

18 June 2021

HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello,

Unfortunately we have had 2 positive covid cases in school this week so a few of our students and staff members are having to isolate at the moment. They are all working hard from home and we look forward to seeing everyone back next week.

Due to the recent rise in covid levels locally and the pause on easing restrictions by the government, we have had to make a few changes to our end of year activities, to keep everyone safe:

Celebration Evening (5th July after school) will now take place online.

Fusion Fest will still be going ahead on 8th July but for current families only. Sadly, families who are joining us next academic year will no longer be able to attend - sorry. The event will take place outdoors, whatever the weather (we have ordered gazebos!) and families will be given specific time slots to visit to help reduce numbers on site.

Further details for both of these events will be sent out to parents soon.

Our transition days are still going ahead as planned on 1st and 2nd July and we will be putting additional risk assessments in place for these.

Next Friday, The Fusion Academy and Dorothy Goodman School are both running their sports days. There will be some cross-school competitions in the morning (activities completed on our own sites and scores shared online) and we are running traditional races in the afternoon. Please make sure that students come into school in their sports kit.

It's our whole school water fight this afternoon. The weather is looking awful but students are insistent that the show must go on. It's going to be a very wet afternoon! Hopefully we'll see a bit more sunshine for sports day next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend,

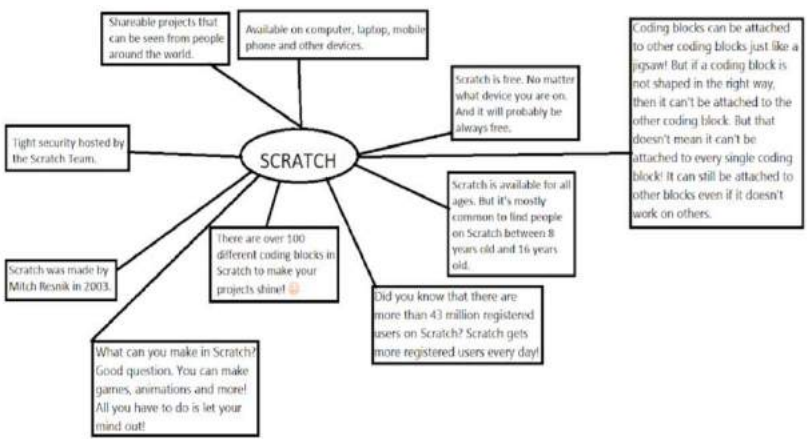
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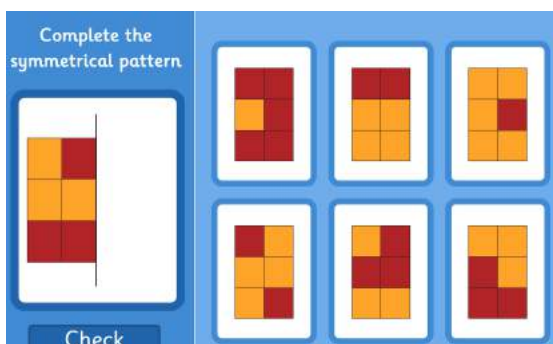
CURIOSITY

It has been an interesting week for Curiosity! We enjoyed our video call each morning on Google Meets and it was great to catch up with everyone online. We have all worked hard during remote learning.

As part of our Personal Development, we are focusing on Personal Care. For this week, we learned what we can do to keep our body healthy, as companies often manipulate how things are perceived in their adverts with careful wording and choice of image. During the activity, we needed to find things to help the different areas of the body, such as the heart, head and muscles to stay healthy. However, some items were trick items and we had to work out which ones they were.

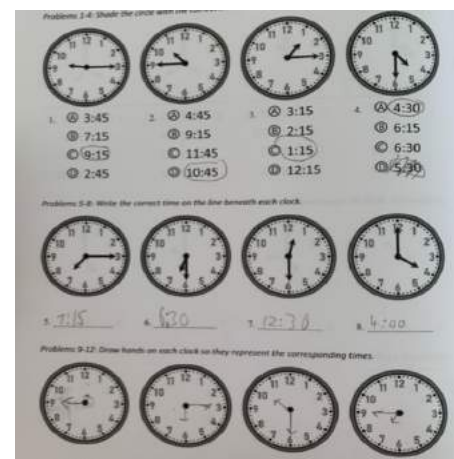


For English, we planned a non-chronological report based on an entertainment electronic device or a game website. We created a spidergram using BOS and QuAD grid, which we discussed in last week's session. Daniel completed a brilliant spidergram of Scratch!



In our Maths work, we have been practising our symmetrical matching on patterns which we started last week in class. During this fun online interactive game, we tried really hard to challenge ourselves and beat our highest score.

Ruby has worked incredibly hard over the last few days and has sent in different pieces of work that she has completed at home. She has shown that she can read the time on an analogue clock and has drawn hands on each clock, so they represent the time. We will continue to work on this when we are back in school and learn how to solve problems involving time intervals from timetables.



EXPLORER

It's been eerily quiet this week down our end of the school due to Curiosity class being away this week! On Monday, we celebrated Connie's birthday. Connie's mum kindly had a Dominos pizza delivered for our lunch. We all absolutely loved it so thanks very much!



We've loved the heatwave this week! It's been absolutely glorious! We decided to do a whole school PE session where pupils from Explorer, Pioneer and Rosetta teamed up to play a variety of sports together. It was really lovely to see how well all of the students got on and worked together.



We've been learning all about road safety this term and continued this learning with a roleplay lesson about public transport. Pupils had to negotiate a variety of social situations in order to travel on a bus.



We spent a whole afternoon clearing an area in the woodland, so we have a campfire area. It's been very hard work, as some areas are very overgrown. Explorer pupils have put a huge effort into building this area. We were also happy to see the area teeming with wildlife. We spotted lots of insects, different varieties of birds and two frogs!

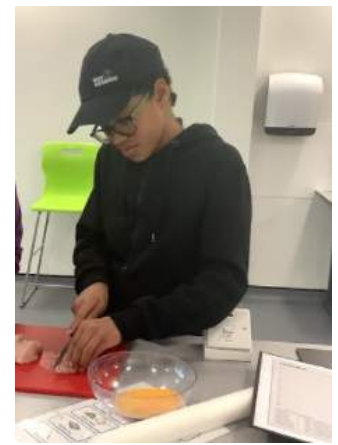
Our history unit this term is The Ancient Egyptians. We played a barrier game to guess which artifacts each student had. We then made our own sarcophagus out of the clay. We will be painting these next week!



ROSETTA

We've been a bit quieter in the classroom this week with only Callum and Theo attending in person...But we've made sure to catch up with Inigo, Ethan and Jacob over video calls and Callum has enjoyed beating their scores on Sumdog!

We made chicken nuggets from scratch last week and I had forgotten to upload the pictures onto the newsletter - they all washed up independently too!
This week, we made chocolate chip muffins and fudge (turns out 16th June is World Fudge Day! Who knew?!) Damon joined Callum with cooking this week, because he loves being in the kitchen and the two of them are in the same class next year, so it was a great opportunity for them to get to know each other.

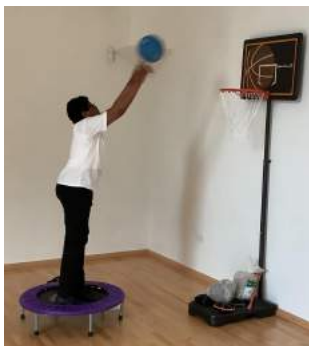


PIONEER



On Monday, we continued our investigation into autism. What it is, what it looks like and what it can mean for someone with autism. The students completed tasks and then ranked how easy it was for them. These included: fine motor skills, pattern matching, block building, balancing and focus. We talked about how everyone's autism is different and started to look at people with autism and how they have used their individual talents to their advantage.

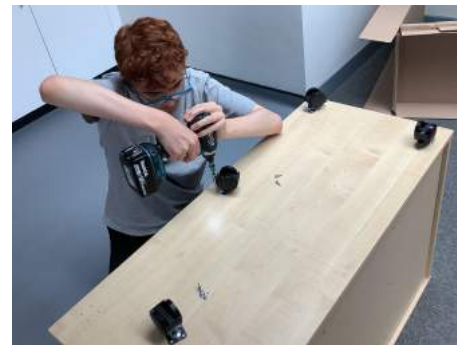
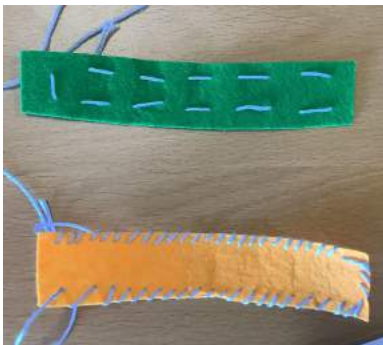
We celebrated Healthy Eating Week in cooking. Each student found a healthy recipe last week to make this week. Here we have Owen's chicken curry from scratch, Henry's fruit salad and Josh's healthier option sandwich with mozzarella and tomato side salad!



In PE, we joined with other students outside to have a go at kickball rounders, French cricket, parachute games and capture the flag. It was great to see all the students working together and enjoying the sunshine (picture in Explorer's section). In Friday's PE lesson, we played some basketball indoors due to the rain.



In DT, we are making "Ugly Monsters" and this week we were designing and practising different sewing techniques. These are Owen's running stitch and overstitch practice (left), with Sol's ghost (below) and Ade's Patrick Star (right).



Finally, Henry loved the drill in our energy lesson so much that we gave him the chance to use one to attach the castors onto the drawer unit for the new classroom next year. He loved it!

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. Our 'afternoon of fun' is happening today and the school council are currently deciding what the next reward will be.



Being kind online

Lockdown has meant that more and more communication has gone online, especially between children who have been off school. It can be really difficult to communicate anyway, but having that barrier has meant that everyone has had to learn a new way to communicate. Add the frustration of COVID and changes to rules and society and this can become a bit of a recipe for disaster online.

Advice for parents

Supporting children can be done through inclusion, talking through a situation that you may come across online, verbalising an opinion but not feeling the need to write anything or comment. Modelling the behaviour that you would expect to see / want to see is a great way for children to learn and includes them in the choices you are making online.

Advice for children

Linking back to the "ITHINK" newsletter a couple of weeks ago, think about the intent of what you want to say, is it worth sending? What do you want to get from the message? Is the message kind? Or is it being sent to deliberately annoy someone or hurt their feelings? If you're calling someone a name as a joke, how can you be sure they will take it as a joke if you are just sending it as a message?

Advice

Limit, but don't restrict screen time and device use.



There's still time to join our Parent Support Session on Engagement....

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 the positive impact it can have for our young people. There will also be an opportunity for Q & A's. If you would like to join the session please email elyssa.castleford@thefusionacademy.co.uk by Monday 21st June.

The session will be held online and the link for the session will be sent out early next week. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

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 23rd June after school - 'Meet the Teacher' with Fadhiya, Rachel and Kate
- ★ Friday 25th June - Sports Day (students only)
- ★ Wednesday 30th June after school - 'Meet the Teacher' with Hilary
- ★ Thursday 1st July and Friday 2nd July - Whole school transition days
- ★ Monday 5th July 4:00 - 5:30 - Celebration evening for current families **ONLINE**
- ★ Thursday 8th July 11:00 - 2:00 - 'FUSION FEST' **for current families only**

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