

15th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

As promised, here is the picture of our pupils with the Remembrance Day board that they made last week. We have sent the collection tin off to the Royal British Legion and we will let you know how much we raised as soon as we hear back from them.



A number of our staff and pupils have come to school in their Pyjamas today, others dressed in yellow and some have Pudsey Bear related regalia on. One pupil had a hand drawn and coloured t-shirt which looks amazing. We raised in excess of £125. Thankyou to everyone who has supported Children in Need.

The transition event held at Fitwaryn School was a success on Wednesday Evening. Leah will be putting together an information leaflet with contact details of some of the exhibitors.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th December Christmas Performance 'am' time TBC

Wednesday 11th December Christmas Performance 'am' time TBC

Thursday 12th December Christmas Performance 'pm' time TBC

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 very busy but amazing week in Green Class. It was really nice to see some of our students' parents and carers joining us for the Poppy appeal coffee morning last Friday and sharing with us some delicious cakes.

Using the resonance board to say 'good morning' to our friends on Monday morning has started being one of our firm favourites in Green Class. We have been encouraging and supporting our students to use their communication boards, iPads and POOD books to request if they would like to make quiet or loud sounds during the session. It has been great to see the children looking and paying attention as the members of staff model words for them and support them to use the different means of communication. During our hand function session this week, the children loved shaking the balloons with rice in them using one hand or both and they were great playing turn taking games with the adults or their friends, by pushing balls or cars to each other. Some of the students also did some great hand physio exercises with adult support. The children were great stretching their arms, opening their hands and getting their fingers ready for the session.

In our sensory circuits this week, the children worked very well on their physical development, communication and maths targets. Some of our students were amazing counting the Curling stones and pushing them down to the ramp independently. We have also had great intensive interactions with our students during the session and it was so nice seeing them participating actively in all the different activities. In Arts this week the children made some shiny fireworks using pieces from carton boxes, different texture fabrics, tissue paper, paper cards and glue. The children did some great choosing between the different materials and particularly enjoyed tearing the tissue paper into small pieces and sticking them on their fireworks.





News from Spring Cluster



We hope you all have a great weekend,

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



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

Another exciting week in Yellow class, we have worked hard on our physiotherapy programs, lots of standing and practicing taking steps. We loved exploring coloured rice during our hand function group, letting the rice pour over our hands and making patterns with our fingers. We made some beautiful sparkly Rangoli patterns using glitter and glue.

We posed for the school photographer, some of us even managed a smile.

We have been continuing to enjoy our sensory story 'A Tiny Seed' using our senses to explore and join in the story.

We have worked hard on our ILPs and have enjoyed exploring cause and effect with switches and the Eye gaze.



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



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

Pink class have had a lovely week and some of us have even enjoyed a phonics walk, listening to all the Autumnal sounds around the school field despite the wet weather. We enjoyed our visit from Max the Dog who clearly enjoyed our company as much as we did his. We had lots of cuddles with him.

With Children in Need today our sensory story this week has been about helping someone and is based on the famous Aesop fable about a lion and a mouse. In our case the smaller animal is a little dog. The story encourages lots of switch work, to make the dog bark, the lion roar and snore and to make the lion's tummy vibrate with laughter. We are all very good at our switch work now and repeating the action for more.

Swimming continues to be a highlight of our week and we are all working towards our individual targets. We are also enjoying our weekly gym sessions and respond very well to the exercises.

Music Steve is lots of fun and overlaps with our snack time so we are enjoying lots of songs about food. These make us smile a lot. Yesterday one of our class celebrated a special Birthday and we all enjoyed different versions of the 'Happy Birthday' song from Steve.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and hopefully we'll have some photos from today to share with you next week.



Juliette, Tor, Maria, Dawn, Norah, Daniel, Janet, Clare



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

On Monday this week we all took part in Remembrance Day at school. In Blue class we displayed our poppy artwork and watched a special 2 minute Remembrance Day animation at 11 O' Clock.

We continued our celebration theme in our cooking session this week with some yummy hot chocolate and marshmallows, followed by a biscuit or two! A typical bonfire night treat.

We have been very busy this week getting ready for Children in Need. We have created some lovely Pudsey artwork, found out why he has spots on his bandana and also made some Pudsey masks.

In addition to this, we have been active in our sport and swimming lessons and have also been working on our letter formation, numbers and coin recognition.



Have a lovely week-end

Sean, Esther, Pauline, Matt and Sarah



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

Another busy second week of term for Purple Class, this week primarily focussed on Children in Need. As swimming was cancelled, we took the opportunity to visit Abingdon Library and return our books before the Christmas rush.

School photos were taken early Tuesday morning. The Enterprise group got an extra treat this week as they met their Fitzwaryn friends at Harcourt Arboretum. What a fantastic time of year to witness the colours of all the amazing trees there – many originating from overseas. They even found a Woodpecker hole! Josh chose 'Farmer John's tractor' to share this week which the students enjoyed and the group also worked hard on phonics and sounding out words.

The theme this week has been Children in Need and we have found out about the wonderful things that the charity does to help children around the country. We looked at some of the amazing ways people have been helping Pudsey to raise money including the *Rickshaw Challenge*. Harry was quite fascinated that Pudsey has a girlfriend called *Blush*. He will be looking out for Blush on Friday night's Children in Need programme! The students completed some question & answer sheets and coloured some Pudsey's to put up around school. We decided as a class that we could help the cause by making cakes to sell. Mary also made a fabulous sponge to raffle.

Ceri chose Friday lunch – Burger in a bun, chips and salad. After determining which ingredients we would need for Friday's lunch and preparing our shopping lists, the class walked to the local Budgens once again to purchase ingredients for the cakes we are making in order to raise money for Children in Need. Unfortunately, they didn't have any yellow food colouring but luckily Mary had a secret stash! In the afternoon, Ben, Harry and Sam worked hard on the allotment whilst the other students made cakes to sell on Friday. We have also been thinking about our Christmas performance and having a little go at a few songs!

Spinning was back on this week at OXSRAD and the students have started their 'Round the UK' challenge – they accumulate points for the time spent in spinning sessions, reaching destinations around the UK which is recorded in their special passports. The other students continue to enjoy the parachute games in the large hall and we have started to introduce a few games. Ceri was super at stretching out her arms and helping to lift the Parachute and bring it back down over some students!

Ben, Josh, Harry, Sam and Brandon shopped again this week at Tesco for our Friday's lunch ingredients, whilst the other students joined in with '*Music with Steve*'. This week the students joined in with a range of instruments from Steve's 'special' bag. Ceri, Chan and Kayah decorated the Children in Need cakes with yellow icing and hundreds and thousands – great job girls!



News from Summer Cluster

We dressed up in our PJ's on Friday to support Children in Need which luckily didn't look to strange whilst out cycling and walking as many people around the country are dressed up today also.

Ceri, Mya, Ben and Kayah prepared and cooked the lunch whilst Chan, Josh, Matthew, Robbie and Brandon went cycling in their pyjama's!!!! The others joined Blue for their walk, *all* in PJ's!!

Finally, we finished the week with Friday Social Club, had a look back through our weekly photos and had a last look at what will be happening for Children in Need. Hopefully Harry will see Blush!

Happy weekend everyone!

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





News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

Orange class have worked hard this week and linked to our bonfire and firework story we have explored light and dark. We experimented with torches and different lights in a dark room, making light patterns on the ceiling and then we thoroughly enjoyed a visit to our light room. This was a wonderful sensory experience where they looked, touched and reacted to the different light sources available.



On Thursday we made hotdogs and children used a communication board to choose different sauces and toppings for their hotdogs. Ketchup was definitely the favourite, but a few children tried mayonnaise and brown sauce.



We celebrated a birthday on Monday as it was Albie's 8th birthday! We had a birthday party in class, sang happy birthday and shared birthday cake.

Have a great weekend,

From Maria, Tracey, Scarlet, Katie and Ellie



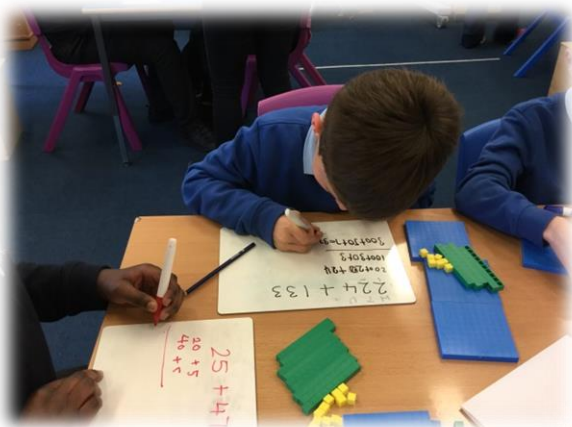
News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

This week we have welcomed Seb into our class! He has coped really well with the new routines and all the other children have been very friendly and welcoming.

In literacy this week we have been sequencing and writing about the story of Guy Fawkes, finishing with creating short drama pieces to tell the story. In maths we have been practicing addition and subtraction, with some children working on improving their recall of single-digit number facts and others learning how to do two-digit addition using place value resources. Everyone also had great fun in art this week making firework pictures by using straws to blow onto paint! And in topic we talked about Bonfire Night safety and came up with loads of really sensible ideas for keeping ourselves and others around us safe.

Katherine, Nicola, Laura, and Pauline





News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to your weekend! As usual, it's been a busy week for Gold Class.

In science this week we have investigated electricity. We sorted objects according to whether they used electricity or not and then discussed and labelled the types of energy each object turned electricity into (heat, light, sound or movement).

In topic we researched the history behind the 'Gunpowder Plot' and found out what befell poor old Guy Fawkes following his attempted regicide.

In literacy we sequenced stories, including our recently finished class book – the masked mutant! Maths on the other hand



focused on geometry as we looked at simple nets and how these relate to 3D shapes.

Tennis, swimming, ball skills (PE) and our weekly allotment trip also went well.

Please do encourage your children to bring in their coats as the colder weather settles in. Pupils also need to remember their P.E. kits on a Monday and Wednesday for Tennis and PE (as well as on a Friday if attending football club).

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Homework

In following our work in Science, it would be wonderful if you could help your child to investigate what objects they can find around your family home that require electricity. Please also continue to read with your children.

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

~ The Gold Class Crew



News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

It has been another busy week in Silver class. We have been glad the rain has held off so we can get outside but it has been a bit cold so please remember to send in warm clothes for the children to wear.

This week we have continued with our story has been 'Sparks in the sky'. This week we have mainly been exploring the different lights and making sentences about different aspects of bonfire night i.e. I see red fireworks.

In numeracy we have continued to work on number and on 1:1 matching. We have enjoyed counting all kinds of things such as toy food, money, balloons, cars etc. We have also been counting 1 item at a time while putting money in the money box and putting gems in boxes. For 1:1 matching we have been making sure every hole gets an egg, every cup gets a straw and every pond gets a duck.

As always we have continued to develop our communication skills. We really enjoyed making hotdogs. We chose whether we would like a roll, sausage and butter and then used symbols and communication boards to choose our toppings. We also communicated well which lights we would like in topic as well as choosing colours and decorations for our paper plate fireworks.





News from Winter Cluster

We have also been really impressed with the development in the children's play skills this week. They have started to play with toys purposefully as well as beginning to share and take turns with some toys.



A highlight of the week was our trip to the barn café. The children were so well behaved and sat at the table the whole time. They were brilliant at using symbols to choose what they wanted and handing the symbols over to the staff. Chocolate cake was definitely a favourite! The staff were so impressed with them and Leo even helped tidy up.



We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Charlotte, Tina, Leann and Zoe



News from Winter Cluster

White Class



Our PE this term is Games. The coaches come and lead sessions in the hall on a Wednesday morning. This week we were working on ball skills, particularly using our feet.

Here are some pictures of our hot chocolate “cooking” from the very end of last week. We have had more fun with the hot chocolate sensory box this week and have also been fascinated watching fireworks on the whiteboard.



Rachael, Jill, Niki and Charlotte



News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

Black Class have been working very hard this week. We have continued to explore 'Bonfire Night' this week. First we tasted different sauces and then used communication boards to choose toppings for hot dogs. We also continued with our story and did some great literacy work including mark making and using symbols to make sentences. One of the highlights this week was our Art session. We filled water balloons with paint and threw them at the large display to create a firework picture. It was great fun! The children found it hilarious when the paint balloon popped in my face covering me in white paint! Next week we will continue with our topic of celebrations but will be focusing on Birthdays.



Communication group has been very fun this week as we explored the 'na, na, na song.' Some of the children have begun to make new sounds and patterns using their voices through this session which is fab! If you want to check out the starter activity that we do you can find it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owBlhAHDpuU&safe=true>

Unfortunately this week we haven't made it to Swimming. Next week the swimming groups will be changing slightly to ensure that everyone gets a turn in the light room. Jack, Malachi, Oliver, Arthur and Raihan will be swimming on a Monday. Alexa, Eleanora, Tyler, Liam and Connor will be swimming on a Wednesday.

Katie, Olivia, Ali, Teresa, Helen and Lynette