

Dear Parents and Carers

Well here we are at the end of another week already. The time is flying by. All the pupils seem to be settling down well into their classes and are becoming accustomed to new routines and activities alongside the more familiar ones. The staff too have been very busy getting up to speed with all the start of year training. The children are especially enjoying lots of physical activity in the last of the sunshine with trips out and tennis and gymnastics with specialist coaches.

You should have received a letter about the Macmillan Coffee Morning we are hosting on Friday. We hope to make it a really sociable occasion where you will have the opportunity to meet other Parents and Carers. We very much hope you are able to join us.

This weekend is supposed to be particularly sunny so hope you are able to enjoy it.

### **Flu vaccinations**

The School Health Nurses have provided us with a series of information sheets they want us to share with parents over the next 4 weeks. The first one of these can be found in the Community section at the end of the Newsletter. Please can you read through this information.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Macmillan Coffee Morning – a separate letter will be sent home with information about this event

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

INSET-Staff only day

*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

One more week has gone very quickly for Green Class. We have so many lovely things and photos to share with all of you from this great week that we have all had.

We had lots of cake, singing and clapping in Green Class as we celebrated Ada's Birthday last Friday and Jackie's Birthday on Tuesday as well. The children enjoyed making some beautiful birthday cards for their friends and celebrating their special day. We were very happy to see our friends from the Trinity Church of Abingdon on Tuesday morning and sing with them as well. We joined Pink Class for the session and it was lovely to see all the children smiling, vocalising and some of them dancing as well. During our hand function activities this week, the children did some great work stretching, pulling and pushing different things. The best part of the session was doing mark making using shaving foam. Our students loved feeling the soft texture of the foam and made some brilliant patterns in the trays. In Arts this week, the children have been busy preparing our 'unique Class Tree' which has our students' colourful handprints on its branches.

Our resonance board session this week was amazing as all the children actively took part in the session and showed great anticipation during singing and tapping. We had some great intensive interaction with our students and they all responded very well to the different sounds and props. During our Sensory circuits activities this week, the children had lots of fun going on the swing, riding the 'horse' and exploring the big wooden xylophone. On Friday morning, Green Class students were very excited to join the Gymnastics session which took place in the Big Hall. The children had a great time rolling the balls to each other, practising their walking skills and interacting with each other and the coaches.





## News from Spring Cluster



Have a great weekend and we are all looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

*Anna, Kim, Amanda, Hannah, Julia, Lorna and Jackie*





# News from Spring Cluster

## Yellow Class

Another great week in yellow class. We are all enjoying our sensory story – 'All by Myself'.

We are exploring our eyes this week, with lots of singing, looking in the mirror and exploring bright and sparkly things.

We have loved our swimming sessions and all worked really hard with our physio and floating in the pool.

We welcomed Trinity Church back into class, after the summer, and enjoyed lots of singing with them.

We all did some excellent work with the ball in rugby PE, practicing feeling, holding and letting go of the balls.



*Helen, Siobhan Yvonne, Sally, Kerryann, Amanda, Emma and Hannah*



# News from Summer Cluster

## Pink Class

We certainly go our wish of an Indian Summer and as promised have been enjoying our garden this week. All the students have been happy having both breaks and learning opportunities in the garden. Some of the sensory elements have proven to be a big motivator for some of our students to move around themselves and engage with the items that take their fancy. The swing, water play and wind chimes are currently our most sought after items.

The Trinity Church choir returned this week and we will have a session with them and our friends from Green Class every Tuesday morning.

Sensory art and cooking were both very popular sessions this week and as such we apologise for how some of the uniforms looked when they came home. The students (and staff) do all wear specific aprons for art and cooking to reinforce understanding of the activity at hand. Unfortunately, this week our aprons were not able to meet the challenge of some the students' inquisitiveness. We will however class this as a cause for celebration.



*Tor, Juliette, Maria, Sue,  
Liza, Norah, Janet and  
Daniel*



# News from Summer Cluster

## Blue Class

This week we have been continuing our work about ourselves and the world around us. We have been making hand drawings and also had a photo shoot. We will use the pictures to make our own "This is me" jigsaw puzzles.

We also had a lot of fun outside on a lovely sunny morning riding the bicycles, using the skateboards and the exercise equipment.



Have a great week-end

*Sean, Esther, Pauline, Matt and Sarah*





# News from Summer Cluster

## Purple Class

Our third week back at school has been focusing more on getting back into routine after our second full week. On Monday after briefly sharing our weekend news and discussing the week ahead, students split into their literacy group with one group working in the Library. Students also split into groups to concentrate on their individual math targets. We have continued with looking at and thinking about Harvest Festival and this week students collected in the donations (*thank you to all!*) and took them along to Radley Church where we met Vicar Rob. Vicar Rob explained a little more that Harvest is a time to be thankful and a time for giving. He said that our donations would be shared out to be those who could do with a little extra help at this time. The churches and food banks are still collecting!

Our Autumn display is now starting to take shape and this week Sam chose the Friday lunch – Taco's.

We had a great time at Oxsrad and the spinners are getting better and better. The session is almost full, with everyone working hard to keep up with the instructions. Harry, Matthew, Josh and Roberto shopped this week for Friday's lunch whilst some of the other students joined the 'Music with Steve session'. Kayah had a 1:1 thinking about targets for the year. Kayah would like to work with animals and so she has decided to do a short course for ASDAN on animal care. Ben and Brandon are now the Purple Class School Council Reps and after helping tidy the outside they attended their first council meeting by themselves – top secret!

Alicia, Ceri, Robbie, Brandon and Mya are cooking this weeks Friday lunch, whilst the other students attend the 'Wheels4All' session to try out all the different styles of bike and practice their skills on a safe athletic track. Finally, Friday afternoon has arrived again so time for socialising with leisure activities with our friends.

Happy weekend everyone!

*Purple Class- Leah, Mary, Dawn, Sian, Sarah, Lynette & Julie*



# News from Summer Cluster







# News from Autumn Cluster

## Orange Class

We have continued to settle well in to our daily routines and children have had a great week. We have really enjoyed the sunny weather and have made the most of our playtimes, which is a nice time to mix with some of the other classes.



The highlights of the week include painting in art. Some children are learning colours and so have been sorting lots of objects in colour groups. Everyone enjoyed painting this week and we have some of the artwork on display in the classroom. We managed to stay fairly clean although some children had colourful blobs on their nose! A visit from 'Music Steve' is always very exciting with everyone listening and joining in when it is their turn.

We have used lots of props and had fun with 'The Gingerbread Man' story this week, including drawing and some role play with puppets. Today we decorated gingerbread men and ate them all up!

Thank you for the snacks that have been provided to assist us in providing choices for the children when they are learning to communicate what they would like to eat and drink.

Have a lovely weekend,

Maria and the Orange Class Team.



# News from Autumn Cluster

## Red Class

This week we have been learning more about the Romans, and had fun dressing up in togas during our topic lesson as well as trying some food the Romans ate – preserved fruit was popular, but the olives were not! In science we continued our lessons about forces by thinking about gravity and air resistance, making predictions about which objects would hit the ground first when dropped. And in PE we continued this theme by working on jumping this week, which everyone was very enthusiastic about!

Our focus in literacy continues to be on writing letters, and this week we planned and wrote letters about a recent event in our lives, working on using correct layout. Next week we will use our imaginations to write a letter about living in Roman times. In maths we have been practicing our number bonds to 10, trying to answer questions using these as quickly as possible. (Please do continue practicing these with your child over the weekend!)

Friday clubs have started up again and everyone had a great time at their choice of football, gardening, or messy play. Lunchtime choir has also started again, and we will soon be looking forward to the concerts coming up this year for us to perform at.

*Katherine, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, and E*





# News from Autumn Cluster

## Gold Class

Good afternoon and a very happy Friday to you all. We are now well underway with our new school year and are well tucked into most subjects.

This week in literacy we have begun investigating letter writing. Pupils have been dissecting the features of formal and informal letters and are preparing to write their own next week.

In maths we have been finishing our work on place value and have begun looking at addition and subtraction. Within this we have had a major push on number bonds (matching numbers to make 10/20/50/100).

Further to this we have also been busy with cooking, investigating daily Roman life, gymnastics, tennis, swimming, football/clubs, reading (independent, class and guided) and even with a lesson sending emails to one another!

We have also really been enjoying our trips out to Wittenham Clumps on a (re-time-tabled) Thursday afternoon. Have a fantastic weekend and we look forwards to seeing you all next week.

## Homework

Please can you support our work on number bonds with your children by helping them practice matching numbers to 10/20/50 or 100 (according to their ability). You might want to make practice cards to hold up with bonded numbers on either side of the card e.g. 4 and 6 bonding to make 10. Any opportunity that you might have to support your child in writing and posting letters (even birthday cards) would also be of beneficial.



*From Richard, Katie, Julie, Marie,  
Yvonne, Sarah and Lorna!*

*~ The Gold Class Crew*





# News from Winter Cluster

## Silver Class

It's been another great week in Silver Class. The children are fully settled in and have been working hard to understand what's happening using photos and 'now' and 'next' boards.

We have continued with our sensory story this week.....the gingerbread man. This time we explored different play with and naming different cooking equipment. We especially liked using jugs and water.



In numeracy we continued exploring number by this time ordering and recognising numbers. Some of us joined in as we climbed up and down stairs counting whereas others matched numbers and some ordered numbers using bottles, bricks and number cards.

We have continued to work hard on our communication skills. We loved picking items to play hairdressers and commenting on tower building using bricks. We also chose the coloured paint we would like in art as well as toppings we wanted for our pancakes.





# News from Winter Cluster

We continued with our weekly trips and this time went to the local nature reserve. The children were very good at following the path and also loved the long grass. They did really well at responding to 'stop'.



We also had a fantastic swimming session with all the children gaining so much more confidence and all of them venturing out in to the deep water. Well done Silver Class!



We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte, Tina, Zoe and Leann





# News from Winter Cluster

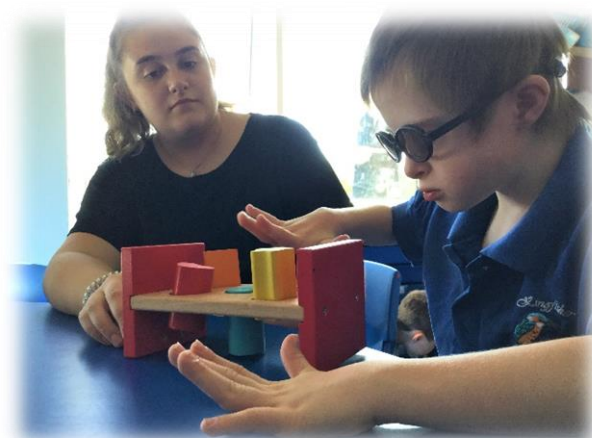
## White Class

This week the children in White Class have been exploring shapes – sorting, matching and naming triangles, circles and squares. Some of us have been practising our colours too.

We have all enjoyed our story “From Head to Toe”, thinking about the movements and sounds that different animals make. It has been fun to play with the small animal toys, making the noises for them too! Things got even noisier with our phonics games as we tried to guess which instrument had made the sound we had just heard.

All of the children enjoyed singing Action Songs this week, particularly “If you’re happy and you know it”, “Wind the bobbin up” and “Heads, shoulders, knees and toes”. It’s exciting when the song gets faster and faster!

We also enjoyed celebrating a birthday this week!



*Rachael, Jill, Niki, Charlotte and Abigail.*





# News from Winter Cluster

## Black Class

We have had a wonderful week enjoying the sunshine! This has meant we were able to practice pedalling on the bikes which was lots of fun. We started our week off making toast in the cooking room and tasting lots of spreads. Oliver didn't seem too keen on the marmite! We then practiced our sentence building to request our preferred spread. The best part was eating it!

Our session with Music Steve was great this week and all children participated and interacted during the session. We have been exploring communication through music this week too by listening and responding to different sounds.



Most importantly, we have continued to build relationships in our class this week. It has been great to see the children play and interact with one another. The new slide on the playground has provided lots of opportunities for play and turn taking.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the last of the sunshine!

*Katie, Olivia, Ali, Teresa, Helen and Lynette*

# Community Links

## Week 1

### Flu vaccination

Flu vaccination is offered each year between October and January. This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications, especially for children with underlying chronic health conditions. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

**For most children the vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.** In some circumstances it is more appropriate to administer the vaccine by intra muscular injection, but this is always discussed with parents/carers beforehand.

You will soon be receiving a letter providing further information regarding the vaccine and a link to an on line Consent Form. Please complete the form promptly and if you have any difficulties please contact your School Health Nurse Office on 01865 904890 and they will be happy to help you.