

10 September 2021

HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello,

It's been another fantastic week at The Fusion Academy. We've especially loved the sunny weather over the last few days and have been making the most of our outdoor spaces.

We had our very first assembly on Monday and learned all about school council. Classes are voting for their class representatives this week. I look forward to seeing who our new school council members will be.

We will be holding our autumn term open evening in a few weeks. To help keep everyone safe, this will take place over 3 separate dates.

Tuesday 28th September – Phoenix, Dragonfly, Polar

Wednesday 29th September – Europa, Odyssey

Thursday 30th September – Voyager, Apollo

These will be held from 4:00pm - 5:30pm.

You can have a wander around school (including the new soft play area) and can visit your child's classroom to talk with staff and have a look at what the students have been learning.

Children are welcome to join you.

If you would like to come to our open evening, please complete [this form](#).

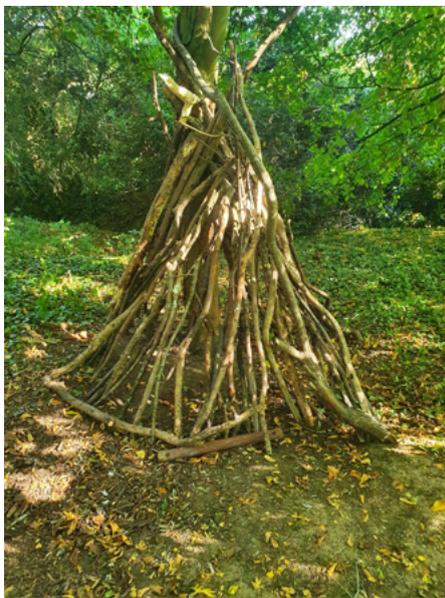
Have a great weekend,

Sarah



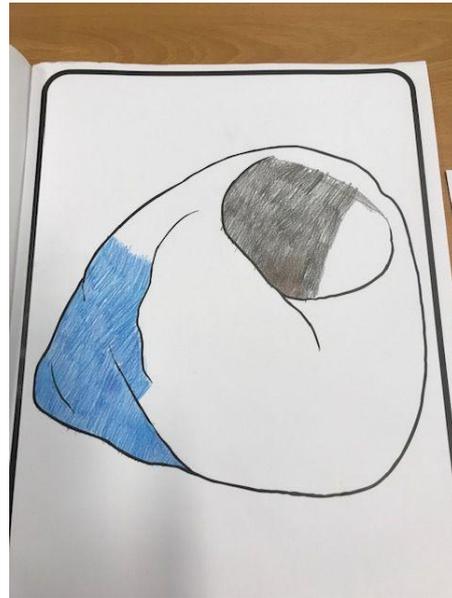
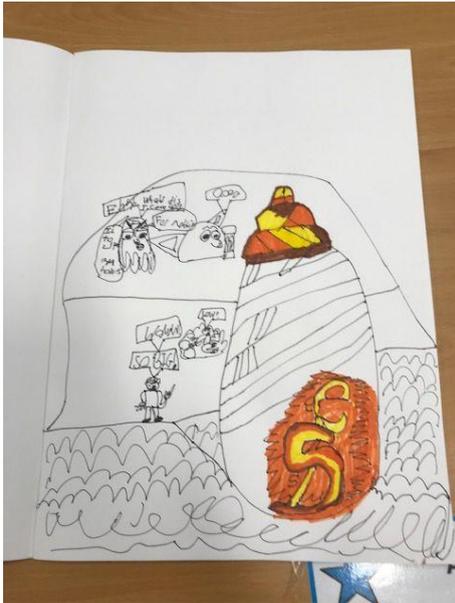
PHOENIX

What an incredible week in Phoenix Class! When I look back, it's hard to believe we crammed in so much fun into one week! We made some balloon powered vehicles and then used the balloons to create a variety of games. Following the engineering theme, some students chose to create super strong bridges out of paper and sellotape. In cooking, we really enjoyed making scones because we had to get very mucky whilst mixing the ingredients! The pupils' cookies were also phenomenal! In the woodland area, we made dens and created woodland sprites out of clay. We have also really enjoyed starting a project of taking Dyson hoovers apart to understand how they work! In our social thinking lessons, we learnt that it is okay to think negative thoughts, but it is important to think about the right things to say to others.



DRAGONFLY

We have had another great week in Dragonfly. The students have been doing brilliantly at everything! In Art, we learned about the work of Alfred Wallis who lived in Cornwall and was a fisherman; as well as an artist. He preferred to use paints for ships and houses rather than artists paints. Here are two of the pictures created in his style by Axel and Lukas:



We also baked biscuits with Mahwish which was really good fun. We hope you enjoyed them! In Science, we made periscopes to find out how light reflects off mirrors and transfers the image to another place, so that you can hide from someone and still see what they are doing. We tested one that Hilary was holding and saw her upside down! It was tricky making them, but worth it to see the end result. Here are our finished products made by James, Freddie and Maverick:



In Maths, we have been working hard on Place Value, Rounding and Times Tables. Joe enjoyed making patterns when he played 'Rounding in a Row' with Lukas:



Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

POLAR

We had a busy, but a very exciting week! We started the week off with learning more about light in Science. We looked at how light is reflected off objects and into the eyes in order for us to see. We explored using wool and demonstrated different ways on how we would see the objects. During our Curriculum Choice lesson, we searched for different types of mazes and created our very own maze using cereal boxes, popsicles, straws and marbles to see if it will work. In our History lesson, we were learning about the stone, bronze and iron age. We really enjoyed filming a factual surviving stone age documentary and each student had a part in a script. In Art, we have been learning about the artist Alfred Wallace and drawing seashells.



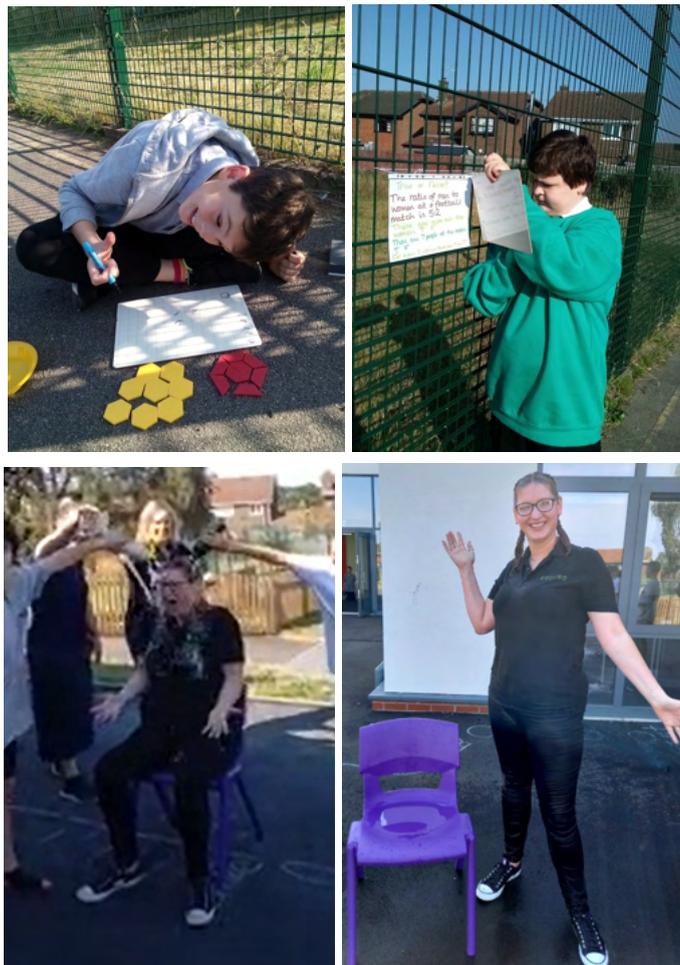
EUROPA

What a busy week we have had in Europa! On Monday, we had our own pro gaming room set up - though this was strictly prohibited from photographs!

The students started to explore their interests during Curriculum Choices and I am really looking forward to seeing (and maybe tasting, if they let me!) the food that Caden and Lennon cook during these lessons. Camron and Robbie have set themselves the task of creating an erupting volcano, complete with dinosaurs. Steph has enjoyed exploring the James Dyson engineering set, where she spent the best part of three hours taking a vacuum cleaner apart and meticulously putting it back together. Caleb has set himself a secret challenge involving coding, but he has said it is a surprise and won't share it with anyone yet.

We have taken advantage of the excellent weather and took our maths lesson outside, but when we realised the heat was just too much for us all, the students decided to cool off with an impromptu water fight - of which I bore the brunt!

Added to this, the students have now managed to earn 4 silver rings, which means they are only 1 ring off earning their first whole-class reward. They can earn their rings by showing kindness towards each other and working as a team throughout the day.



ODYSSEY

We started our curriculum choice lessons this week and our students had the opportunity to think about where they would like to take their learning.

Connie has opted for a small business and will soon be launching her very own brand of jewellery. Ethan is planning his next movie, Callum will be embarking on a new training regime for his running career and Zane and Theo are designing fantastic race tracks. Bradley will be building a robot and Damon is exploring different types of engineering. More updates on curriculum choice next week when we get going!



In other news, we used our science lesson today to learn more about personal care. We tested how dirty our hands were by wiping them on a piece of bread. We'll put that bread somewhere warm and if their hands were not as clean as they thought, we might see some mould growing on them eventually. We then gave our hands a really good wash and



repeated the experiment. We finished the lesson by trying lots of different moisturisers! Body Shop "Frosted Cranberry" was very popular!

We took another trip to the forest to collect images for our collaborative music art project. We are making a movie based on Hans Zimmer's "Earth". We decided the theme for the film would be "life" so set about taking lots of still images to be made into a movie. We talked about 5-a-day for well-being this week and made a class display to help us remember what we can do each day to help with our mental health.

The class have been earning themselves lots of reward points this week and Ethan chose to make hot chocolate for the class for his 20 points prize. It was delicious! Thanks Ethan!



VOYAGER

We've had another great week this week!

Monday's curriculum choice lesson was particularly interesting and fun... Jay and Luke took apart the bottom part of a Dyson Hoover with Laura and Katie! It was great problem solving, trying to figure out which part to unscrew to move the next bits... Even harder problem solving to put it back together again!



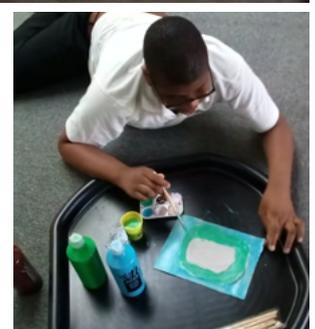
On Tuesday we had another great joint PE lesson with Apollo. Ade was very excited to be on Josh's team, Rhys was a great goalie playing handball, Henry played Badminton with Katie and Jay and Luke were fantastic handball players - a very hot afternoon!



We have been using the Tuff Tray for maths to help with engagement and understanding. We had lots of fun using the "share" pieces, cubes and counters. Our topic is still ratio and we've been pushed with verbal questions once we've completed the initial activity.

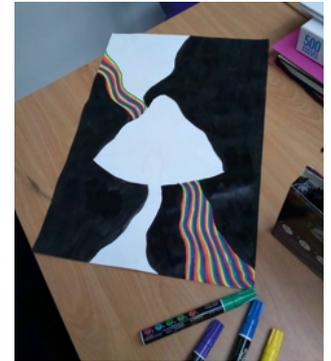


On Wednesday, we all enjoyed making contour maps in Geography, Ade even managed to paint his to represent the different heights of a mountain with the sea level at the bottom! We also had a great chat in Wellbeing (reading through the same book as last week) - talking about success and failure. Jay was very good at giving examples and explaining in detail what "being kind" and "love" was in association with success.



APOLLO

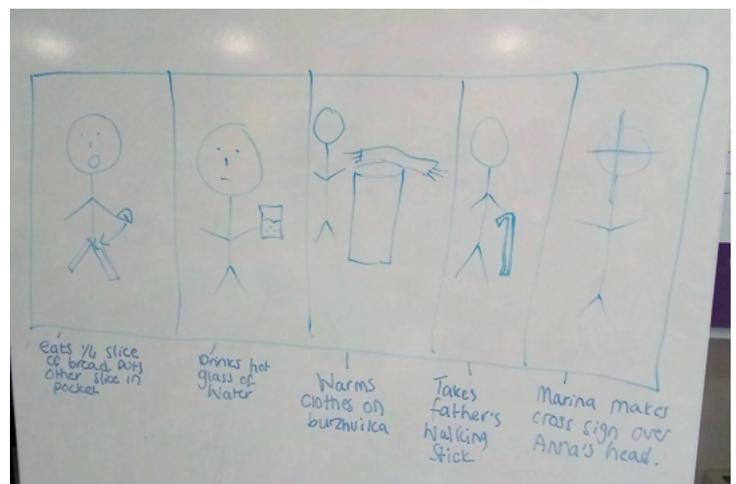
On Monday, Curriculum Choice meant that students could focus on an interest of theirs. Sol created a game with Luca, Jacob worked with clay to create a head and Leah did some excellent art work.



On Tuesday in PE (with Voyager), we tried out handball and more settled target practice games due to the heat. Josh got stuck in as always and made sure he wore his new season Leicester City FC kit which he was proud to show off.



In Music, we have created storyboards that go with background music from film composer Hans Zimmer, discussing how different sounds and genres of music can make us imagine something happening or give us inspiration.



OTHER NEWS



There is a **free event** on Thursday 18th November 2021 that is aimed at supporting parents and carers of children / young people with suspected or diagnosed Autism. This event will be held at The Pitches in Hinckley (Leics Police HQ is no longer the venue due to high demand) and online (via Microsoft Teams), and will start at 10am with the first speaker starting at 10.30am. There will be the facility to ask the presenters or support agencies questions whilst watching us online.



Local Authority representatives will be present along with a number of local support groups and services who will be providing presentations and information stands.

They are hoping that the event will encourage parents and carers to form their own local support groups. Please see further information on the next page or [click here to register for the event](#).

Communication

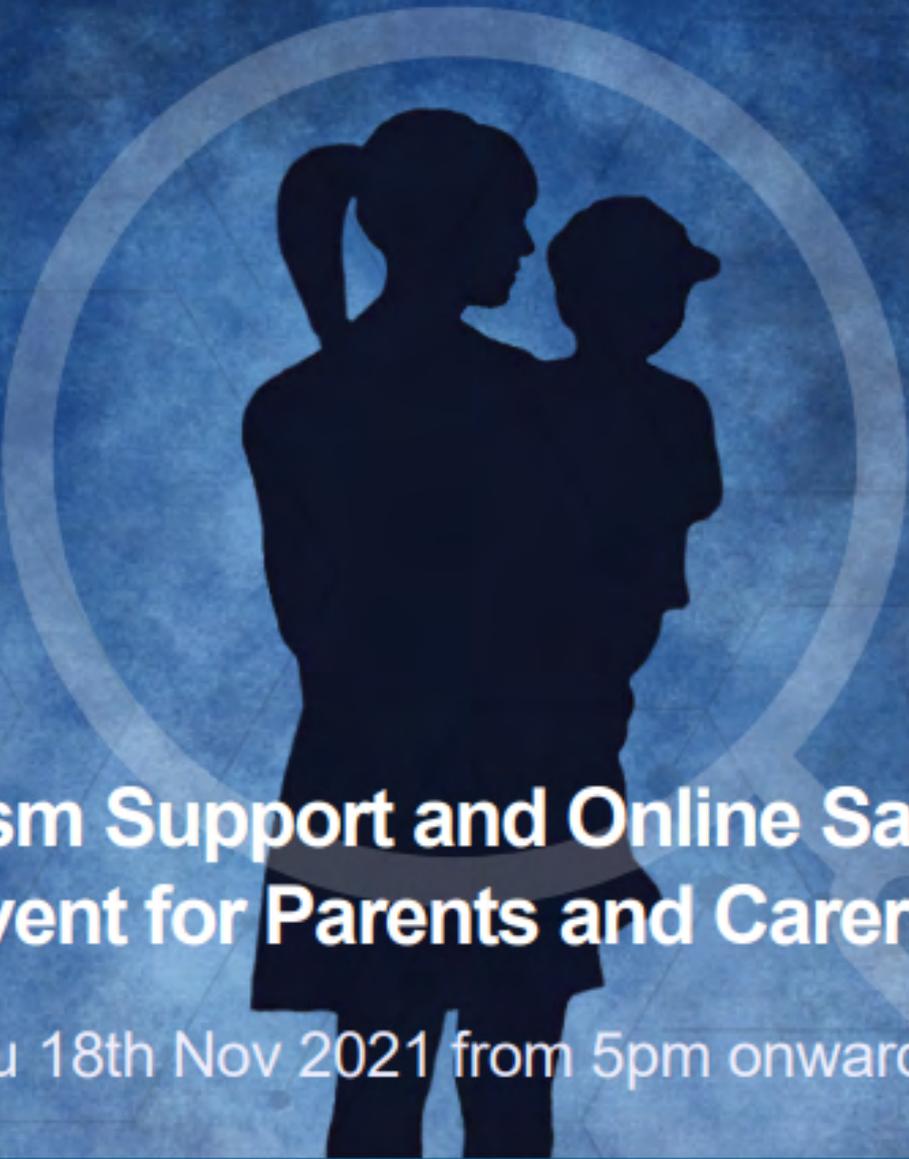
Communication between parents, children and school is key to support problems that may occur whilst online. Children need to know how to report things (comments on YouTube, content on other websites, or unwanted communications) but also need coaching on how to deal with these problems.

It is important for parents to recognise who is at fault and not to punish the child if they encounter something online by blocking the Internet etc. as this can lead to secrecy and the problem persisting.

Being able to talk to your child about the online world and concerns they may have is key to making sure that they are positive users of technology and the internet. There will be a theme of communication this term, bringing together common concerns and how to discuss them at home.

If you have any concerns about anything online you can [make a report to CEOP](#).

Support can be found on the Childline [Info and advice](#) page too.



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Diary Dates

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- ★ Wednesday 29th September 4:00 - 5:30
Open evening for parents (Europa and Odyssey classes)
- ★ Thursday 30th September 4:00 - 5:30
Open evening for parents (Voyager and Apollo classes)
- ★ Thursday 14th October, after school
Parent training session on Interoception with Sarah R (Occupational Therapist)
More details to follow soon.
- ★ 18-22 October 2021 - October half term

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