

## HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello,

It has been lovely to start back at school after half term. Only a few weeks left until the summer now!

Unfortunately, there seem to be a few Covid cases popping up locally and this has impacted us a little bit this week. Teacher Fadhiya has had to self-isolate this week due to close contact and so have I. Back to working from home! Our Executive Head, Janet Thompson, has been looking after Fusion while I've been away and I will be back in school on Monday. Fadhiya will be back next Thursday. We continue to keep everybody as safe as possible in school, following all government guidance and keeping everywhere nice and clean.

Please remember to keep your child off school if they test positive on their LFT test, develop Covid symptoms or come into close contact with someone who has tested positive. Let us know as soon as possible and we will be able to advise on next steps. At the weekend, you can still email [office@thefusionacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@thefusionacademy.co.uk) - this account will be checked at least once per day.

Apologies that I missed all the parent visits after school on Wednesday. I hope that you enjoyed meeting the Teachers. I will hopefully get to see lots of you at 'Fusion Fest' on 8<sup>th</sup> July, but if any new parents want to pop in and meet me (once I'm back in school) or have a chat on the phone, please call the office and we can easily arrange this for you.

Students have earned their 'afternoon of fun' next Friday where most students will be taking part in a whole school water fight. Further details are at the end of the newsletter but please make sure to send in spare clothes as we are likely to have a lot of soggy young people by the end of the afternoon!

Have a lovely weekend,

Sarah



## CURIOSITY

We have had another great week in Curiosity. In History, we have really enjoyed finding out about Ancient Egyptian Artefacts. Robbie was really enthusiastic and managed to complete 5 different sheets about them even though he had only been asked to complete one! Daniel managed to provide the class with a lot of really useful information that he already knew! Freddie also knew quite a bit about how we use artefacts to help us to find out about how people lived in earlier times.



Ruby and Tommy have been having a lot of fun too, creating a Bug Box out of Supersoft Clay. And Harriet has been telling us all about how irrigation channels work and demonstrating them outside with Theo from Rosetta Class.



Our sunflowers are coming along really well and we are hoping to plant them outside next week.



## EXPLORER

The weather has been beautiful this week and we've really made the most of it! We've spent time clearing the forest area, as it was very overgrown. We put in a lot of hard work to clear large areas, so we can use them for some projects this term.



We played a great game of French cricket and we really enjoyed trying to get each other out using teamwork skills.

Our morning starters have been great fun this week - we've had a kind donation of some maze games that the pupils really enjoyed challenging themselves with. We also played an adapted game of human battleships that concentrated aiming skills and tactics to stop those scoring.



We've been continuing our road safety lessons and this week we had drawn out roads on the playground to practice our safety skills.

In Maths, we've been studying money and the value of coins. Both these lessons will aid us when we visit the shop next week! Connie has shown excellent safety skills this week, so we

chose her to be the first person to take the trip to the shop! She did really well being polite and buying the ingredients independently.

We've also had an excellent cooking challenge - the class were given 4 ingredients and had to research their own recipe and cook it independently! Very impressive cooking skills for the whole class.



## ROSETTA

We cannot believe that it is the last half term already! We've all been enjoying the lovely weather this week, spending lots of movement breaks and lunch times outside. We've completed some PE and Social Thinking lessons outside too, making the most of it!



Theo did some more colour mixing just before the half term break and painted a tiny stone in a lovely blue paint.

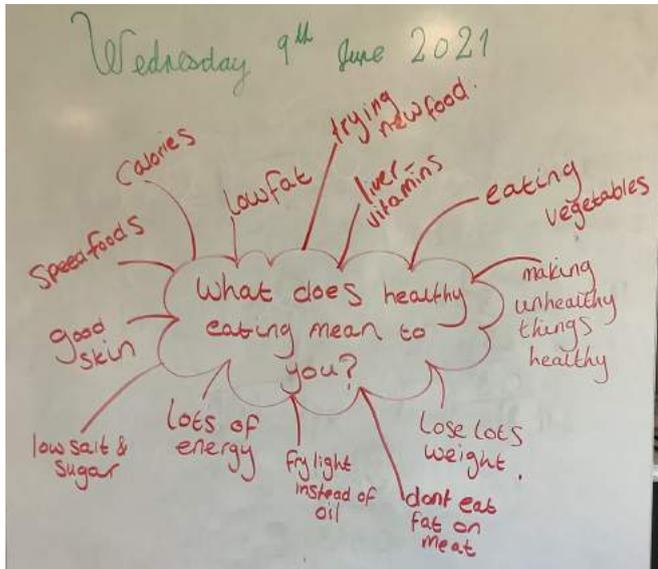
Annabelle delivered the final portrait lesson in the final week too - the boys were so engrossed in their work and created some fabulous portraits using all of the skills they've built up over the term.



We've started a new topic in English (Crime and Horror) and have been writing monologues using our previous skills of persuasive techniques. History is back this half term too and Callum asked if he could help to teach it! He was great, but Ethan and Jacob thought he was maybe a bit too strict!! He even kept a ruler in his hand to guide them with their work! (We did some timeline organising as a group and learnt about the Tudors before moving on to our topic Britain 1509-1745)



# PIONEER



Next week is the British Nutrition Foundation's "Healthy Eating Week", so we have talked about what makes healthy food and healthy decisions around food. Students have researched and then planned a healthy meal to make next week. On the menu we have: vegetarian lasagne, chicken kashmiri curry, calabrese salad, fruit salad, chicken and broccoli pasta, pork and tomato linguine. It's the first time we've done anything so independent in cooking, so it'll be great to see how it all goes next week!

The weather this week has been lovely so we've taken full advantage of it. Henry has done a large-scale drawing in chalk of Godzilla vs Kong (he did great with the proportions!) We've also had PE outside with Rosetta Class playing kickball rounders on the court. So much energy was put into the game, especially from Callum in Rosetta Class. He is so fast that the picture below was the only time Josh managed to beat him to the ball!



In Science, we have started to look at energy stores and transfers - we made a Newton's Cradle and the drill was a big hit for some reason!

A special mention for Ade for his jug and teapot set that he has waited so patiently to dry out fully! He's painting it next week.

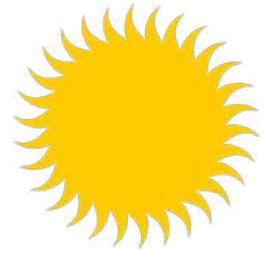


## OTHER NEWS

### Sun Cream

With the warmer weather here, you are welcome to send in sun cream for your child; however, please ensure it has your child's name on it and this can only be used by them (due to allergies etc.)

Your child needs to apply the sun cream themselves and it can stay at school until the end of term.



### 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.

**Our 'Afternoon of Fun' will take place next Friday (18th June).**

**Students will be able to choose between a water fight or a movie afternoon.**

Can students who want to do the water fight, please bring in:

- A towel
- Some spare clothes
- A plastic bag to carry their wet clothes home in
- A water pistol if they have one (school will provide some water pistols if not)
- Spare water pistols to share with friends would also be helpful



Tickets have been earned this week by:

Robbie

Well Done!

**Overall Ticket Total = 2**



### **Sending images & videos, or posting them online**

Commonly known as "Sexting", this can be something that children engage in for a number of reasons. Knowing the potential consequences is important, but also knowing what to do if it does happen.

### **Losing control of the photo or video**

Once an image or video is sent, the sender loses an element of control over it. The sender is not the sole possessor of the image and if the receiver chooses to send it on, there is little the originator can do. Even if the sender trusts the person initially, this may change and so it is important to think about the future, as it could be "out there" forever.

### **Private and Public**

Knowing what is private and public is an important part of this topic. Children need to know about the dangers and risks of sending pictures or videos, but also what parts of their body are public and private, and to who. This all links in to previous topics of ITHINK and also communication, talking with your child to ensure they know the dangers of sending anything through social media or messaging services. We do this in school regularly, but having open discussions at home can help give a child more people to talk to should they need support.

### **Legal implications**

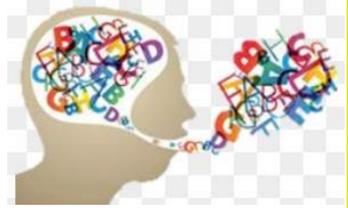
If a child takes an explicit photo of themselves, they have created an indecent image of a child, which is against the law. Sending the photo is distribution, which is also against the law. Anyone who receives the photo would also be in possession of an indecent image of a minor, so they would also be breaking the law. These laws are in place to protect children, and children knowing this and understanding it is important too.

### **For more advice on these topics:**

This site: [Bodies & personal boundaries: autism](#) has good advice for 3-9year olds  
Aimed at young people: "It's Not Okay" has a good page here: [Online Safety and Sexting](#)  
Help regarding this issue can be found through:  
[ChildLine](#) by calling 0800 1111  
The [NSPCC](#) has advice about this topic including  
[CEOP](#) is a branch of the police that can help if explicit images are being sent

**DON'T  
FORGET!**

Support



BOOK ONTO OUR UPCOMING ONLINE  
PARENT SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR NEXT WEEK...



★ Our Speech & Language therapist Ellie will be holding a session on Tuesday 15th June 4:00 - 4:45pm. During the session, Ellie will be doing an introduction to what SALT covers at school and then will open the session to parents for a Q&A section.

★ Mark & Alex from our EDR Engagement team will be holding a workshop type session for parents on Wednesday 23rd June 4:00-4:45pm. They will talk through engagement and how it can have such a positive impact on our young people and then open the session to Q&A and discussion.

If you would like to join either or both of these sessions please email [elyssa.castleford@thefusionacademy.co.uk](mailto:elyssa.castleford@thefusionacademy.co.uk) by Monday 14th June.

If there are any particular areas that you would like to have covered in the session or questions that you have for either Communication or Engagement please send them to Elyssa via email before the sessions and we can ensure that they are forwarded to the professionals prior to the groups.

## Voluntary Contribution from Parents/Carers

The Fusion Academy provides many activities for all pupils, such as swimming, cookery, and sometimes going to locations locally to support the curriculum. This is in addition to the trips and residentials where families will be asked to make a voluntary contribution.

We will also buy supplies for pupil's healthy drinks and snacks. These are important activities; they help pupils learn to make good food choices, and keep them refreshed and ready to learn.

It is only through a commitment from parents to make this contribution that these activities can happen, as the school budget does not cover the costs. Without your help these activities may be reduced or may not even take place.

We ask parents to kindly support these activities through a voluntary contribution of 50p per day or £2.50 per week, helping us to ensure the best educational benefits for all pupils in the school.

If you are not yet set up for voluntary contribution payments but are happy to help, please contact the school office. You can help to make a real difference.

Thank you!



## Diary Dates



- ★ Wednesday 16th June after school - 'Meet the Teacher' with Hilary
- ★ Friday 18th June - 'Afternoon of Fun' whole school reward (see above for details).
- ★ Wednesday 23rd June after school - 'Meet the Teacher' with Fadhiya, Rachel and Kate
- ★ Thursday 1st July and Friday 2nd July - Whole school transition days
- ★ Monday 5th July 4:00 - 5:30 - Celebration evening for current families
- ★ Thursday 8th July 11:00 - 2:00 - 'FUSION FEST' for new and current families

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Dear parents and carers,

As pupils return to school this week after the half term break, we are urging you to take action to stem a rise in coronavirus rates after the number of Leicestershire cases doubled in just over a week.

We are seeing rises – particularly in children and young people and those in their thirties. This is driven by people mixing more and we're seeing a number of cases connected to barbecues and parties. Parents are asked to make sure they are being cautious and sensible when organising any 'gatherings' such as birthday parties or sleepovers, and are sticking to the latest guidance, including the rule of six indoors. Figures have crept just above the national average in Leicestershire, emphasising the call for people to take care and get vaccinated to prevent further spread. The picture in Leicestershire reflects the national trend and although we're talking about relatively small numbers, we could still be in for a bumpy ride if we don't take action now. Like the rest of the country, the more transmissible 'Delta' variant (the variant of concern first identified in India), appears to be the dominant strain in Leicestershire.

If anyone within your household has symptoms, you must follow the national guidance and get tested. You can book a test at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). Everyone within the household must remain at home until the test result has been received. If the result is positive you must continue to self isolate for ten days after the symptoms began.

You are also encouraged to test regularly with rapid lateral flow tests. Lateral flow tests are for people aged 11 and over who do not have symptoms Covid-19 and are not self-isolating. You can find out more and order test kits from [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests).

We're in a much brighter position compared to the start of the year. We know it's been a tough 15 months, but the pandemic isn't quite over. If you're getting together with friends and family, take care and be sensible to avoid spreading the virus and crucially, take the opportunity to get vaccinated.

Kind regards

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