

16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an extremely busy last full week of term and this is the last newsletter of this academic year.

We have had lots to celebrate this week, Matthew, Joshua and Brandon all received their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award this week, which included a certificate and badge. Unfortunately, Matthew is absent from school at the moment, however as you can see, Josh and Brandon were delighted to receive their awards yesterday. They have worked extremely hard to achieve these and have been supported by their peers, staff member and Andy our volunteer. Don't worry, we will be sending Matthew's certificate and badge home to him. The final celebration for these leavers will happen on Monday when they will be taking a trip out for food at a local establishment.



Next Tuesday we finally have the opening of our Sensory Garden. We are inviting in a few of our volunteers from Trinity Learning, part of Trinity Church in Abingdon to celebrate the event. They support us with keeping the garden neat and tidy as well as participating with singing. We also have volunteers that support us in all classes, with rebound therapy as well as Riding for the Disabled. As you can see, we really do rely on volunteers to help support our school. If you are able to volunteer to support us in any way or have a friend or relative that can, please let me know.

We hope that you all have a lovely summer, stay safe and enjoy the time with your friends and families. We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Dates for your diary

Last Day of Term	Tuesday 20 th July (2pm finish)
First Day of New School Year	Monday 6 th September

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 been very busy working on our physio and physical targets.

We started off the week with Sensory circuit exploring different equipment, we all loved having a turn on the swing and some of us worked hard balancing on the rocking horse too.



We have had lots of fun swimming this week and everyone is becoming more confident in the water. We all work hard kicking our legs and moving our arms, we have been practicing on floating on our backs. Some of us that can swim without using a float got a certificate for swimming 100 metres, WOW!



We have been working hard on our physio targets this week spending longer times in our standing frames during activities and practicing our box sitting.

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



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

What a fantastic week Yellow Class has had and the weather has helped with our sensory exploration in the garden. We have really enjoyed our sensory walks in the sensory garden looking for different smells and relating some of them to our days of the week smells. As the weather has been amazing, we have also done some sensory activities and music outdoors.



In the garden we also took the advantage to create some music and bring with us some amazing instruments. Piano, tambourine, maracas and drums were some of the instruments Yellow Class enjoyed using on the garden.



This week everybody has worked really hard on their physio activities and exercises and the pool has been one of the highlights on it. Yellow Class has done great improvement this year on the pool.



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 have all worked tremendously hard with their targets, which has been great to see. Katie was able to choose whether she wanted to have butter or jam on her toast.

Our communication sessions sparked some terrific vocalising from all of the students. Louisa and Toby vocalised animatedly throughout our call and response songs. During our sensory story the hissing snake continued to be the preferred animal for Pink class. Although Chloe was particularly happy when the puppy arrived.

The pupils all enjoyed their switch work session this week and it was good to see how engaged and focused everybody was. Toby was fascinated by all of the different switch toys and he particularly liked the flame effect. Katie participated in this session with great focus and she was eager to have the opportunity to explore all of the switch toys.

We had an enjoyable sensory walk in our delightful sensory garden this week. Sienna liked this time outdoors and she beamed as she explored the garden, particularly the different flowers. Ryan was fascinated by the water and he did great stretching to reach it. Yujan was keen to spend time on the swing.

Pink class all enjoyed their swimming sessions this week and they continued to work hard on their physio targets. It has been wonderful to see how incredibly well the whole class have worked in their swimming sessions this year. Pink Class have all worked fantastically this term and we are so proud of each and every one of our students. Pink class have all been a pleasure to teach and after a busy year of learning we hope that you all have a great summer break.

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



News from Summer Cluster





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Blue Class



Hello all and welcome to our last Blue News of the year! It has been a jam-packed year with lots of memorable events to look back upon.

This week in literacy we have concluded our work on 'The Very Ugly Bug'. Pupils still very much enjoyed dressing up in wings, silks and goggles just like the different bugs in the story and, as you can see from these images, we also enjoyed making ugly bug biscuits for our final cooking session later in the week.



In maths we finished our work on sequences with some pupils wow'ing with their ability to identify and complete sequences forwards and backwards involving 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s.

In messy play pupils enjoyed digging up bugs from compost as well as trampolining and bug hunting under logs in the forest schools area. Swimming was a hit both days with pupils evidencing their progress from this year.

All that is left for me to do is to wish you a very happy summer holiday, when you finally get there! Enjoy the sun and we hope to see you all again next year, whether in class or around and about school.

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

~ The Blue Class Team





News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

We have made it to the end of term and what a fabulous term this has been! It has been delightful to see growing friendships, acts of kindness and a continued focus on individual learning.

This Tuesday the Enterprise Group made a selection of rolls with filling preferences for staff. Brandon and Sam first went around school taking orders and the Group then worked hard to prepare and deliver the rolls. The Group made just over £20! The Communication Group enjoyed a PowerPoint story of a special trip all around the world voiced by Gilly and then joined in with some signing songs by 'Singing Hands'.

For our final topic work session '*Creatures of the World*', we once again recapped on work covered and then looked at how all living creatures are interrelated as part of the Eco System. We looked at Food Chains and thought of some of our own food chains. Students exhibited their knowledge of animals and what they might eat to survive.

Hannah chose the Friday lunch this week – curry, rice and poppadoms.

We have looked at a selection of animal prints (including a real shedded snakeskin!) to link in with our topic work and thought about how these are used in fashion and home décor. Students had a go at making some colourful versions using animal print templates and also tried to replicate some animal patterns. Iqra and Kayah produced some stunning examples of peacock feathers and Jakob replicated a tiger print freehand.

Our Alicia also turned 17 this week and we were lucky to share some delicious cake.

We all enjoyed our final session at OXSRAD and Brandon very thoughtfully thanked Kieren our coach and told him he was going to college in September. In the afternoon we recapped on some French words and had a go at voicing some body parts in French.

Hannah, Kayah, Jakob, Chan and Josh prepared and cooked the Friday lunch. Josh then had his last session singing in the Light Room with Clare. The other students enjoyed their last cycle for the year at Wheels4All.

Finally, we are saying a sad goodbye to some of our special friends Brandon, Matthew and Josh who are taking their next steps into college. Luckily, they will all be attending Witney College and so they will continue to see each other as well as make new friends. We all wish them all the very best!

We would like to wish you all an amazing summer!

Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Nicola, Gill, Sian, & Julie



News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

So here we are – the last newsletter of the school year. We couldn't be more proud of the children in Orange Class and all that they have achieved. They have made progress with their learning, but also with their physical development and social interaction – all have grown in confidence and independence. Here are some of their best bits



Thank you all for an amazing year - have a wonderful summer!

Rachael, Tracy, Caitlin, Beccie and Ellie.



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

I can't believe this is the last newsletter of the year already. The time has flown by, I have had so much fun teaching Red Class this year. The children are amazing, they have worked so hard and always tried their best. They are such a great bunch of young people.

The children have written their final pieces for the newsletter, sharing some of their favourite things and looking forward to the future:

Alex:

I like to go swimming. I like to do maths and Phonics lessons. I liked doing our Christmas play Wonky Donkey. I am looking forward to going to Gold class in September. I will get Tess all to myself.

Camron:

I like fish and chips Friday. I like going outside in red class area, we have sand and wash windows.

I am going in the campervan in the summer holidays and having dinner outside.

I am looking forward to doing football in P.E when I come back in September.

I like Christmas at school.

Charlie:

We have been doing maths. I like doing work with Lorna.

I like doing swimming.

I like playing with Jessica at playtime.

I am looking forward to Easter next year. I like getting chocolate Easter bunnies.

David:

I like doing P.E. we had bow and arrows. I like maths. We did counting. My favourite day is when we all went swimming. I am looking forward to Jessica being in my class.

Henry:

I liked Christmas. I liked doing the Wonky Donkey play.

I am looking forward to having a baby brother or sister next year.

Holly:

I like going on to the playground and riding on the bikes. I am going to play with the marble run in gold class.

I am looking forward to going away to Cornwall for my summer holiday.

I liked doing cooking. We cooked Pizza. I put cheese and peppers on mine.

Isabel:

I enjoyed all of the party celebrations in red class. I am looking forward to playing with Hector in September.

I am looking forward to doing more cooking. I am looking forward to partying for Halloween and Easter.

Lewis:

I liked to do swimming. I got a certificate and a medal.

I liked playing the memory game with Nicola.

I am looking forward to doing Read Write Inc. with someone in Gold Class in September.



News from Autumn Cluster

Leythan:

I like to play with my friends.

I like to do learning like maths.

I am always happy when I go to school.

I am good at swimming.

I like to play football on the field.

I am looking forward to doing more swimming in September.

I am looking forward to playtime at school with some new friends.

I am looking forward to staying at home for 6 weeks in the summer holidays.

I am looking forward to doing some more homework. I like doing my homework.

Richard:

I have enjoyed doing a play in red class but not just any play, a play when you go on stage. We were doing the Wonky Donkey. Me, Alex and Holly are going to Gold class in September. Isabel will be ok and make new friends. We may be wobbly at first but I can be with Ryan and Jack. I am so, so, so, EXCITED! In lockdown, we had a special class called Rose Gold or RG for short.

Seb:

My favourite day is fish and chips Friday. I like playing with Charlie, Lewis and David. We play the honey bear game. I like singing the Hulk. I am going to sleep in the summer holidays. I am going in a tent with my sister Celeste, mummy and daddy.



We hope you all have a good weekend.

Lorna, Laura, Pauline, Jo and Jennifer.



News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

It is nearly the summer holidays, and the weather has been lovely so we have been able to spend time outside enjoying the sunshine. I am very proud of Gold Class students, who have all been amazing and have made so much progress in many ways.

We had our second archery lesson on Monday, which went well with more accurate shots at the target. It is great to learn a new skill and we hope to use this as part of our learning for The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

This week we have continued to practise telling the time and so it would be fantastic if they could all carry on telling the time at home on analogue clocks to consolidate their skills. A few students also learnt how to read bus timetables, which could be useful as they become more independent.

We have all drawn beautiful designs for Bug Hotels because after learning about life cycles we found out that we need to encourage insects and help protect their habitat. Then this afternoon, we went foraging for resources to make our Bug Hotels next week (a job for next week.) We have collected wood, sticks, bark, leaves and some fluffy grasses. In the photos below we are looking for useful bits and pieces to use in our designs.

Next week, we finish on Tuesday and plan to do some nice activities to celebrate the end of term. They have all worked hard and deserve a bit of fun time together. We are looking forward to the next School Year to continue the great learning.

Have a lovely weekend,

From Maria, Tess, Julie, Esther and Brittany





News from Autumn Cluster





News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

What a lovely week we have had in Silver class.....the children have all been AMAZING in swimming, they have all become super stars in the pool. In dance this week the children joined in really well, listening to Gina and what she was asking them to do.



With the lovely weather we have had we have enjoyed some outdoor learning, using chalks to mark make also fine motor skills and adventures in and around the field, looking at the flowers and the different trees.





News from Winter Cluster

In art we have made pictures of ourselves, adding feature to the picture, and using communication boards to ask for items we wanted to add. And in cooking we have been making spider cakes and yes of course we got to eat them too.



Well what can we say this year has been a strange one in so many ways, but the children have all show so much resilience and have continued to amaze us every day. We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday, and that we get some lovely weather to help us enjoy the break even more ☺



'SILVER CLASS'

ENJOY EVERYONE..... ☺

Leann, Tina, Ellie, Zoe and Brittany



White Class

News from Winter Cluster

We hope you all had great weekend!

This week we have continued to read the book, 'The Very Ugly Bug', the students have loved wearing the wings and putting on the mask! Within Phonics we have been working on the hardest letters we have been through this year, working on CVC words and identifying letters. During our cooking lesson, been making ugly bug biscuits, following instructions, putting icing, strawberry laces, and edible eyes on the biscuit to make an ugly bug. In Art we have been choosing different patterned fabrics to create a minibeasts with, the children chose the minibeast template and then the fabrics to glue on, their artwork looks amazing. We have also really enjoyed dance this week, we made Gina a thankyou card, which she was very pleased with! We celebrated some students moving up to secondary school years and the end of term by having a picnic on the field, followed by their favourite songs and dancing.

We hope you have a great summer holiday!

Jemma, Katie, Ali, Niki, Charlotte and Christina





News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Happy Friday everyone! We have made it to the end of our last full week this year. I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate all the achievements that we have seen this year (there are lots!)

We celebrated a wonderful year with our very own class picnic this week which was lots of fun. The children enjoyed choosing different food items and spending time as a group. We were lucky enough to have sunshine this week too which gave us lots of opportunities for games on the field.



We continued to hunt for minibeasts, practice our strokes in the swimming pool and work on our individual phonics trays this week. We created some wonderful pieces of art using different materials and resources which was lots of fun. As always, everyone was very proud of their work and enjoyed sharing it in 'show and tell.'

Next week we will continue to celebrate our achievements. We will be having a class party on Tuesday and completing lots of sensory (messy) play type activities as it is a Black Class favourite.

Once again, a big well done to all of the children this year! Through such a challenging time, everyone has



conquered through, and their progress shows in leaps and bounds.

Katie, Amelia, Olivia, Teresa, Brittany, Megan

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