

25th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The week in Kingfisher has been vast and varied as usual. The opportunity to be outside for learning is always a bonus for our children and staff.

It is that time of the year that reports are being written and collated in order to prepare for parent consultations on Wednesday 7th July. You should have received the letter in satchel post last night. Please return those as soon as you can to enable the teachers to accommodate the time that best suits you. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress this year, set targets for next year and agree positive behaviour management strategies where applicable.

We have made the decision to postpone the School Sports Day until September. There are a couple of reasons for this. The 'Trim Trail' play equipment is being replaced over the next few weeks. This is something we have been waiting to happen since last academic year. However due to the company's COVID restrictions this was not able to take place. They are also unable to accommodate us in the Summer Holidays, despite our numerous requests. Rather than having another year without this equipment, we have decided to replace it before we break up. In addition to this, having the Sports Day in September gives us hope that parents will be able to attend.

We are continuing to evaluate the effectiveness of our systems of communication and would like you complete a survey about the Newsletter and use of Evisense. Could you please complete the following survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Newsletter-EviSense>

Dates for your diary

Parent Consultation	Wednesday 7 th July
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 20 th 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 started the week with a relaxing Atmospherics. In Atmospherics we listen to 3 different pieces of music and each has a different colour piece of fabric that has its own scent. The adults float the fabric up and down over our bodies in time to the music, this helps us to learn about our bodies and where we are.



In our sensory story this week we have been exploring zebras, in our tray we have stripes of white shaving foam and black paint, that we mix together by moving our hands and fingers in different ways.

In sensory cooking this week we have been making tiger fudge, we explore all the ingredients using our 5 senses. We made stripes in our fudge with chocolate just like the stripes on the tiger, we all loved tasting the chocolate and moved it around in our tray to make marks. As always, we all ended up very very sticky.



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



Yellow Class

News from Spring Cluster

Yellow class has been working really hard this week, we have been continuing with our topic “animals” and “Dear Zoo” the sensory story remains the favourite of the week. We have also been looking at ourselves and comparing our body parts with some of the animal ones. For it we have been using mirrors and singing our mirror song, Yellow class has given beautiful smiles while using the mirrors.



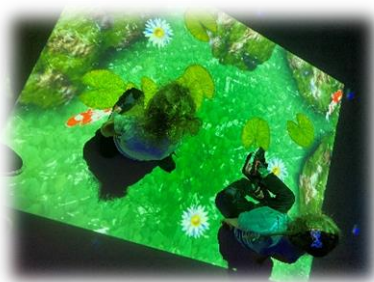
TAC PAC has also been a highlight this week. Yellow class really enjoys a relaxing TAC PAC lesson and they all have their favourite items on it. Big shoutout to the lovely Alessandra, Isla and Habibou at showing great adaptability to a new set of textures and enjoying an entire session of it.





News from Spring Cluster

Also, a big shout out to Oliver, Francesca and Roman for some incredible light room sessions. working cooperatively in the floor mat not only responding incredibly to some modelling activities but also for doing it independently while moving around completing their physio programme.



Have a wonderful weekend!

Gal, Sally, Emma, Katia and Kerry Ann



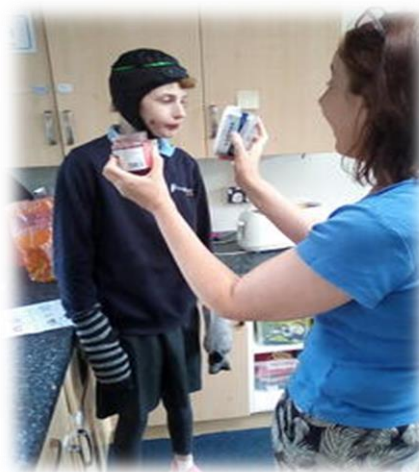
News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

It has been another busy week in Pink Class. The pupils took part in a lovely sensory walk this week, which they thoroughly enjoyed participating in. Ryan was fascinated by the leaves which he loved smelling and touching. We would like to give a special mention to Sienna, for independently climbing up the steps to the slide-this was a great achievement. She then loved going down the slide with Sue. We would also like to say well done to Toby for his splendid bike riding this week. Pink class certainly love the outdoors.



The students had lots of fun in our Sensory art session. They all had a super time making shakers and it was so pleasing to see the pupils choosing how they wished to decorate their shakers. Katie showed great focus in our art session, which was great to see. During target work, Katie also made a clear choice when asked whether she would like jam or butter on her toast.





News from Summer Cluster

PE proved to be a weekly highlight for the pupils. We have been so impressed by the pupils' efforts in various physical activities this week. In the sensory circuit, Sienna enjoyed being on the wobble board whilst Yujan practiced his underarm throws, with excellent determination and concentration. Toby also did some great stretching and Ryan loved stretching across the large physio ball.



Gina led a wonderful dance session that everyone took part in with great enthusiasm. Chloe danced with Gina for several minutes and Louisa did some superb vocalizing to the music.



We hope that you all have a great weekend.

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



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

Hello everyone, I hope you have had a good week. Here in Blue Class, we've been enjoying the mild weather; not too hot, not too cold, just right!



In literacy, pupils have been thrilled to explore the book 'Dear Zoo' together as a class. As we have several very capable readers, we added an animal riddle to each page to help pupils guess which animal we were about to reveal. The sensory story went down a storm on Monday and towards the end of the week pupils wrote some delightful letters of their own to the Zoo.



In maths we have been working on 'shape', tracing shapes in wet sand and matching to word mats. Most pupils have demonstrated that they are fully secure on basic shapes and are beginning to reach out to other 2D shapes such as 'oval' and 'hexagon'. Some pupils have extended beyond this to think about 3D shapes as well.

Pupils took part in P.E. sessions, hurdling, jumping and running the length of the track on the field. PSHE went well with all pupils matching real faces to happy and sad emotion symbols and some reaching onwards to more complex emotions such as excited, scared, angry and tired.

I trust that *you* yourselves won't be too tired to have a good weekend - we'll see you soon,

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





News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

As we are speedily heading towards the end of the academic year, we have altered our Timetable slightly and used time to catch up and organise our accreditation files. Most students above Year 10 have now achieved their ASDAN Transition Challenge Awards. The year 10 students have also been collating work in their folders ready to submit next year. Hannah, Matthew and Roberto had a change to plan this week from Communication Session and practised making sandwiches following a symbol recipe, followed by making jelly for our Friday dessert. Brandon had a go at following the instructions on a packet cake mix by himself. This week for Topic '*Creatures of the World*,' we recapped some of our creatures listed on our board and tried to remember some Life Processes. Most students could think of something that happens when something is 'alive' *pheww*. Some students used the life process symbols to help them. We then thought about how we could group our creatures as there are so many. We watched a video about animal classifications and then had a go at some activities grouping animals/creatures.

Mya chose the Friday lunch – Meatballs & Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. Students worked together to decide the ingredients we would need and wrote up lists. Matthew, Roberto and Hannah created symbol shopping lists, which we will be using when we are able to shop for our own ingredients so good practise! Students are really starting to recognise their coins through the math games and individual targets and some students were able to buy their chosen item at OXSRAD all by themselves this week. Chan bought some GF crisps and found her £1 coin all by herself! Sam was so keen to match his coins in the money game he had a few cheats! Cheeky Sam!

We recapped on PRIDE as this is PRIDE month and students produced some beautiful rainbows and PRIDE posters to display around class and school. A particular well done to Ben who persevered with his PRIDE poster even though Leah suggested many changes. He was proud of his achievement as was Leah! Josh and Gill painted one together with Josh being the director of course! The AoPE Group have carried on with their individual project work, all using laptops by themselves this week with Leah just helping a little when help was needed. Students also practised counting to 10 in French!

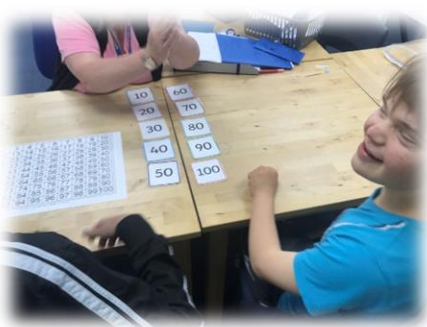
Matthew, Hannah and Roberto are working really well in their Phonics Group (lead by Sian) and are blending more and more. Gilly was impressed with her Read, Write Inc Group this week and Sam, Alicia and Brandon have made fantastic improvement with asking and answering questions in full. We also practised saying the months in French which was quite easy as they are very similar.

Kayah, Jakob, Mya and Sam prepared and cooked the lunch on Friday whilst the other students went cycling now the weather has improved again. Later after jobs, we all enjoyed some Friday social time. Students are all a little tired but have worked hard and should feel very PROUD. Iqra has supported Leah all week by doing the photo copying and taking the keys back! (oops). Our Dawn is now going to be the school's full-time lifeguard so we are all going to miss her in class, but we'll see her for swimming!

Happy weekend everyone! *Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Gill, Sian, & Julie*



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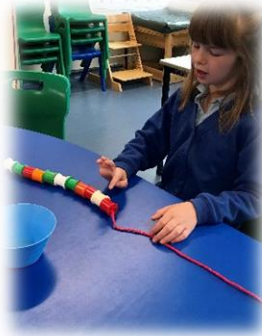




News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

We have gone crazy for caterpillars in Orange Class this week! We read all about them in the information text that we have shared in Literacy, finding out that they eat the egg that they hatch from and then eat the leaf they find themselves living on. Caterpillars really are very hungry! We made 'caterpillars' by threading cotton reels onto a lace, practising our fine motor skills. Some of us took the opportunity to count how many reels we had threaded.



The children have also made caterpillars from egg boxes, following simple step by step instructions and choosing the colour of our paint. We added antennae and eyes for good measure. We also used paint to print caterpillars with our feet (that explains the green and red toes!)



Next week we will be looking at butterflies!

Enjoy the weekend!

Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin, Beccie and Ellie.



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

We hope that you were impressed with the children's newsletter articles last week. Didn't they do well? We are hoping that they will be able to do another one soon, so keep looking out for their next newsletter.

We have had a very exciting week in Red Class. Because of the beautiful weather our butterflies emerged from their cocoons very quickly. The children really enjoyed releasing them in the school grounds. It was particularly exciting because they didn't fly away immediately which meant we got time to hold them on our fingers and study them really carefully.

The class snails: Tommy and Maxi, are very healthy and growing quickly. The smaller one; Maxi has almost doubled in size. They are still quite shy and we don't often see them much during the day.

As our topic is animals this term we have been learning about some of the wild animals in the world. Where they come from, what they like to eat and how they find their food. The children have really enjoyed this activity. First they chose an animal picture. Next, they wrote down everything that they already knew about that animal. Then they wrote lots of questions about their animal down. Finally, they used books and Ipads to find the answers to the questions. We have been working hard on only using information that we can read and understand to write on our animal posters.

In maths this week we have been learning all about fractions. Our focus has been on halves and quarters. The children really enjoyed cutting biscuits, cakes and chocolate into halves and quarters and then eating them after the lesson. They became really good at making sure that the halves they were sharing with each other were very equal. Perhaps, if you are having cakes or biscuits at home you could get them to show you how to cut them in half.



We hope you all have a good weekend.

Lorna, Nicola, Laura, Pauline and Jo



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

In literacy this week we have done some more work around the narrative poem *The Owl and The Pussycat*. We used the story maps from last week to recite the poem and one group used stick puppets to perform the poem from their story maps. It was a lovely performance which they put their own twist on – well done! The others in the class wrote a summary of the characters and main events in the poem.



We have had productive maths lessons this week. Freya and William did brilliant work with coins and understanding their value; Ryan Thomas used money to pay for items in a role play shop with a small group of students and some students were focussed on multiplication this week using mental and written methods.



In topic lessons on animal lifecycles, we have looked at the life cycle of a bird and compared that to insects and amphibians. Students were able to explain the stages in the lifecycle and draw it carefully with labels. We have also learnt about the life cycle of a green turtle and talked about all of the problems that turtles have to survive. We then had a lesson on how to draw a turtle resulting in some amazing pencil drawings. The weather is a bit unpredictable right now, so sun hats and sun cream and raincoats are a good idea just in case. P.E as always is on a Monday and Wednesday and so P.E kits must be in school on those days.

Have a lovely weekend,

From Maria, Tess, Julie, Esther and Brittany



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Hello everyone, another week has soon gone by.....

So this week the children have been looking and learning about zoo animals. We have played with the very muddy (chocolate covered) animals in our sensory session.



Outside play we have been investigating with sand and water which we all really enjoyed, some of the children enjoyed going between the two tuff trays adding water to sand to make sandcastles. It was lovely to use the canopy to shade from the sun, it felt like we were at the beach (here's wishing).



In our play skills session the children all worked really hard at taking turns and sharing the toys they were playing with with their friends ☺



We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Leann, Tina, Ellie, Zoe and Brittany



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

This week we have started a new book called 'Dear Zoo', within the story, they explore animals you can find in the zoo and some of the cheeky behaviour they get up to! The students have loved cuddling up to the toy animals and experiencing the cheeky behaviour, such as the elephant squirting water. In maths, we have been working on sequences and patterns, we have been ordering items in size and colour, making a sequence out of coloured teddies and shapes, we have seen some progress already. Within Phonics we have been learning the letter R this week, we have noticed such an improvement in their mark making, and their confidence when it comes to tracing. During our cooking lesson, we have been focusing on mashing bananas on toast, most of the kids really enjoyed eating it too. We had a great party on Thursday for Joshua's birthday, all the students were really happy they could spend the last part of the day, dancing, singing and eating cake!

Tasks for parents: Please keep on uploading evidence onto evisense. Please ensure the privacy setting is for parents and teachers, so I am able to view it.

We hope you have a great weekend!

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





News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Black Class have been hard at work this week, exploring the new part of our topic 'Zoo Animals.' Our story this week was 'Dear Zoo' and involved lots of animal puppets to explore. Everyone enjoyed playing with the naughty monkey and holding the scary snake. Following our sensory exploration, we worked on our adjectives and mark making. Some of us traced animals, some of us drew animals with visual support and we all used symbols to match adjectives to pictures.

In Numeracy this week we began to explore patterns and symmetry. We used toys and props to continue repeating patterns. We then used communication boards to describe the repeating pattern in terms of shape, size and colour. Everyone worked very hard!



In Cooking this week, we practiced our mashing skills. We followed visual instructions to mash banana and spread it on toast. I cannot say it was as big a hit as the ice creams that we made previously!

In messy play and topic this week we have continued to explore animals. We pretended we were zookeepers and washed all the muddy animals in our big sensory tray using brushes. We also matched and sorted zoo animals into different categories.

Everyone has worked really well at group times with shared exploration activities this week so I would like to make a special mention for everyone for their joint attention skills.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Katie, Amelia, Olívia, Teresa, Brittany, Megan

Community Links



Carswell Primary School Doorstep Summer Fair

Public welcome! 

26th June 2021 11 am - 2pm

Stalls held on doorsteps & driveways on
Conduit, Bostock, Victoria and Park Roads

 Plant sale
BBQ, tea, coffee, cake
Pre-loved toys, books, puzzles, fancy dress
Tombola, hook a duck, lucky dip
...and many more stalls!!

Please note the stalls
can accept CASH only

See Carswell School website for details!

