

**21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

You will see from the class pages that there is a lot of really excellent learning taking place despite the awful weather we have had. Some of our classes were outside when the heavens opened with the hail stones, however they used their speedy running skills to take cover under the outdoor shelters. We would hope that by now these shelters were being used to shade ourselves from the sunshine.

As the wider community is beginning to open up more to our pupils, we are taking advantage of this. At present, some of our older pupils have returned to OXSRAD and Wheels for All. Riding for the Disabled is also due to restart shortly. As these are all organised events we feel confident that hygiene standards are still a priority. Our next step will be to reintroduce other out of school activities, such as trips to engage in our local area such as parks and shops. All of these activities are important to our pupils and also engages our local community in working with us. We will let you know before we return fully to this so you are able to share any concerns you may have.

Please have a look at your class pages as the staff will give you some ideas on how you can support your child at home to continue the learning they have completed in school. Across the school, in particular we are looking at emotions and trying to support our young people to understand both their emotions and that of others.

### **Dates for your diary**

Last Day of Term	Friday 28th May
First day of Term	Monday 7th June
Parent Consultation	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July

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



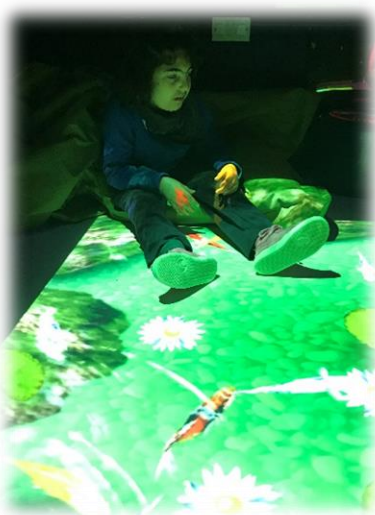
# News from Spring Cluster

## Green Class

We started off the week with some dancing with Gina, we love all of the different music she plays. We dance to a wide selection including some Disney songs and lots of upbeat dance music that we can move our bodies to. In art this week we have been making fish to put into our river that we have been exploring in Sensory Story. We started with a cut out a fish shape and then stuck lots of different coloured cake cases for the fish's scales, we finished off by giving them some eyes and a mouth.



We have been having lots of fun in the light room this week, we love the bubble tubes and watching them change different colours. We also love the magic carpet that we can play with by moving our hands and feet. Our favourite this week was definitely the fish pond, we loved watching the fish swim around but we have to stay really still or the fish swim away.



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



## Yellow Class

# News from Spring Cluster

What a great time Yellow Class have had this week. As you can see in the photos TAC PAC has been our highlight this week. As they were all really enjoying the TAC PAC sessions, we have decided to make them longer and really close to each other towards the end to introduce some relaxation and communication at the end of the session. We have introduced the parachute, weewilly worms with different smells and and lights to prolong the lessons giving them a relaxing but more independent space and they have all enjoyed it a lot. There has been great communications and interactions between them while relaxing.



Music therapy with Lizz has also been a favourite this week. A big shoutout to Oliver and Habibou for their hard work at their weekly lessons and for showing all of us their amazing skills in the class. Everybody in the class has loved playing piano and drums. Every afternoon now we celebrate the end of our day by creating some amazing melodies and a few pupils are copying and tapping to the rhythm .



Finally a big congratulations to the entire Yellow Class as they are all doing amazing and improving their swimming skills week after week. Our lovely Angela is really impressed by the progress most of them have done and how independent and brave they are becoming in the pool. Well done Yellow Class!



Have a wonderful weekend.

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



**Pink Class**

# News from Summer Cluster



Pink Class are all big fans of routine as such there are activities that we do daily and weekly. Over the course of the year, it has been lovely to watch the students respond in more ways to our familiar routines. Every day we start in the same way. We sing hello songs and work on our different forms of communication.

We use songs from the Welsh National Orchestra that use Makaton. They can be found on You Tube. The call and response Hello Song and La La Song are part of our morning and afternoon routine but there are lots of others to explore too.

Our morning routine also includes bubbles and hand massage to get us ready for the day. This is another great way of showing off our communication in our own ways. Every afternoon part of our routine is working on communicating choices.



Hand massage also happens throughout the day when we are engaging with hand function activities, another big part of our daily routines. A little while ago we told you about the popularity of 'squishy' toys that we used as part of a session. Their popularity was so great that they have now become a part of weekly starter routines around hand function, and they never fail to raise a smile (providing everyone gets their favourite one of course).



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



## Blue Class

# News from Summer Cluster

Happy soggy Friday everybody. It has certainly been an adventurous week dodging pelting rain, lightning and thunder. We had an absolute ball as a class group on Wednesday sprinting from the marquee/gazebo to the classroom when we got caught out by the hail, so we have definitely been kept on our toes!

In literacy we have started working on 'Shark in the Park'. Pupils enjoyed making their own telescopes to see what they could find just like "Timothy Pope, Timothy Pope and his wonderful telescope". Of course, we didn't find any sharks but that's not to say that they're not out there – watch out!



In numeracy we have continued to work on place value using number beads to represent two-digit numbers.

The pupils loved shooting groups of tens or ones along the line to the other end of the string.

In D&T we designed our own parks with grass from the field just like in our class book and in P.E. we jumped and shot-putted our way to success. (Confession time – we practiced grating chocolate onto ice cream cones in cooking. It was delicious... and messy!)

Pupils particularly enjoyed our attention bucket this week with fake flour-filled sneezes and

knocking targets over with a foam disc launcher. As per usual swimming was a success for the vast majority of pupils and when not diving into the swimming pool, we dove into a mock-up sandpit in the classroom for sensory play.

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

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

*~ The Blue Class Team*





# News from Summer Cluster

## Purple Class

The penultimate week of Term 5 has been as busy as usual and students in Purple have produced some fabulous work once again. The Communication Group concentrated on 'feelings' and how to recognise in others how someone might be feeling. We tried to replicate how we thought a certain feeling might look and took photos of ourselves to use as resources. Perhaps you can guess the feeling?



We then shared an e-book story of 'all around the world'. Students have also worked hard on their letter and shape formation and are really beginning to focus.



The Enterprise Group attempted cooking the perfect boiled egg with soldiers (*not an easy task*) and enjoyed tasting their attempts!





# News from Summer Cluster

This week for our topic work '*The Environment*' we looked more closely at our world 'Planet Earth'. We found out a little about continents and oceans and looked at how we could recognise different countries by their shape. Students colour coded and labelled their world maps with country symbols.



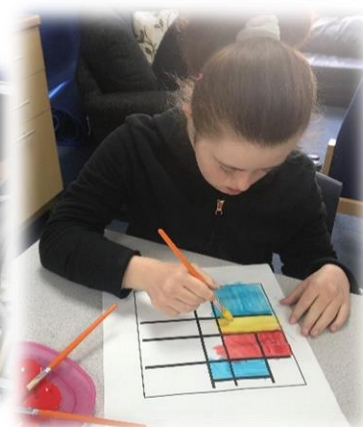
Kayah chose Friday lunch – Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread and students worked together to decide what ingredients we would need. Students continued with their individual target work and the focus this week has been on money. Sam and Harry have worked hard on counting money in tens and students are really starting to familiarise with all the coins. Harry counted in tens by himself!

We have looked at the work of some French artists, namely Mondrian and Monet and students have attempted to replicate some famous pieces in the style of these French artists. We have some fabulous art to display and Headteacher Lorraine is lucky to have a special piece of art created by Jakob to display in her office!





# News from Summer Cluster



Iqra also worked at typing up her email to send out to staff for her presentation research although she was a little camera shy!



At OXSRAD this week the spinning class was inside the dance studio due to the weather. Students worked really hard at following the coach's instructions and we also had a team's game of Boccia which as you will see was very close indeed as students are definitely improving their skills at rolling the ball near to the Jack! Josh is becoming quite the expert!



Students worked on asking questions and answering in full sentences supported with signs.





# News from Summer Cluster

This Thursday we also celebrated our Ben's Birthday (who has turned 16!) with delicious cake!



Finally on Friday, we were treated by a delicious Spaghetti Bolognese cooked by Kayah, Chan, Sam and Brandon. We found out a little more about France before jobs were all completed as usual. We all love Friday!

Happy weekend everyone!

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



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Orange Class

Orange Class have worked hard in the pool again this week. The children continue to practise swimming on their front and back using a float for support. Some children have managed to swim a few metres on their own and we are really proud of them for their achievements – well done! For others, it has been important to build confidence in the water and it is amazing to see how this evolves week by week. Now we have several children who enjoy having a go at jumping in from the side!



In maths, we have been exploring fractions, understanding what the whole is and dividing it into equal pieces. We found half of 2D shapes and labelled each part. We cut play food in half and continued to role play this in the kitchen area. Some children explored quarters and knew that we had cut a whole one into 4 equal pieces.

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



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Red Class

What terrible weather we are having for May! However, as you can see from the photograph some of the children in Red Class have really enjoyed playing in the rain and the puddles. It was quite exciting when our play area flooded, they put on their wellies and went to explore. It has been quite a messy week altogether. We are learning about capacity in maths and have been filling containers with lots of water, flour, oats and pasta. The children have been practising 'full', 'half-full', 'empty', 'nearly-full' and 'nearly empty' if you would like to have a go at home. I think everybody's favourite substance was flour; they all looked like snowmen at one point. One of the children discovered the sieve and how to make the flour look like snow and sprinkled it all over themselves like a snowstorm – it was great fun.

We have also been busy story writing, our book Rosie's Walk has been very interesting, if you just read the words, it is all about a hen called Rosie. If you look at the pictures, there is a sneaky fox in every picture. The challenge this week was to rewrite the story using verbs and including sentences about the fox. The children enjoyed this and commented that it was a bit like a 'Tom and Jerry' cartoon where the fox was trying to be mean but kept having accidents.

There has also been a great deal of phonics practise going on. We have loaded some new games and activities onto the computers and the children have been very keen to have a go and see how well they can do against each other. Keep up the good work Red Class!



Have a great weekend.

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



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Gold Class

This week has flown by! Gold Class have enjoyed describing and naming shapes both 2D and 3D shapes. They have also been looking for shapes in everyday objects and maybe you could ask them to spot cubes, cuboids or even hexagons around the home.

In swimming lessons, students are practising for the Pentathlon and doing various timed events in the pool, such as a timed speed swim and diving down for objects to place in a hoop. They also learnt some personal survival skills. They had to shout for help, then preserve their energy by relaxing into a starfish shape, tread water and do the HELP position in the water (a way to keep heat in the body if swimming in cold water). This is a very important safety technique to practise.



This week, we used satellite photos of the local area to create collages, which was great fun. Students looked carefully at the features on the photograph and thought about colours and textures when they chose the resources for their collages.



## News from Autumn Cluster

We have worked as a class to create a plan of the school field. We used an outline template and used photographs of different areas within the playground to begin to place them accurately in the correct positions for a plan. We discussed compass directions to move the photographs around and place them in the correct position on the field template. Some students then added extra information on the plan and we will be thinking about symbols that we could use for different features on the map/plan.



Have a lovely weekend,  
*From Maria, Tess, Julie, Esther and Brittany*



# News from Winter Cluster

## Silver Class

Hello everyone, even the rain has not stopped the children working hard this week. Here are a few pictures from Friday last week of the children making lovely salad wraps, which they enjoyed making and, of course, eating.



This week the children really enjoyed our play skills, role play session where we played with dolls, cars and also hairdressers. It was lovely to see the children interacting with their friends.





# News from Winter Cluster



The children have been working really hard in Numeracy. This week we have been using hoops and counting numbers up to 10. In Music, we have been choosing an instrument to play with while we sing, which has been great fun, the children like to play the instruments very loudly and then quietly too.

And even with all the rain, sunshine and hail..... The children have had a smile on their faces, so much that they allowed us to take these lovely pictures of them all.



We hope you have a lovely weekend.

*Leann, Tina, Ellie, Zoe and Brittany*



# News from Winter Cluster

## White Class

Happy Friday everyone!

We have started to read 'There's a Shark in the Park'. We have created sentences using symbols from the story, e.g. the boy is looking through a telescope. We have also been identifying items with symbols. During mark making we have been colouring in our own telescopes for our class display. In maths, we have been learning about numbers counting to 5, 10, 15 and 20 and using the numbers in a functional way. We have also been working on patterns, with colours, shapes, and size. Within Phonics we have been working on the letter K and we have also been identifying instruments and environmental sounds.

In art we have been creating our own parks through junk modelling and play dough shaping. In cooking this week, we made our own ice cream cones, scooping the ice cream into the cone, grating the chocolate, and sprinkling it on top and choosing strawberry or chocolate sauce. In topic we have been looking at park, the children are getting better at sorting emotions, they are also loving looking at themselves in the mirror, some are able to express emotions in the mirror now! Within PE, we have been doing a sensory circuit every morning, in swimming lessons we have been working on our swimming technique and confidence! On Thursday we had a party for Jemma and Ali's birthday, we choose which snacks and drinks we wanted and songs to dance and sing to (mainly Frozen songs).

We hope you have a great weekend!

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





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## Black Class

Happy Friday everyone! Black Class have been hard at work this week exploring our new topic of 'parks.' We kicked it off with our new story 'shark in the park' which we had lots of fun exploring this week. Everyone enjoyed looking through the telescope and making sentences about what they could see in the park. During our sensory play this week we continued with our theme of parks, exploring equipment when outside and using small world play to put characters on to different play equipment. I would like to make a special mention for Malachi this week who engaged so well in the play activities using his imagination well.



In Science this week we learnt about the weather. Some of us sorted photographs of weather into 'sunny' and 'rainy' and others focused on sorting photographs into seasons. I would like to make a special mention for Connor who amazed us all with this activity.

Cooking was a huge success this week, and hardly surprising since we made ice creams with all of the best toppings! We grated the chocolate, (even if some of it disappeared into our mouths before making it to the ice cream) added sprinkles and different sauces and everyone enjoyed eating it all up.

In Maths this week we returned to number. Some of us practiced our one-to-one correspondence when counting, some of us were working with a 1-20 number line, and others used a number grid to play a game with some dice.

Despite the miserable weather, we have had a fantastic week full of lots of fun and hard work.

Have a fantastic weekend

*Katie, Amelia, Olívia, Helen, Brittany, Lynette*