

11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a lovely half term, it is great to see everyone back happy and smiling.

The topic for many classes this term is 'Animals' it is lovely to see pictures of the pupils with their pets, if you have any more pictures, please do send them in as it gives the pupils great opportunities for building communication skills by talking about their pets.

Following on from our snails, we now also have caterpillars in some classes. We are using them to discover Science in the real world and see how the caterpillar/butterfly life cycle works.

We held a parent consultation around a Relationship and Sex Education programme this week. For some pupils, you will be receiving a letter soon explaining the next steps in this programme.

Preparations are under way for Sports Day and we are hoping by then restrictions will have been lifted, if so we look forward to inviting you into school to see your children take part.

On that note, Angela our Sports Coordinator and I presented certificates and medals from the swimming panathlon, there are more photos in the rest of the newsletter for you to see.



### Dates for your diary

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

It has been lovely to see everyone back after half term and ready to start our new topic animals. Our story this term is rumble in the jungle, during the story we explore the jungle and learn about lots of different animals along the way. One of the animals we found was a zebra, we had lots of fun exploring the stipes made out of paint and shaving foam. We love moving the shaving foam and paint through our fingers and even down our arms.



In sensory cooking this week we made Monkey fudge using condensed milk, icing sugar and bananas. Everyone loved tasting the ingredients, but we all ended up very sticky by the end. We had fun watching the icing sugar as it sprinkled into our trays and loved listening to the sounds the different ingredients made.



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



# News from Spring Cluster

## Yellow Class

What an incredible week it has been in Yellow Class. Swimming has been one of the highlights this week, everybody has enjoyed using our new equipment and are feeling much more independent with it. A big shoutout to Alessandra who has done incredible at returning to swimming after so so long out and has not forgotten how to do it, such a brave girl.



This week's we have been using the resonance board and having topic time in the garden. Everybody has shown great communication skills and enjoyed our new animal song in the board. Thanks to the lovely weather we have had, we have also explored more outdoors and they have all really enjoyed transferring our topic activities, massage stories and singing time to the garden.





## News from Spring Cluster

This week we have also done a special art activity to help decorate our class next week ready for our lovely Kerry Ann's birthday. Using lots of Kerry Ann's photos as a reference, we learned about our face parts and used different material to represent our favourite hair styles that Kerry Ann has had. The children really enjoyed using lots of shiny materials.



Have a wonderful weekend!

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



# News from Summer Cluster

## Pink Class

It has been great welcoming the pupils back to class, after the half term break. It has been a very busy week in Pink Class. The pupils have all engaged so excellently with all of their sessions. The enthusiasm and efforts of all of our pupils, has been fantastic to see.



Our topic for this term is "Animals." Our sensory story "Dear Zoo" got off to a great start with Sienna laughing excitedly when the elephant squirted water. Chloe loved feeling the giraffe's long neck and she enjoyed throwing the leaves up in the air.

Sensory cooking is always a weekly highlight. We had our lesson outside and Pink class certainly enjoyed making their ice creams in the sunshine. It was certainly a firm favourite with Yujan this week and he observed how the ice cream cone softened with great fascination. Katie liked tasting the ice cream and she enjoyed tasting both the strawberry and chocolate sauce.





# News from Summer Cluster



We continued our outdoor lessons with an exciting parachute session. Toby and Ryan did terrific reaching to touch the parachute. Louisa loved feeling the breeze on her face. Everyone enjoyed the parachute games and there were lots of beaming faces, which was lovely to see.



We hope that you all have a good weekend.

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



# News from Summer Cluster

## Blue Class



Hi all and welcome back for week one of our final term. It's been a busy week starting our new topic – animals – and pupils have been really enjoying getting stuck in!

In literacy we have kicked off the topic with a focus on pets as we read 'Hairy Maclary' (from Donaldson's Dairy). Pupils were highly engaged and loved the moment when a tom-cat showed up to chase the dogs away. For some pupils, we used water sprays for our mark making in the hot weather and all pupils enjoyed completing our sentence construction activity based upon the story.



Sensory play and topic lessons also lined up with our new theme as we thought about baby animals (from tadpoles and caterpillars to puppies) as well as cleaning muddy toy dogs in soapy water.

Maths saw us working on our calculations this week and we focused on activities for sports day in P.E. Swimming went well as ever and pupils were excited to receive medals for their achievements working

towards the swimming panathlon in sessions.

When not out and about in the sunshine or on the trampoline, we have also been working on 'qu' for some pupils and 'ey' for others in phonics.

Whatever you get up to this weekend, have a fantastic time and we will see you on Monday,

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

*~ The Blue Class Team*





# News from Summer Cluster

## Purple Class

Our final term of the year has got off to a flying start and it is going to be busy term indeed. We were very excited to be able to change our day board at the start of the week and finally put our 'Summer' strip in place! After discussing what would be happening this term, we started the week with a relaxing swim. It was great to hear that the students had all done so well in the virtual Panathlon!

This Tuesday, we had a slight change to plan from our usual Enterprise projects and took advantage of the Cooking Room slot. Iqra, Jakob, Kayah, Ben, Brandon and Alicia attempted to make cupcakes from a packet mix in their pairs with very little support from staff. Harry and Sam had a go at making a simple snack using up eggs and made an eggy bread cheese and ham sandwich – delicious! Some of the students have looked through and found photos to add to their ASDAN accreditation files as students have been registered for moderation.

Our new topic for the term is '*Creatures of the World*' (including animals and their life cycles). We started the topic by sharing as many different creatures that we could all think of and everyone had lots to share – poor Leah couldn't keep up with the scribing! Matthew shared a joke and thought it was funny to share 'carrot' but finally changed his contribution to camel. Our board was bursting with creatures! We then thought about what we mean by living creatures and in particular by the word 'living'. We discussed how we know if something is alive and then had a go at sorting pictures into living and non-living. We will look at life processes in more detail. We also have some caterpillars who have come to stay in class until they turn into butterflies and we can set them free! Alicia checks on them each day.

Sam chose the Friday lunch – Mexican Taco's with chips and salad and on Wednesday we thought about the ingredients we would need and constructed some written and symbol shopping lists. We also had a think about a special day coming up shortly and looked at a computer programme that can make special art with the words you choose. Students continued with their individual target work and divided into their groups for literacy and math sessions. Harry and Matthew worked together on counting in and ordering tens. Alicia, Sam and Brandon calculated a shopping list. This week the AoPE Group (Award of Personal Effectiveness) Ben, Kayah, Iqra, Jakob and Holly completed a 10-week grid of the tasks they have achieved so far so they could plan ahead. Late afternoon, students were presented with their medals and certificates for the virtual swimming Panathlon by Headteacher Lorraine and Angela.

On Thursday most students had a go at spinning under the outside canopy. Chan feels very proud of herself. A couple of students enjoyed a lovely walk around the grounds and up to the nature pond. This week some student went into the café by themselves and made sure to collect their receipts – well done guys! In the afternoon we found out a little about PRIDE, as it is PRIDE month. We are all going to try and feel proud of ourselves this month!

Sam, Kayah, Mya and Chan prepared and cooked the Friday lunch this week, which was delicious! The other students enjoyed a cycle at the athletics track in the lovely weather.



# News from Summer Cluster

Later in the afternoon after all the weekly jobs were completed ready for the weekend, we watched a video about PRIDE and listened to PROUD by Heather Small before enjoying Friday social time and some karaoke! Don't forget everyone to do something to make yourself feel proud!

Happy weekend everyone!

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





# News from Summer Cluster

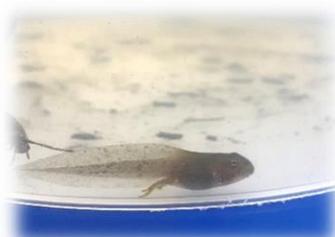
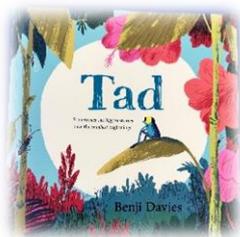




# News from Autumn Cluster

## Orange Class

Our topic this term is Animals, and their life cycles in particular. In Literacy, we have shared a story about Tad and her journey from tadpole to frog. We have been lucky enough to have some real tadpoles to observe in the classroom to help us understand the process first hand. As you can see, some of our tadpoles already have back legs. It will be interesting to see how they develop in the coming days.



The children have been very interested and keen to make careful daily observations, using as much scientific language as possible. We will explore other life cycles in the coming weeks.



Finally, a big 'Well Done!' to the children who took part in the Virtual Swim Panathlon. We have had a lot of personal swimming successes for Orange Class recently, with several children starting to swim their first few metres independently. Others have met personal goals such as swimming with a woggle or putting their face in the water. Well done everyone for your hard work!



*Have a lovely weekend!*

*Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin, Beccie and Ellie*



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Red Class

Term 6 has started with great excitement in Red Class. The children have been working incredibly hard in their swimming lessons over the last term and have successfully completed many 'Panathlon' activities and challenges. On Wednesday, Angela, our swimming teacher and Lorraine arrived in class with some medals and a special 'Panathlon' towel for one lucky prize winner. The photos show just how proud and pleased the children were. It was particularly lovely to see them support and congratulate each other.

Our topic this term is Animals; we have already had Leo the cat in for a visit for cuddles and strokes. We have also had some caterpillars delivered to school. Due to the lovely warm weather, they have already built their cocoons and we are really looking forward to them turning into beautiful butterflies. Therefore, with the class snails, Tommy and Maxi needing lots of care and attention as well, the children are experiencing caring for lots of animals already. Alex has very kindly brought his special animal book into school to help us with our learning.

If your child has some books about animals that they would like to bring into share too, that would be lovely.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the children are starting some tricky challenges like David to see if they can win a trophy for hard work and perseverance. The children voted and decided that we would all have a go at some maths challenges. The first one was today and the children were very excited and keen to get started. They had to listen very carefully to the instructions from the grown-ups and then work out and fill in the answers. This was a challenge in itself; some of the children were so excited that they started filling things in before the adults had given them the instructions. We did allow them to have another go when they were a little calmer and they were able to listen much more carefully the second time around. Keep reading to see who will be next to win a learning trophy.



We hope you all have a good weekend.

*Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline and Jo*



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Gold Class

This week has been a great in Gold Class. Our new topic this term is animal life cycles. We have some caterpillars in class that have already eaten enough to form a pupa and we now wait in anticipation for them to complete the metamorphosis into butterflies. Pupils have drawn the life cycle of butterflies and we have also discussed the similarities with the life cycle of dragonflies.

Today we had a treat and had a visit from Leo the cat. As always, he was amazing and everyone could not wait to see him, fuss him and groom him. He was so relaxed with all of the attention that he fell asleep. We took some lovely photos and here are just a few.



Angela and Lorraine also presented everyone with medals and certificates for the Panathlon swimming challenge that students were working towards last term. They all did brilliantly, and everyone proudly received their medal. Holly Manfredi actually came first in her group and so she was presented with an additional prize of a special Panathlon swimming towel.



# News from Autumn Cluster



The weather has been gorgeous recently and so just a quick reminder to either put sun cream on before school, or pupils can bring a named bottle of sun cream into school for them to apply themselves before going outside. A named sunhat would also be a good idea please.

Have a lovely weekend,

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



# News from Winter Cluster

## Silver Class

Hello everyone, welcome back to all after a lovely sunny half term, we hope you all had a lovely week.

The children have really enjoyed looking at books from our class library this week, and have enjoyed our new sensory story 'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's dairy'



The children enjoyed our sensory (messy) hand function session, where we used corn flour and food colouring to make hand prints outside, also to push and pull vehicles.



And a bit of fun with foam soap.....





# News from Winter Cluster

This week in Art we are making our own pet pictures using lots of different materials.



This week the children have worked really hard in Phonics, Numeracy and also Swimming.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

*Leann, Tina, Ellie, Zoe and Brittany*



# News from Winter Cluster

## White Class

We hope you all had a restful half term!

This week we started a new book, 'Hairy Mclairy', the students loved to feel the different textures of the dogs, such as bubble wrap, hairy wigs and hay. In maths, we have been learning about 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 learning the letter e this week.

The children were very happy when Lorraine Wilson and Angela the swimming teacher came in, giving out certificates and medals for participation for the swimming competition! We were very proud to find out Isaac had the highest score throughout the communication pathway & was given a competition towel as a reward! On Friday we are having a class party for Daniel's birthday, we are looking forward to the party food, games and dancing!

We hope you have a great weekend!

*Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki and Scarlett*





# News from Winter Cluster

## Black Class

Welcome to our final summer term! This week we have been working hard and most importantly enjoying the sunshine! I would like to say a big well done to everyone for their efforts in the Penathlon and everyone enjoyed receiving their award from Lorraine.

This week we started our new topic 'animals' and will be focusing on pets for the first two weeks of term. Thank you to those of you who sent in photographs of your own pets- we enjoyed sharing them with one another and it motivated everyone to practice their communication skills. We also started our new story 'Hairy Mclary from Donaldsons Dairy' and had lots of fun exploring different materials and textures and using adjectives to describe pictures. I would like to say a huge well done to all of Black Class for their work in Literacy this week!

As part of our new topic we explored pets and their offspring this week. Some of us were able to match animals together (e.g. dog/ puppy, cat/ kitten) and some of us sorted animals into categories of pets and not pets. In Phonics this week, we continued to work on our individual phases of Letters and Sounds Programme. I would like to make a special mention for Miley this week who sorted words according to their initial letter.



It was only fair to have some fun during water play this week whilst the sun was out which we all enjoyed very much. We all got very wet and messy but had lots of fun doing it! Thank you for sending in sun cream, we will be keeping it in school for the rest of term in the hopes that the sun stays out for us.

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Katie, Amelia, Olivia, Teresa, Lynette, Brittany, Helen*

# Community Links

## **SWIMMING NEWS**

Last half term many of our pupils took part in a Virtual Swimming Event organised by Panathlon.

Our pupils took part in either a 10m or 5m Challenge. The events included timed swims, woggle races, slam dunks, torpedo glides, treasure hunts and popcorn timed events! You will have to ask your child to explain some of these!

This week pupils who took part received their certificates and medals. Some pupils also received a Panathlon towel for winning their events. These were Holly (Gold) Leythan (Red) and Isaac (White).

Silver Class are going to attempt some of these events this week in their swimming lesson.

Well done to everyone who took part.