

11th March 2022

HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello,

Another week has flown by with lots of interesting things happening in school.

On Monday, in assembly, we continued sharing our examples of empathy and compassion. The School Council also shared their plan for Comic Relief.

On Wednesday, our local Police Community Support Officer, Josh, came to visit and let the students look at his Police car. He even let us hear the siren which was very loud!

Our sports coach Jamie is busy organising the first ever match for our Fusion football team. This is taking place next Friday against Dorothy Goodman School. Good luck Fusion!

Next Friday (18th) is Comic Relief day and we are running a non uniform day (with a suggestion of wearing something red). Please can students bring in £1 for the charity on this day.

Red noses will be on sale in school from Monday - £1.50 each



Please remember that we are a nut free school. This includes things with hazelnuts in e.g. some chocolate spreads.

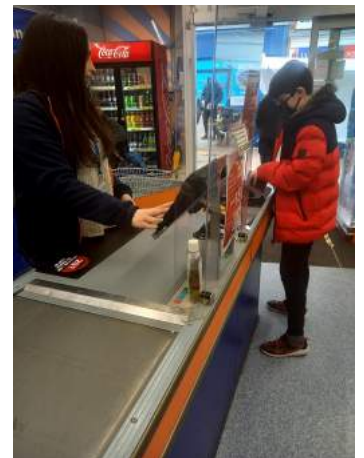
Have a great weekend,

Sarah



PHOENIX

For the last few weeks, we have been working towards our first proper trip out as a class. All of the students' hard work paid off as we had a superb morning out in Hinckley. I was so impressed with how students behaved and interacted positively with each other and members of the public. Students had to budget for their snack and drink in Greggs and work out how much they wanted to spend in the shops after. They ordered everything independently and used excellent manners. We also fed the ducks and played in the park. The fact this trip went well opens up so many possibilities for learning within our community and venturing out for more life learning in the wider world.



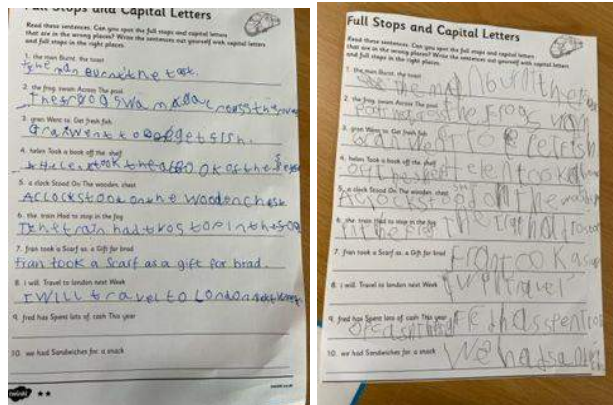
DRAGONFLY

We've had another great week in Dragonfly. We had a lot of fun on Friday making pancakes. All the students had a go at flipping them and none were lost to the ceiling!

We made Dream Catchers in Art having learned about the artist Leonora Carrington:



In English, we have been revising when to use Full Stops and Capital Letters:



And now that we are entering Spring, we have welcomed some caterpillars into the classroom. We look forward to updating you on their progress each week!



POLAR

In Art, we learned about Leonora Carrington who was an artist and a writer. She also made murals, textiles, costumes, poems and masks. She loved animals, nursery rhymes and fairy tales which can be seen in her paintings and often described as 'dream-like'. We learned that weird and wonderful creatures and activities seem to be happening in her paintings.



As part of our activity, we had to make our own dream catcher, thinking about the colours that the artist used in her paintings. It was lovely to see everyone focused when designing a pattern and painting onto a paper plate circle. We all used different colours to weave wool and add feathers to our dream catcher.



For our Personal Development - Road Safety session, we learned that there are written and none written rules about bus etiquette. We watched a video which explained more about how to travel safely on a bus. Some of us are already familiar with what to do to safely catch a bus and how to behave on the journey. We then asked Keith to join us on the minibus for a short trip around the local area, which went brilliantly, as everyone followed staff instructions and remained safe.



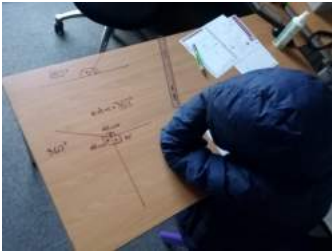
It was Mairi-Anne's birthday on Wednesday, so we celebrated with lots of surprises and fun activities, such as Mac and Cheese in Cooking and pranks during reward time.

We were very lucky to have met PCSO Joshua and asked lots of questions. The siren was very loud and everyone had a chance to go in the police car.



EUROPA

What a week we have had! We have been learning how to calculate angles on a line and around a point in maths; we have been working on using appropriate persuasive language to advertise spy gadgets in English; in science we have continued learning about human reproduction. Next week, we will be moving on to write our own spy story in English. We will be focusing on describing characters, settings and atmosphere.

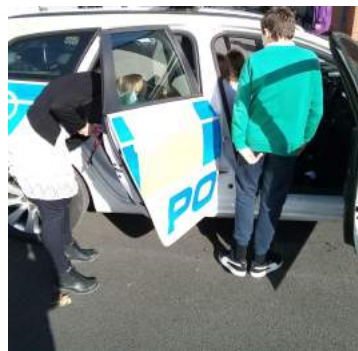


This week, we have been exploring angles, both measuring and drawing with a protractor. Then, we worked on working out missing angles on a straight line and around a point. The students were so good at this, remembering that there are 180 degrees on a straight line and 360 degrees around a point.

In English, the students have been writing their adverts for spy gadgets. They really enjoyed exploring different gadgets from *Stormbreaker* and using them for inspiration to design their own. Camron's idea was brilliant! He designed *The Bowling Turret*, which is a bowling ball that includes features like a bullet-resistant armour, facial recognition camera and a tranquiliser system.



On Wednesday, we had a visit from PCSO Josh, who let us dress up in his uniform and explore the patrol car. Steph had quite a fright when she pressed the horn and set the sirens off! The students all really enjoyed getting to spend some time with Josh and seeing the police in a positive way. We are looking forward to more visits from Josh in the future.



ODYSSEY

Another busy week for everyone in Odyssey and it's been lovely to be able to spend a bit more time outside in the sunshine. We had a visit from Josh, our local PCSO, on Thursday and everyone got to meet him and have a look inside a police car- the highlight being, setting off the siren!!



We have started our new maths topic and been looking at comparing equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, we've been looking at using parentheses to add extra information and the techniques writers use to build tension in spy stories.

In Science, Jan brought in lots of different sizes of fruit to help the students understand the growth of a baby in gestation. It started as a poppy seed and ended with a watermelon!



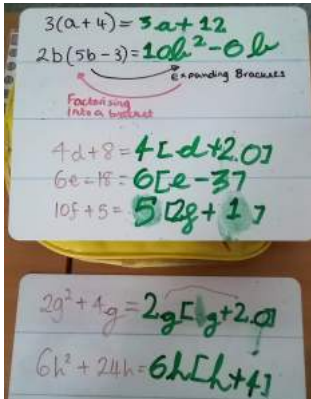
We are working on health and nutrition in DT this half term and our aim is for the students to build up a repertoire of healthy, easy to make meals and snacks. This week, it was a cheese and ham toastie. Students worked independently to make their toastie and to clear away afterwards. Ethan, Callum and Zane developed a good system of working as a team to

get cleared away which they found got the job done much faster.

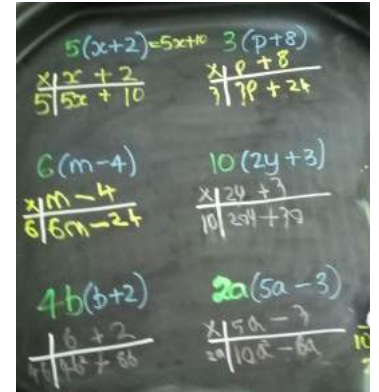
We have given out lots of reward points this week and the class are still enjoying working towards their prizes. We have rewarded students for empathy, making good choices, being kind and working hard.



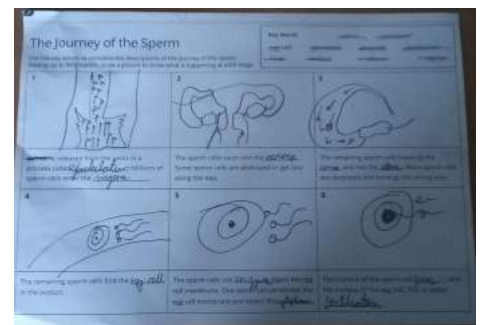
VOYAGER



We've had another very busy week in Voyager: Continuing with our Spy work in English, the boys have written some great articles to persuade readers to buy the gadgets they have designed! In maths, we have moved onto expanding and factorising single brackets. There are pictures here of Luke's and Ade's work - they worked so well and understood it even when I gave them tricky questions to work through.



In Science, we looked at the journey of the sperm cell to the egg cell, so that we can look at the development of a baby next week. Ade's work of a comic strip to describe this journey, both with pictures and sentences, really sums it up well →



In Geography this week, we focused on cities, counties and countries of the UK - we had an interactive activity where the students came up to the board and wrote on places that they knew and roughly where they thought they were - they were surprisingly accurate (or maybe not so surprising?)



For Art (Pop Art) this week, we focused on Andy Warhol style art, these are Luke's, Ade's, Jay's, Henry's and Lewis' that they did electronically. Jacob did his design in his sketchbook and it isn't quite complete yet, but hopefully we can share it next week!



In Interoception, we focused on eyes and ears this week. It was great to see the level of interaction, the variety of feelings and words being described and the links to emotions and Zones of Regulation. Yesterday in PE, we played basketball outside after practising some key skills, and they all looked like they had so much fun, lots of Social Thinking and social skills!

APOLLO

In Art, we used computers to replicate images and change the colouring (Andy Warhol style) with some discussion about what colours to use and how they can be used to make an image look different to the identical ones around it.



In Science this week, we have continued to work through human reproduction and have focused on fertilisation of the egg cell. Students have been working really well and asking some great questions.



Students had their first PE lesson outside on Thursday this week (Basketball) and enjoyed the fresh air. We began to focus on the UK tourism industry in Geography with students learning about the cities and counties. Students had a great existing knowledge of places they had been to and some made very good guesses about where some other places were.

English lessons this week have been all about persuasive writing, describing the spy gadgets that the students created last week.

In maths, we have finished off our statistics topic with students working through tables, pie charts and scatter graphs independently to show their understanding. Our next maths topic will be fractions, starting next week.

We have 2 new additions to the class this week; an Echeveria that Tom brought in and a Monstera that Leah has propagated when her plant from home broke when repotting it. Students are learning about how to look after them. They do not have names but the Monstera is definitely starting to show a new leaf forming which is exciting.



We also had a brief visit from Leah's new gecko which was a point of interest for some students and staff around the school - we had a lot of visitors to the classroom to try and spot him.

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:

Jo	Emilia	Tommy	Henry
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Well done!

Overall Ticket Total = 93



★ Parent Support Workshop - Zones of Regulation



For our next Parent Support Workshop, we will be focusing on Zones of Regulation which we use in school to support our students with emotional regulation.

The session will be held on **Thursday 24th March** from 3:45 - 5pm in our main hall, we will also provide refreshments. If you would like to attend please contact the office on 01455 243 689 or email elyssa.castleford@thefusionacademy.co.uk

Please don't hesitate to contact us for further details.

We hope you can join us.





Diary Dates

- ★ Friday 18th March - Comic Relief (non-uniform/ wear something red - £1)
- ★ 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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