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HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello,

It's been a busy week for recruitment! We interviewed for Learning Support Assistants on Monday and have taken on two new staff – Amanda and Rebecca. We have spent all day today recruiting for a new receptionist and I will be able to share the outcome of this next week. School council has been involved in the interview process today and, as always, did a great job and represented the school very well.

We still have a few more spaces left to fill and are currently advertising again for Senior Teaching Assistants and Learning Support Assistants.

Our Senior TA, Annabelle, has completed her Lego Therapy training this week and we are looking forward to offering this intervention across school next year.

We are continuing to work on class groups for next year and we are also starting to plan some exciting activities for the last half term, to finish the school year in a fun way.

Have a great weekend,

Sarah



CURIOSITY

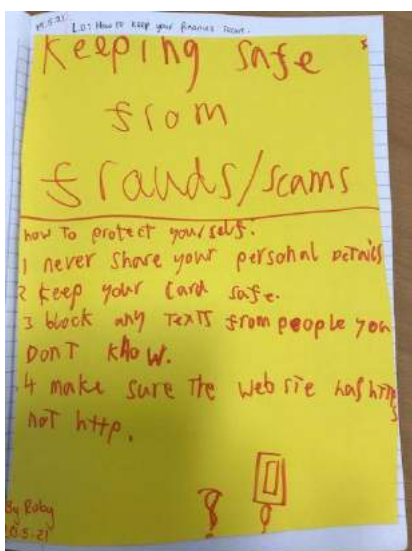
This week in Curiosity we have been extremely creative. Harriet has iced some Fairy Cakes in a very imaginative way. Robbie has enjoyed making Soft Pretzels - they were delicious! Tommy has been Tie Dying a T-Shirt and Daniel has been creating pictures using Multilink blocks.



We have also been working hard in our lessons. In Maths, we have been measuring angles and creating pictures using perpendicular and parallel lines. Tommy and Robbie measured angles on a table using coloured cards and protractors while Daniel created some structures from blocks incorporating perpendicular intersections. We also made a class paper chain focusing on our strengths and qualities. We have hung it from the ceiling!



Ruby has designed a brilliant poster warning people about fraud.



In Music, we had great fun creating a video using choreography and dance moves. Freddie proved to be a bit of a dancing star in this session and Harriet demonstrated her skills as 'Director'. Fadhiya, Laura and Emily (staff) also revealed that they had hidden dance talents on the dance floor!

EXPLORER

This week's weather has been very unpredictable and we've had to change our PE lessons and outdoor activities due to the storms! Luckily, we still managed to get into the forest school to build rafts! Damon had taught us a range of knots, so we used them to tie bundles of sticks together.



Our PE Lesson was a circuit that Steph set up for others to complete. It tested many skills such as strength, balance and endurance. We also held a miniature table tennis tournament which all children enjoyed taking part in.

Pupils have been creating their own miniature Maypole spinners in art. They have also really enjoyed working together playing a scientific game on Chromebooks.



We decided we loved playing Deal or No Deal so much that we had another round of games this week. Unfortunately, not everyone got lucky this week, so we really had to practise our losing skills! Connie played the game bravely and ended up winning £100,000!

We also played a tense adventure game that one of our students brought in which you choose your own adventure. We managed to avoid the danger allowing us to progress to Chapter 2 for next week!

ROSETTA

We've had such a busy week with lessons that we've barely had time to take any photos this week!

In English, we have continued to work on our Argue and Persuade topic, focusing on leaflets and moving onto newspapers (and articles). We've looked at the different types of newspapers - tabloids and broadsheets - and were amazed by the different sizes, pictures, size of text and content!



See photo of Callum's leaflet of Boxford, as part of his English work.

In Maths, we have moved on from the dreaded protractors! We are now investigating different angle rules and will look at angles in shapes next week.

It was so lovely to see Inigo on Wednesday and we enjoyed an interactive History game with King Inigo (Cnut, Viking) and King Callum (Harold, Saxon) trading coins and produce that their fisher people and farmers had created!

In Annabelle's PSHE lesson, the boys have begun to create their own non-stereotypical magazine covers following their lesson last week of analysing magazine covers. Next week, they will be creating them.

In Science, we have just completed our topic on Interdependence (ecosystems) and Jacob created a fantastic poster showcasing human impact on ecosystems in water (oil spillage).

Theo also drew a new character to go up on the Welcome Board by the office.



PIONEER

We have had another busy week in Pioneer class. On Tuesday, we made our own subway sandwiches as part of our French lesson. Everybody got involved, ordering their favourite fillings for 'la baguette' such as le jambon (ham), le poulet (chicken) and la laitue (lettuce), all topped off with their favourite sauce. Yum!



You might remember that last week Ade created some crockery out of clay. After letting it dry over the weekend, Ade was able to paint it on Monday. He mixed the right colours to make his favourite colour and did a lovely job at finishing off his project. Well done, Ade!

In Maths this week, we have learnt how to accurately draw equilateral, scalene and isosceles triangles using a compass and we have also looked at defining and accurately measuring congruent triangles. Ade even had a go at a maths game with Rachel using chalk to draw out polygons and connect the different corners.



In PE this week, Josh set up a game of Dodgeball for Pioneer and Rosetta to play. It was great to see everybody joining in and having fun. We were particularly proud of Henry for giving it a go - well done!



Our Cooking lesson this week was focaccia bread which went down a treat! We got to practice measuring out our ingredients, adding things in the correct order and even got to work on our kneading technique. The bread tasted so delicious that some parents even asked us to send the recipe home! Great work everyone.



OTHER NEWS

The Fusion Academy Reward Tickets

Students can earn tickets for doing things that are 'above and beyond'. For example, for doing some amazing work, behaving really well, or doing something especially kind or helpful. When the whole school earns 100 tickets, we all get a reward. At the moment we are working towards an afternoon of fun! Students can choose between a whole school water fight or a movie afternoon.



Tickets have been earned this week by:

Jacob	Theo	Jacob
Robbie	Daniel	

Well Done!

Overall Ticket Total = 93





Useful links of support;

- ★ Thrive Occupational Therapy is the company that we use in school for the OT needs for our students, their website and also their facebook page is good source of information; <https://www.thrive-ots.co.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ThriveOT>
- ★ Leicestershire Autistic Society are also a great organisation for supporting families, <https://www.leicestershireautisticsociety.org.uk/> . They also have a facebook page which provides lots of useful links and also messages of support from other families with autistic children.

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