

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many parents in school this week for parent day/evening. It was a chance to meet your child's class teacher and set targets for the coming year. These targets will be reviewed throughout the year in order to see the progress each pupil is making.

PFSA

A big thankyou to members of the PFSA (Parent, Friends and Staff Association) for coming into school on Saturday to lay the foundations of the shed to house some of our more specialist bikes. The shed will be delivered and erected soon. If you would like to join the PFSA, please make contact with Clare Johnson via the office.



Flu vaccinations

The School Health Nurses have now provided us with a list of pupils whose parents wish them to receive the flu vaccination next Wednesday (16th October). The final part of the weekly information they have provided for parents is in the Community Section at the end of this Newsletter. It is important you read this as it contains information concerning the day of the immunisation.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th October

Last day of term-return Monday 4th November

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

Green Class started this week with a great swimming session. Our pupils definitely love going into the pool and they are getting more confident floating around with their friends and the members of staff. It is lovely to see some of our pupils swimming independently and some of them using the woggles so nicely as well.

During our Sensology session this week, the children were very happy to play the xylophone and make lots of loud and quiet sounds independently or with minimal adult support. We smelled and tasted some delicious hot chocolate and it was great to see some of the children asking for more and some of them clearly showing that hot chocolate is not their favourite drink. Our pupils also loved touching some autumn leaves, squeezing them in their hands and feeling their texture.

In our sensory circuits this week, the children really enjoyed practising their balance skills by jumping up and down on the trampoline or going on the swing. Tac Pac is also a firm favourite for Green Class and we are all always looking forward to our Friday afternoon session. Our pupils are brilliant during the sessions, showing great anticipation, smiling and vocalising. One of our favourite part is relaxing after the session and wrap ourselves up into the soft blankets.

It was great to see our pupils' parents and carers during the parent consultation meeting on Wednesday afternoon and discuss about the children's ILP targets and all the amazing things that our pupils have already been doing during this term.



Anna, Lorna, Jackie, Amanda and Kim



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

A lovely week in yellow class.

We all worked really hard in the pool on Monday morning, floating and moving around the pool. We have been busy exploring cause and effect using some really, fun switch activated, toys and exciting programs on the eye-gaze.

We have worked on our visual skills in the classroom and in the lightroom.

Thank you to those parents who were able to make it to parents consultations, it was lovely to see you and hopefully we can catch up with parents, who were unable to make it, soon.



Helen, Siobhan, Sally, Yvonne, Kerry-Ann Hannah and Emma



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

Thanks to all the parents that attended parent's consultations. We are all really looking forward to seeing everything the children will achieve this year.

Our weeks follow a very similar routine that everyone has a really strong grasp of at this point. Our typical week involves sessions including Sensology (to wake us up on a Monday morning), Atmospherics, Sensory Art, TAC PAC, Resonance Board, Eye Gaze, Sensory Cooking and stories. Not to mention the different therapies we each have. We have mentioned different sessions throughout the term in our newsletters but we seem to have left out everyone's favourite session which I am sure many will guess is swimming.

The progress everyone is making in swimming is fantastic to see. All the pupils totally relax when in the pool and are willing to try new things. Floating on your back is out of many of our pupil's comfort zone but many are starting to really get it. The independence the pupils are gaining in the water is great to see.



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



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

This week we have been busy doing some work on different parts of the body, letter formation, numbers and shapes. We have also been working hard on completing our autumn tree pictures as part of our topic about the world around us.

On Monday we made, decorated and ate some yummy “funny face cookies” which were a nice afternoon treat.

We have all taken part in lots of exercise again this week. On Monday it was tennis, Tuesday was cycling and exercise equipment in school, Wednesday gymnastics and Thursday our regular trip to Oxsrad.

In addition to this we have been swimming and some of us even went horse riding this week!

We are now looking forward to ending the week with our usual Friday morning walk before enjoying a nice rest over the weekend!



Have a great week-end

Sean, Esther, Pauline, Matt and Sarah



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

A fairly relaxed few days for Purple Class this week. Students worked well in their different groups for Literacy and Numeracy tasks on Monday and it has been great to see students using their decoding skills throughout the week at various times. Students attended Enterprise with our friends at Fitzwaryn, this week concentrating on propagation. They have been busy de-heading old plants and planting new seeds. They then prepared the seed trays and pots with wrap film to assist the germination process.

For our topic work we have focussed on the Variety Christmas Card Competition as the deadline is October 18th and we are likely to have a busy time next week with Children in Need preparations. All designs need to be ready and sent by next Tuesday at the latest. So far, we have a few entries ready.

This week Brandon chose Friday lunch – Lasagne and garlic bread. The students joined in deciding what ingredients we would need, preparing shopping lists and engaging in shopping games and activities. Once again, our walk4wellbeing this week took place around the pavements near school to concentrate on road safety and being so near to traffic.

The skittles group worked hard on their skills this week, using two hands and trying to aim accurately. A particular well done to Roberto who has now joined the spinning group and has listened extremely well to instructions. Chan seems to be our skittle queen at present!

In the afternoon, Brandon and Ben visited the Barnardo's Charity Shop. Brandon has worked extremely hard to achieve his 5 stars and chose a DVD reward. Both lads also met with Lisa (the Boss) and Natalie as they will be starting a work experience placement in the shop after Christmas. They have introduced themselves and are getting to know the staff there. Ben has also continued to help Michael John around the school at any given opportunity. I think he likes the role of the Site Manager! Harry, Sam, Chan and Josh shopped at Tesco for Friday's lunch, whilst other students have been looking at videos and thinking of ideas for a Christmas Production.

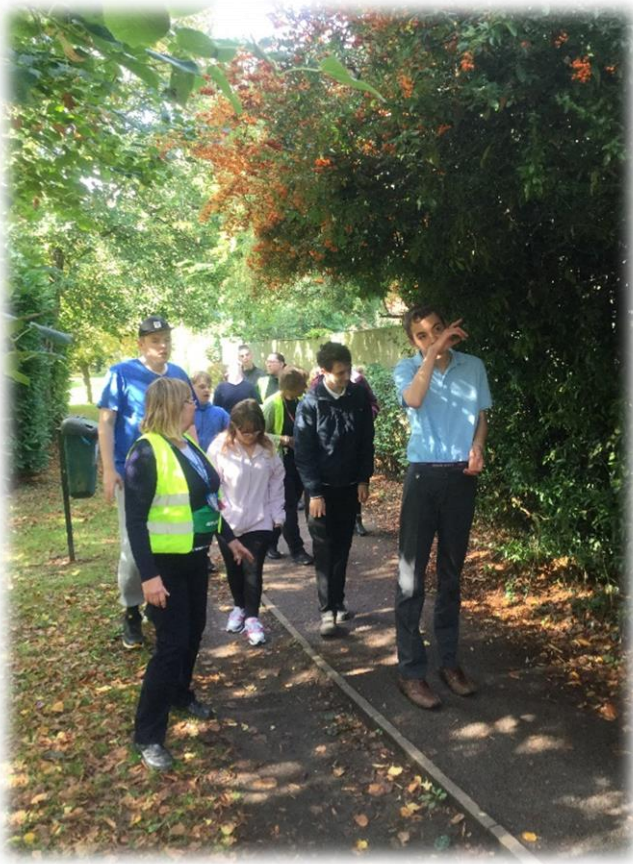
Mya, Chan, Robbie and Josh helped to cook lunch this week whilst the other students had a turn at Wheels4All, exploring all the different cycles and have freedom to cycle safely around the athletics track. Finally, our 'favourite' part of the week, Friday Social Club, and lots of choice with our friends (after completing our jobs of course!).

Happy weekend everyone!

Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Sian, Sarah, Lynette & Julie



News from Summer Cluster





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

In Orange Class this week we are learning about 2D shapes. We can recognise, name shapes and make repeating patterns using shapes, teddies and cubes. We have practised drawing around some shapes and cutting out shapes working carefully with our scissors. Then we chose 2 colours and used paint to print a pattern on paper. We have also used playdough to cut out different shapes and mould shapes in our hands.



As part of our topic, we made a dolls house with cardboard boxes. Children worked well in a small group to help create the house and stick pieces together. Then they chose different colours for the floor and made lego furniture for the dolls. Some then really enjoyed playing with the dolls house and acting out making tea and washing up before going to bed.



On Wednesday afternoon, the whole class went outside to use the bikes. They had great fun cycling around the school field.

Have a great weekend, From The Orange Class Team



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

We've enjoyed the break in the weather this week and were able to get out to Peachcroft Park on our walk yesterday where we enjoyed playing on the equipment and also hunting for conkers.

At school in literacy we have been using non-fiction books to research the answers to questions we have about the Romans, making notes to use in our own writing next week. Henry put his learning from this into practice in the lunch hall, telling Kate the Deputy Headteacher that he was eating his peas with his fingers because he was being a Roman! Maths has also had a Roman theme as we've been using 2D shapes to create tessellations and mosaic pictures.

Thank you for visiting earlier in the week to discuss your child's targets for the year, it was lovely to see you all. If you have any further questions or comments about them please feel free to call at any time.

Katherine, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, and Ellie





News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

Happy Friday, it's official, the wellies are back in use!

We've had a positive week in Gold Class with a heap of smiles and just as much hard work. We've continued to engage with a wide range of activities from renewed allotment trips, swimming, pizza making and gymnastics lessons through to our usual maths and literacy.



This week we have continued working on information texts. Pupils have worked hard to consider what 'generalisers' are (words that make a statement general/factual), and have been grouping information under subheadings. More confident pupils identified key themes in given facts about Roman soldiers and created their own subheadings.

In maths we have continued working hard on multiplication with close use of concrete physical resources. Some pupils worked on worded questions whilst others investigated how to use the grid method to solve multiplications involving larger numbers.

In Topic we had great fun role-playing an escape from Roman Pompeii and have discussed our forthcoming trip to the Ashmolean museum in Oxford two weeks from now (stay tuned for further correspondence).



We hope you have a fantastic weekend and look forwards to seeing you on Monday.

Homework

Please practice 2, 5 and 10x tables with your child at home, especially learning to count in these numbers! More confident pupils may also stretch to being tested on their 3s, 4s, 9s and 11s.

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

~ The Gold Class Crew



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

Thank you to everyone who came to parents evening. It was lovely to meet you all and share with you how well the children have settled in and the progress they have made already.

This week we started a new sensory story 'Presents' all about presents a little boy got for his birthday. We loved exploring the different presents but our favourite was the balloons being pumped up! We also really enjoyed having a pretend birthday party after this, where we all impressed the staff with our role play skills. Following on we used symbols and pictures to make different sentences about the presents and the tea party.





News from Winter Cluster

In numeracy we started to think about patterns and matching colours. We have used lots of different items to make patterns such as bricks, cubes, animals, velcro activities as well as paint and stamps. Some of us have got on really well with making alternating patterns where others of us have improved at matching colours.

As always we have continued to work hard on our communication skills. We used the communication board for building brick houses as well as for requesting more, bigger, etc. when pumping the balloon. As usual a favourite was cooking where we decorating cupcakes selecting different coloured icing and sprinkles.



This week we also enjoyed our bike riding session. Some of us are now tolerating sitting on the bike while others are starting to pedal themselves and some even starting to learn how to use the brakes!

Our weekly trip this week was a bit soggy. Luckily all the children were well prepared with their rain coats and seemed to enjoy walking in the rain. Our walk was followed by a very quick trip to the park as the rain was getting heavier.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte, Tina, Leann and Zoe

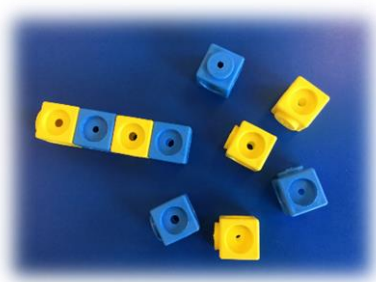


News from Winter Cluster

White Class

This week we'd like to share some of our learning activities with you.

White Class have continued work based on patterns and sorting in Maths. Here are some of the activities that we've been looking at, just in case you fancy trying something similar at home.



The children have also used choosing boards to select a colour and a shape before printing with blocks dipped in paint.

The children in White Class have other regular opportunities to practise their communication skills, choosing between pictures of items or using PECS to request what they would like for their snack each day. They have also been picking the actions that they would like to repeat from our story, as well as choosing favourite activities from a small selection on offer. If you are interested in the story that we have been sharing recently, you can find a version of it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xxyZSdYEmM>. It has become a real favourite in White Class!



Have a great weekend,

Rachael, Jill, Niki and Charlotte



News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Another fantastic week in Black Class. I would like to thank you for your attendance at Parents Day to celebrate achievements so far!

This week we have been hard at work. In D.T we have been selecting materials using a communication board to build something to match a picture. The children were great at building using the lego blocks.



Some children chose to use lollipop sticks and made some very complex designs!

In Art this week we used communication boards to build sentences. E.g. I want orange paper/ I want green paint. All of the children were very engaged in this session and made jellyfish using their chosen materials. We really enjoyed showing each other our art work!

Finally, I would like to mention how well the children have been working together this week. In our games session, we played lots of teamwork games including the parachute and beanbags. We all had lots of fun- our favourite part was relaxation under the parachute!

Have a lovely weekend,



Katie, Olivia, Ali, Teresa, Helen and Lynette

Community Links

Week 4

Flu vaccination date 16th October 2019

Important Information

On the day of vaccination **if you answer yes** to any of the questions below you **MUST** inform your child's School Office and the School Health Nurse Team before school starts on 16th October 2019

Has your child had any recent injections?	Yes	No
Does your child have an unrepaired craniofacial malformation?	Yes	No
Has your child ever suffered a severe reaction after receiving an immunisation?	Yes	No
Is there any chance your child could be pregnant?	Yes	No
Has your child been prescribed Influenza Anti- Viral medication in the past 4 days?	Yes	No
Is your child Asthmatic?	Yes	No
If your child is Asthmatic, please answer further questions below		
Has your child taken steroid tablets or increased the use of their steroid inhaler in the past 14 days?	Yes	No
Has your child suffered wheezing in the past 3 days?	Yes	No
Has your child used their inhaler more in the past 3 days?	Yes	No

This information is important for us to assess whether your child can have the vaccination. Please don't hesitate to contact us on 01865 904890 if you have any questions regarding this vaccine up to the date of vaccination. On the day please call 07776162162.