

4th March 2022

HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello,

It has been nice getting a bit more back to normal with Covid regulations reducing in school this week. Staff and secondary students are still advised to do twice weekly lateral flow tests but masks are now optional in school. We are also now able to have not so many windows open which is great as it can get very chilly.

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday with lots of fun activities and games. Some of the costumes worn by students and staff were amazing!

Our next fun event will be Comic Relief on Friday 18th March and the school council is organising this. They have decided on the following:

- On Friday 18th March we will be holding a non-uniform day. We suggest that students may like to wear something red for this. Please bring a contribution of £1.00 on the day.
- We have ordered some red noses and the school council will be selling these at break times for £1.50. Can students please bring money into school if they would like to buy a red nose.
- The school council will also be taking orders for Comic Relief wristbands. These cost £1 each and need to be paid for when ordered.



Finally, I am very pleased to let you know that we have recruited a new Teacher for next year. She is called Sharon and will start here after Easter. Next we will be recruiting for an English teacher and a science teacher. Please pass the message on if you know anyone who might be interested.

Have a great weekend,

Sarah

PHOENIX



In Phoenix class, we have enjoyed completing new challenge boxes. These are a huge hit. From construction to maths, art, fine motor skills. These sometimes need a lot of patience, perseverance and thinking skills.



We look forward to our weekly sessions with Ellie, our speech and language therapist. This week, we took part in an escape room that focused on teamwork. Staff could not believe the progress students have made in working together. The mystery was saved in record time due to their turn taking and co-operation.

We're getting excited about the possibility of school trips. This week, we've been studying the highway code in preparation for heading out. We took a walk around our local community and practised crossing the road safely. Students were very observant and safe and enjoyed finding their way back to school independently.



DRAGONFLY

This week, we have started to learn about Electricity in our Science lessons. We had a lot of fun making Electrical Circuits and finding out how to use switches to make them work.



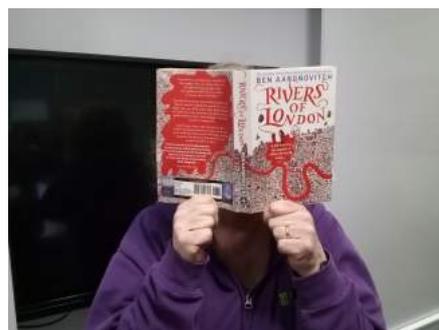
We also discovered that we can hone our spelling skills by playing Scrabble and Hangman. An added bonus we hadn't expected was that playing Scrabble also helps us with our Maths skills too! We had some big numbers to add up - Maverick scored a bonus 50 points with the word EINSTEIN. It was on a Triple Word Score too!



In Computing, we have been learning how to use coding to animate a story on Scratch.

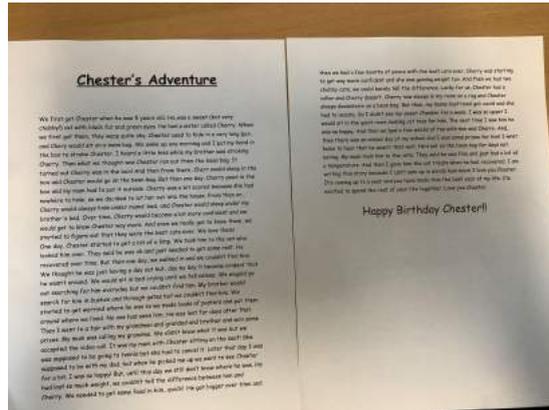
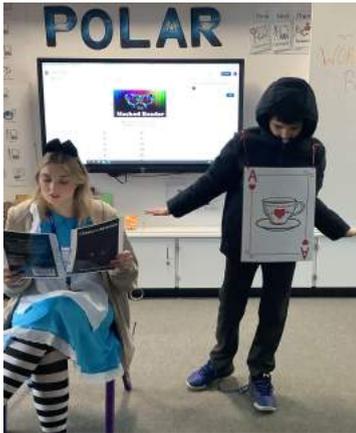


And yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day. The teachers held a Masked Reader competition. Can you guess who this is?



POLAR

It has been an incredible week in Polar and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in many different activities. For instance in RE, we completed an independent scavenger hunt of pictures to help us answer the questions for RE. Tommy became a TFA author and wrote a story about Chester's adventure which Laura read to the class. We are becoming more confident in reading where we can. In cooking, we made pancakes on Pancake Day before Lent starts. We all helped with the cleaning, tidying and drying too. In PE, we engaged in the session, which was a great team building activity.



We went for the 'Alice in Wonderland' theme for World Book Day! Liam's the white rabbit, who told every person that he is late. Leah and Michelle joined Polar in the picture as The March Hare and Mad Hatter. Ruby, Tommy and Xander chose to be the card soldiers. Emilia was The Cheshire Cat, who wore her pink dye T-shirt and hat she designed in school. Laura dressed as Alice, Fadhiya wore a Queen of Hearts puffy costume and Mairi-Anne was Mad Hatter and the makeup was very precise. We really enjoyed the masked reader guessing game and used the clues to help us guess the person behind the book!



EUROPA



This week, we have been learning about different types of angles, focussing on acute angles, right angles, obtuse angles and straight angles. We have also been exploring different turns of 90 degree intervals clockwise and anti-clockwise. In English, we have been reading some more of Stormbreaker and have started to explore different spy gadgets, looking at adverts and persuasive language.



In our Personal Development, we have been working on sharing an imagination. We had so much fun in this lesson that we ended up doing it for two sessions! Caden and Robbie worked together to create a fairground game similar to the one from Despicable Me, while Camron, Lennon and Caleb worked to create a Punch and



Judy style puppet show and Jayden and Steph worked together to create some sports equipment.

In PSHE, the students were working on dental hygiene. We discovered some very surprising things, including how bad smoothies can be for our teeth! The students worked to sort different dental procedures into cosmetic procedures and those necessary for maintaining good dental health. They also had fun flossing!



In science, we have been working on using scientific language to describe the functions of different parts of the reproductive system. The class felt a bit worried about making scientific models, but they all did a great job and were able to explain the jobs of different parts.

In maths, the students have really enjoyed exploring angles and turns. Camron especially enjoyed this activity because they were allowed to use different models, so he chose to use one of his dinosaurs.



Next week, we are continuing to explore different persuasive techniques in English and in maths, we will be measuring angles accurately with protractors. This will include measuring the internal angles of shapes, and knowing the rules for angles on a straight line, around a point and in triangles and quadrilaterals.

ODYSSEY



Odyssey class have been working well together this week to challenge themselves and get involved with group activities. We are learning about nutrition in our cooking and DT lessons and learning how to prepare some basic nutritious meals. Everyone made a simple omelette this week and we were really impressed when students who really struggle to eat new things tried it. Theo thought it was delicious and was looking forward to trying it out at home.



Our PE lesson was lots of fun on Thursday, as Jamie put us through our paces with some catching and fielding skills. As you can see from the pictures, students had to try some diving catches onto the crash mat. Great action shots of Theo, Damon and Callum.



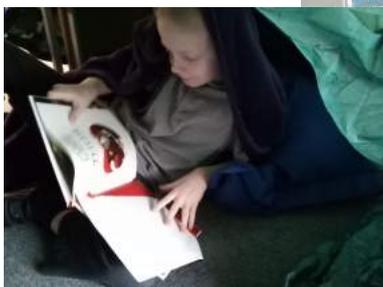
Of course, Thursday was World Book Day. Some students dressed up and some wore their PJs and we spent the day enjoying lots of activities based on books. We took part in the Masked Reader competition where they had to guess the mystery readers and we held a scavenger hunt in the library. We also enjoyed making cosy reading dens. Everyone made themselves a hot chocolate and then found



themselves a book to enjoy in their den.

We used our art lesson to enter the WBD book token design competition. We enjoyed drawing our designs and learning how to draw in the style of Rob Biddulph.

It was a lovely day and it was great to see everyone joining in with all of the activities and having fun together.



VOYAGER

We have started our new Art topic this week, and our focus is Pop Art - we look at onomatopoeic words as a cross-curricular link with English and this was our end result [Luke, Jay, Ade, Jacob, Henry]



In PE with Apollo, Laura set up a double ended circuit for the students to play rock, paper, scissors (two teams do the circuits, meeting in the middle and then perform rock, paper and scissors... if you win, you continue along the circuit, if you lose, you go back to your team and tag another team mate in). It was so much fun and the students got lots of movement and enjoyment from it. They all supported each other (especially Jay with Ade: token rewarded) and they ALL helped to tidy up afterwards as you can see here... such great progress.



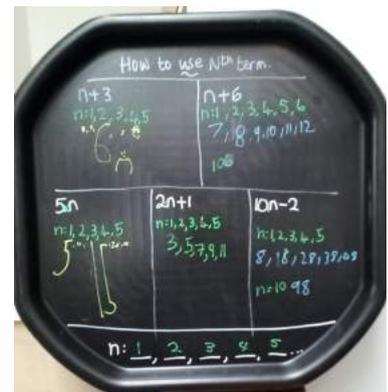
This week in PSHE for Health and Puberty, we looked at dental hygiene, following from Life Skills last half term, we particularly focused on flossing using Mega Bloks and Play-Doh - great skills!



In maths, we are still working through algebra. Jacob and Henry worked on the tuff tray earlier in the week working on substituting into Nth term to work out terms in a sequence.

We are hoping to draw algebra to an end soon and move onto fractions next.

We are all working well in Science on Human Reproduction, and still being great Spies in English!



APOLLO



Apollo really enjoyed being back in the kitchen this week. Students made a variety of dishes including vegan cauliflower cheese with garlic flatbread, chicken fajita wraps, cheeseburger wraps and spaghetti bolognese. We have been working on different cooking methods and preparation skills (cutting onions wasn't a favourite part and students found out that it was both tricky and tearful!). Students attempted making their own wraps too which had varied in quite a few ways, but were deemed a success by most.

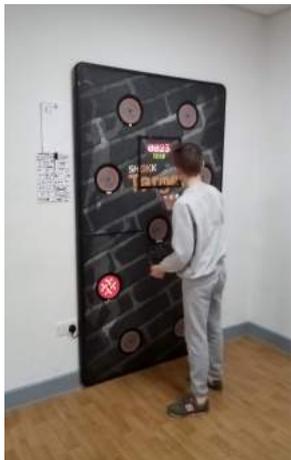


It was great to have so many join in with PE this week, there was a lot going on and students enjoyed the rock, paper, scissors "tug of war" game that we played in the hall.



After PE had finished, Sol asked to have a go at the wall game.

He had a quick go at testing his reactions and speed - on his first go he got a score of 58 and the second time he got a score of 70 which was a great improvement especially since he hadn't ever used it before.



Science is going well with students learning about puberty and menstruation this week. In PSHE, we learnt about dental hygiene and all the different factors that contribute to healthy gums and teeth.

Students have been writing their informative leaflets for their spy gadgets in English this week, with "Mission 2" next week which is all about writing to persuade.

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.

Tickets have been earned this week by:

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| Freddie | Caleb | Owen | Maverick |
| Lukas | Liam | Sol | Edmund |
| James | Jay A | Ade | Henry |
| Jacob | Theo | | |

Well done!

Overall Ticket Total = 85



Diary Dates

- ★ Friday 18th March - Comic Relief (non-uniform/ wear something red)
- ★ Thursday 24th March 3:45 - 5:00 - Parent Training: The Zones of Regulation
- ★ Monday 28th March - Friday 1st April - Autism Acceptance Week
- ★ Friday 8th April - School closes for Easter
- ★ Monday 25th April - School Opens

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