week we were finally able to take a long-awaited trip off site and revisit our popular OXSRAD sports centre venue. It was a good opportunity to be able to re-familiarise with the Covid rules that are in place. Students have continued to show real maturity at following new imposed measures. Ben supported his peers Jakob and Iqra to be shown around the site by Kieren. They were shown the Gym facilities and the new laid out spinning class outside under a canopy. Students enjoyed visiting the café once again and spending their money. Activities will resume next week as usual and we are hoping to use the changing facilities there too.



News from Summer Cluster

This Friday, Chan, Alicia and Hannah prepared and cooked the Friday lunch – great job girls! The students also engaged in an individual reading session, changed their books and recapped on topic work before completing class jobs and finally enjoying some Friday social time.

Happy weekend everyone!

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





News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

In the pool, we are working on different skills using our woggles. Sometimes we ride them as 'horses' and sometimes we hold them in front to be 'speed boats'. We are getting good at kicking to propel ourselves along and sometimes we have races, or time ourselves, to see how quickly we can do a width of the pool. The current record is an impressive 8 seconds for one width, which may remain unbeaten for a while!



Last Friday we had a fantastic time at our St George's Day celebration, which we had prepared for in class during the week. The sun shone and it was a wonderful afternoon to be outside enjoying a range of different activities such as sensory play, dancing round the maypole and catching bubbles from the bubble machine. Of course, the scones with jam and cream went down well too!



Have a lovely weekend,
Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin, Beccie and Ellie.



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

We have had a very exciting week this week and we have welcomed two new members to our Class. Our new class members are not to everyone's taste as they are a little bit slimy, but we have all been really thrilled to draw, name and look after our new African Land snails. We all chose different names and then took a vote, just like an election as Richard pointed out, to find our favourite. Lewis' chosen names got the most votes and that is how they arrived with the names Tommy and Maxi. Once they had their new names, we made a beautiful card to say Thank You to the people who kindly gave them to us and to show them how well we are looking after them.



This week we have been using reclaimed materials to create buildings of different sizes and types. This is part of the work we are doing this term on 'Different environments'. This week we have been working on different uses and types of buildings. We made police stations, towers, houses and shops.



In maths, as well as focussing on 2d and 3d shapes, we have had good fun using calculators to carry out known addition and subtraction sums quickly. We even got to test the staff to see if they had got it right, luckily all staff got 100%. Well done everyone!

We hope you have a lovely long weekend.



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

We all had a lovely afternoon last Friday, celebrating St. George's Day. We had delicious scones with jam and clotted cream and Pimms (non- alcoholic) and played rounders and Aunt Sally on the field. At the end of the afternoon, we did a parade around the field holding our England flags to Land of Hope Glory. We are all working on division and sharing amounts in maths lessons.



Some pupils are using times tables for division, some are drawing arrays to help work out a division question and others are sharing out concrete objects. A few pupils are also learning how to find a fraction of an amount by dividing the amount by the bottom number of the fraction.

Pupils have had fun with role play and drama has been used in quite a few sessions this week for literacy and when learning how to recognise our emotions and work towards self-regulation. In science, pupils investigated plastic, metal and wood to see which was the most bendy or flexible.



Have a lovely weekend,

From Maria, Tess, Julie, Esther and Brittany



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Hello everyone, this week in Silver class we have again been busy bees.

We continue to learn about farms and this week we have planted our own vegetables. We have also planted some cress seed and once they have started to grow we will bring the home.



This week the children have all worked hard in phonics, and they really loved our music lesson in class. They got to choose an instrument and song to sing, we all played our instruments quietly, loudly, slowly and fast.

In Art the children have been making their own farm, using paper Mache, lolly sticks with lots and lots (and lots) of glue.





News from Winter Cluster

Here are the children from last week's St. George's day celebrations, they were all so good at having the picture being taken altogether.



We hope you have a lovely long weekend.

Leann, Tina, Zoe, Ellie and Brittany



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

Happy Friday everyone!

The children have worked hard this week. We have continued to read Farmer Duck in literacy, exploring the different story props, learning the animal noises and working on their fine motor skills, mark making in farmer ducks mud (chocolate sauce) and using their pencil control to create pathways for the animals. In maths, we have been doing puzzles, working on sharing food and cutting playdough up into halves. Within Phonics we have been working on the letter O and we have also been identifying instruments and environmental sounds.

In cooking lessons this term, we are focusing on grating. This week we made cheesy pizza. The children enjoyed grating the cheese. In topic we have been looking at emotions, looking in the mirror and pulling happy and sad faces, we have also been sorting happy, sad and angry photos.

Within PE, we have been doing a sensory circuit every morning, swimming lessons we have been working on collecting toys in the water, becoming confident moving around the water, and floating on our back.

We also had a great time celebrating St Georges Day on Friday!

We hope you have a great weekend!

Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki, Ellie and Christina





News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Black Class have had a very active week this week with lots of fun! We have continued with our story 'Farmer Duck' and practiced retelling the story through actions. Everyone was very good at pretending to be asleep under the blanket like the lazy farmer! In Art this week, we used communication boards to create our own sensory farms in a tray which was very successful and lots of fun. The hay was a very popular choice for lots of us!

In Topic this week we looked at photographs of our friends and used communication boards to comment on how they are feeling. I would like to make a special mention for Eleonora who practiced answering 'why' questions about her own and her friends' feelings 😊

In Cooking this week, we continued to practice our grating skills and made pizzas. Everyone practiced following their version of visuals to make their pizzas as independently as possible. Our grating skills have definitely improved since last week, I can tell that some of the children have been practicing at home. The best bit was eating the pizza's up during our morning snack time.



In Numeracy this week we learnt about 'half' and 'whole' in our own ways. We used playdough, visuals, pictures and props to cut a series of different objects in half. I would like to make a special mention for Raihan who showed a very good understanding of whole, half and sharing objects between different groups to make the same amount.

We also had a birthday party in Black Class this week and had lots of fun with balloons. Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend,

Katie, Amelia, Olivia, Teresa and Brittany

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