

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you enjoyed the sun at the beginning of the week, the children certainly enjoyed being outside. Thank you for sending in hats and sun cream for your children, this enabled them to go outside and enjoy the glorious weather before the rain returned.

We were hoping that restrictions would be lifted before the end of term and we could get parents back into school for various activities. Due to the announcement on Monday, we will still be holding Sports Day in school, however we will not be inviting parents into school. We will also be continuing to hold Annual Reviews and Parent Consultation Day remotely where possible. At present we are continuing to try to minimise outside contacts. This was brought home once again this week when 2 teachers were directed to self-isolate by track and trace. Fortunately, we were able to keep the classes running by moving staffing around to accommodate this absence.

We are finalising classes and staffing for next year and we will let you know at Parent Consultation Day which class your child will be in. As in previous years we are not able to share information of other pupils who will be in your child's class due to GDPR regulations, although I am sure you will make contact with each other via our Facebook site. Can I take this opportunity to explain that although we have 11 classes across the school there are 3 classes per pathway. This means that pupils don't necessarily change classes each year as they would in other schools. They will sometimes move 'back' into a 'class name' that they have been in before. This is due to the teachers evaluating exactly what stage a pupil is at and then we will move pupils into the most appropriate class. As we group our pupils by individual need and ability, they may move backwards and forwards across the classes. Please be assured that this doesn't mean they are repeating a year or will not be able to make good progress. This is about ensuring the pupil is in the right class, with the right teacher and peers in order to make the best possible progress against their long-term outcomes stated on their EHCP, as well as their Maths and English Targets. We also consider during the academic year whether a pupil is in the best place possible, therefore moves across classes within the year also take place.

### **Dates for your diary**

Parent Consultation	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July (2pm finish)

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 have had a great week and have definitely enjoyed the hot weather.

We started the week of by exploring cause and effect toys, we have some great toys with switches that when we press, they move or play music. Our favourite this week was definitely the penguin which runs along our tray when we press the switch, we have to be quick to catch him before he falls off though.



We begin our afternoon sessions with a scent of the day a hand wash with lots of bubbles, we love exploring the water and the smell of the day lets us know what day of the week it is.

Linking to our topic this term of animals our sensory story is Dear Zoo, we love learning about lots of different animals at the zoo. We also explore the different places the animals live, we love crunching the leaves when we learn about the giraffe.



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



**Yellow Class**

## News from Spring Cluster

Another fantastic week in Yellow Class! We have had a wonderful celebration full of incredible exciting activities to celebrate Kerryann's birthday! Happy Birthday Kerryann! We also created a delicious cake to share with the other class and everybody loved taking part in making it.



The highlight this week has been sensory, sensory cooking and our fantastic sensory story "Dear Zoo". In sensory this week we have celebrated "Italian week" and created some wonderful pizzas. For it we used all our senses to explore the different ingredients.







## News from Spring Cluster

With our topic this term being “animals” everyone has really enjoyed the story “Dear Zoo”. In the story we explore lots of different animals and their textures and everybody has displayed good choice making to define their favourite one. Everyone had the biggest smiles for our last animal hug, our giant puppy.



Have a wonderful weekend!

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



# News from Summer Cluster

## Pink Class

We have had another very busy week in Pink class. All of the students have coped well with the heat and have enjoyed having some lessons outside of the classroom. Thank you for remembering to apply sun cream in the mornings.

Sienna loved being outside on the trampoline. She kept going for twenty minutes and smiled throughout. Toby had a practise ride on his bike around the large hall which he enjoyed.



Ryan and Yujan used their communication boards as they enjoyed The Gingerbread Man sensory story. Yujan, enjoyed smelling the ginger and rolling the dough. Ryan did super independent rolling and he was able to press the cutter without prompting to make his own gingerbread man. Well done boys.





# News from Summer Cluster

The students enjoyed both their Resonance Board session and sensory play activities this week. Louisa did lots of happy vocalising and showed excellent anticipation. Katie enjoyed sensory play activities particularly the bubbles and feeling lots of different textures.



In our Sensology session Chloe did amazing tracking work. We have also noticed that one student has started to cover his nose and giggle when he is asked where his nose is! Just one example of our amazing students wicked sense of humour.



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



Good afternoon all, I trust you have enjoyed the week of sunshine. It has been a pleasure to have had nice enough weather for our young people, that we have actually had to put on hats and sun-cream.

In literacy this week we have concluded our work on Hairy Maclary and summed up by watching the animated version from 1996. Pupils have absolutely loved this book and have been highly engaged every time we have read it as a class.



In maths we continued to work on addition. Most pupils used number lines and numicon to add single digit numbers, crossing the tens boundaries. Some pupils however, successfully extended to thinking about how we might use a hundred square to quickly add ten to a two-digit number.



Sensory play was once again a hit this week as we mixed together our own 'dog food' of sorts for our toy animals. It was gloriously messy fun (as the pictures attest) and pupils were hands on and engaged with it for a full 30minutes. Similarly, we also thought about our focus – animals – in our topic lesson, matching adult and baby animals together.



In P.E., pupils have continued to practice a range of athletic activities ready for our sports day at the start of July. I was particularly impressed with the length of the standing jumps that several pupils achieved, and we became quicker and quicker with the hurdles as the session went on.

Have a fantastic weekend,

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



# News from Summer Cluster

## Purple Class

We were very excited to be able to observe the changes happening to our caterpillar visitors this week. Students have really taken an interest, as have staff! It has really been quite fascinating to witness the metamorphosis, thank you to Lorraine Green for organising that for us all!

On Tuesday we mainly all focussed on a special Sunday for special men figures in our lives and made our cards and some special treats. We hope our special people like what we did.

For our topic this week '*Creatures of the World*,' we continued to discuss how we know if something is alive and played a game with Leah showing pictures and students answering whether alive or not. Kermit the frog was tricky to decide but most students agreed that no he's not alive because he is in fact a puppet. We watched a video about MRS GREN who explains the 7 life processes of humans so we could then think about whether animals and plants are the same.

As it is Robbie's birthday at the weekend, Robbie chose the Friday lunch – pizza with chips and beans or salad. We were all a little surprised Robbie didn't choose his usual favourite fishfingers but after checking, he was consistent with his choice! It might be because as he tells his friends, he is excited to visit Nonna in July! Students have continued with their individual target work in their groups and this week some students got together in a bigger group to share their skills in online maths and communication skills. Harry went around the class asking his peers questions so they could each answer and Sam and Alicia were amazing at some tricky online math games!

This week the AoPE Group (Award of Personal Effectiveness), carried on with their own individual tasks. Mostly working independently. Kayah and Iqra finished taking their photos around school and finally managed to capture Headteacher Lorraine!

On Thursday we were lucky to have our Orla back who is volunteering. We all really love Orla! At OXSRAD students had a go at spinning under the outside canopy once again altogether – great job! Matthew is getting a little braver and has tried out the bike but decided he'd rather go on a walk with Josh and Gilly. In the afternoon after our individual target work, we recapped on French numbers to 10. All students verbally joining in! Then we all got together to set our butterfly friends free... *good luck little ones!*

Kayah, Ben, Jakob, Iqra and Brandon prepared and cooked the lunch of Friday. Roberto decided he would rather stay for the story and book session in class. Josh also enjoyed a lovely session with Clare in the Light Room. We all loved our pizza – thanks Robbie for choosing! It has been fantastic to both hear and see students really bonding and supporting their friends this week – a really special time! We all wish Robbie a very Happy Birthday and some students are looking forward to attending a swim party with him in a few weeks. Happy weekend everyone!

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





# News from Summer Cluster





# News from Autumn Cluster

## Orange Class

This week we have continued our learning on lifecycles, moving on to the lifecycle of the butterfly. Our caterpillars arrived in school last week and were already quite large. By the end of the week, they were hanging in J shapes, ready to become chrysalises. Once the chrysalises had formed, we transferred them into the butterfly habitat net and waited patiently for something to happen. On Wednesday morning, we came into the classroom to find that all five of our butterflies had emerged! We gave them time to dry their wings and practise using them before we released them outside in the afternoon.



It has been really valuable for the children to experience this process first-hand. Once again, the children have made careful observations and tried to use appropriate scientific language. Some children did wonder where the caterpillars had gone – a tricky one to explain!



Enjoy the weekend!

*Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin, Beccie and Ellie.*





# News from Autumn Cluster

## Red Class

This week, the newsletter has been written by some different members of our class.



This is a picture of everyone in red class getting a medal, including me (Henry) and my friend David.

I think it is the best picture in the whole wide World!

It was a fun day for everyone!

My medal is very special to me, so I keep it in my bedroom.

Henry

Cat

Camron stroked the cat.

Leo is the cat's name. *Henry*

We were looking after the butterfly.

They are caterpillar then they turn into butterfly.

When they turn into butterfly will let them free.

They are beautiful.

Then they will go home and lays more eggs. *Leythan*



Holly is playing with the jelly.

Holly is playing with the mousse.

Holly is playing with the dinosaurs in jelly. *Holly*

Cat

Camron stroked the cat.

Leo is the cats name. *Camron*







# News from Autumn Cluster



Last Thursday, I was sat with Lewis, my friend, and we were stroking Leo, the cat.

Lewis looked very excited about brushing Leo.

Leo was really soft and fluffy, he was a good quiet boy, he purred and he wiggled his ears! *Isabel*

We were in the swimming pool and I was telling Alex to kick his legs.

Alex was telling me what to do as well.

We had to throw a ball into the pool to save them, so they don't drown. *Lewis*



We've been stroking Leo the cat it was fun stroking animals and the important thing is you must wash your hands after touching animals Me, Alex, and Sebastian, and here's the funny bit I touched Leo's bottom one day Laura told me not to and that was hilarious don't do this to your cat at home we saw Leo before we love cats some people can be allergic to cats especially kittens.

We red class people like pets, I made looked like a tiger by stroking backwards we also seen him in the field Ellie was in the field it was so awesome Kingfisher school was so cool in Abingdon doing all kinds of activities. Even cats. *Richard*

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

*Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline and Jo*



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Gold Class

There has been lots of great work in Gold Class. We are all able to explain the life cycle of frogs from frogspawn to adult frog and have learnt some interesting facts about them. At the end of this week, our Painted Lady butterflies emerged from their Pupae and we watched them and observed them unfurl their wings. Freya said they looked beautiful and we noticed the pretty patterns. We took them outside carefully to let them go in the afternoon. One flew straight out, but the others were much more reluctant to fly away.



In our literacy lessons, we have been learning The Owl and The Pussycat poem. Pupils really enjoyed drawing story maps to help them remember the poem and then they used the drawing to recite as much of the poem as they could.



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





# News from Winter Cluster

## Silver Class

Hello everyone,

So far this week we have been lucky to have such lovely weather, we have enjoyed lots of water play to help keep us cool, and the children have all been very good at keeping their hats on to be outside.

This week we continue to learn about animals, in sensory play the children have fed the animals with lentils.



Also this week we have been talking about emotions and looking at pictures showing happy and sad, the children have added details to a picture to show happy and sad.

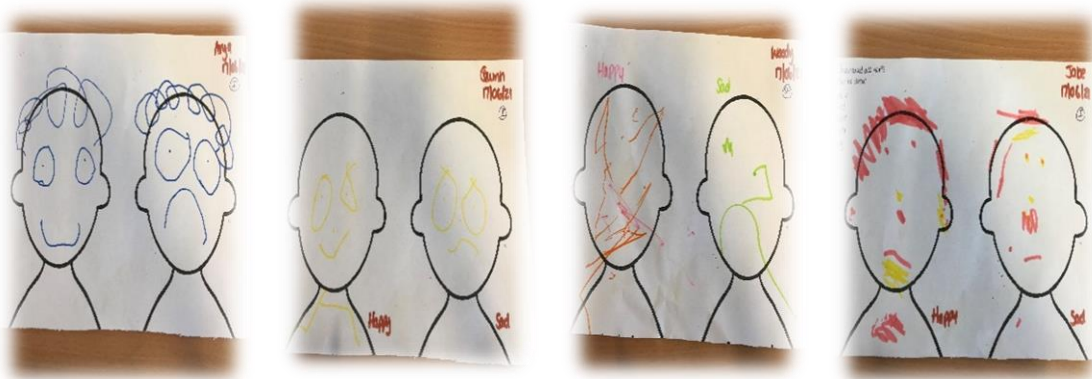


In Art the children have added features to our pet picture, all of the children worked really hard and they are now on show on our school board.





# News from Winter Cluster



The children have all continued to work hard in Phonics, Numeracy and PE. They have also worked hard in swimming and of course dance. From next week we will continue to learn about animals, but ones from a zoo 😊

*Leann, Tina, Ellie, Zoe and Brittany*



# News from Winter Cluster

## White Class

We hope you all had great weekend!

This week we continued to read the book, 'Hairy Mcclairey', the students are really enjoying this story, and all the sensory props included, I think the bubble wrap must be their favourite. 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 h this week, some of the children have found this letter tricky, so some practice at home would be helpful. We have been matching pictures of animals in science, some students were able to match baby animals to their parents. During our cooking lesson, we have been focusing on mashing, we mashed carrots, potatoes, suet and leek to make a vegetable mash. We mixed it with gravy, it was really yummy. The children will be able to help mash your potatoes for your next dinner at home! In art, we have been very crafty, making our father's day card, we hope you like them!

We had a great party on Wednesday for Jesse's birthday, he was really happy with the food, dancing and the tickles from all staff, especially Michael the caretaker!

Tasks for parents: Please could you upload all the hard work you have been doing at home, on evisense. This includes road safety, working on their targets at school and any other tasks you think we'd enjoy to see!

We hope you have a great weekend!

*Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki, Julie, Zoe, Scarlett and Ellie*





# News from Winter Cluster

## Black Class

Happy Friday everyone. Hope you have all had a brilliant week enjoying the weather. We certainly have in Black Class! We kicked off the week with our story 'Hairy McLary from Donaldsons Dairy' and matched adjectives to pictures from the story. In our Topic session we talked about our own pets from home and matched animals to their offspring. (e.g. dog and puppy.) A big thank you to everyone that sent in pictures of their pets- the children were delighted to see their pictures and share them with one another.

In Numeracy this week we have continued to work on number and have been practicing using the terms more, less, most and least. If you are looking for something to work on at home, this would be great!



In messy play this week we observed and played with coloured ice. The sunshine allowed us to explore the process of melting. We also had lots of fun cooling each other down with our cold hands!

This half term we are continuing to focus on feelings and emotions. The children used their drama skills to make faces to match to an emotion. We have then been using our photographs to have discussions using communication boards and PECS about how we are feeling.

I would like to make a special mention for Eleonora this week who is showing huge progress in her swimming! Have a lovely weekend everyone,

*Katie, Amelia, Olivia, Teresa, Brittany, Megan*



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