

27th May 2022

HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello,

We have now finalised classes for next academic year. Each student has a transition booklet, which has been shared with them this morning, and parents will be informed today too.

We recognise that transition can be difficult for many of our students and will be supporting them fully with the changes for the new year.

There will be plenty of opportunities for students to meet their new staff and classmates next half term and our full transition days are on Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July.

Thank you to the parents who attended our zones of regulation training last night and we hope it was useful.

Have a lovely half term break and see you soon,

Sarah



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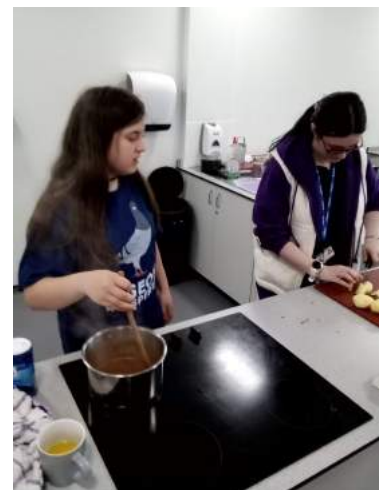
Jacob had great fun in PE with Voyager and Apollo. They had a mix of different activities to try and the two Jacobs loved Just Dance - being in sync a lot and smiles not dropping from faces throughout the songs.



We've been very lucky to have Paul in our class - a teaching assistant who is an excellent graffiti artist. We used recycled boxes to make a wall and 'tag' it with our names written in a graffiti style.



We've also been doing some cooking challenges that all focus on different spices. All students decided to make crisps with a variety of hot spices on. We then had a taste challenge. Harriet wanted to make the spiciest sauce for Grant to drink! It was incredibly spicy! Tunde suggested boiling it into a sauce and it turned out to be absolutely delicious!



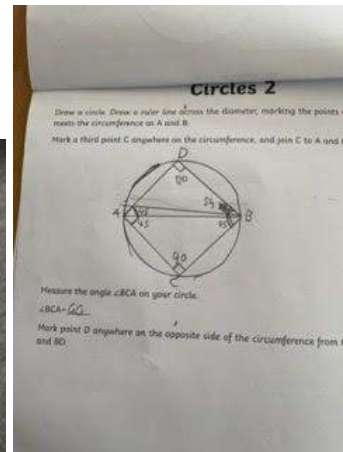
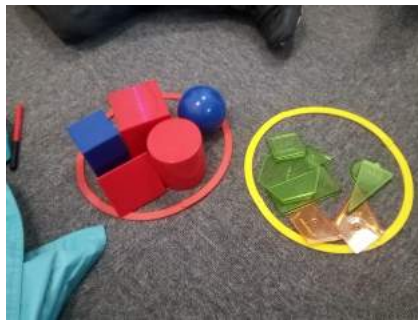
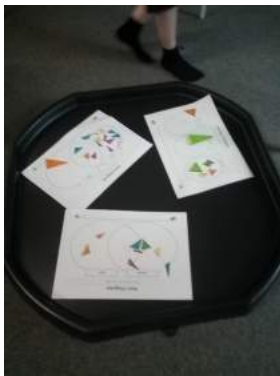
DRAGONFLY

Another busy week in Dragonfly. I think the students are looking forward to a well-earned half-term break!

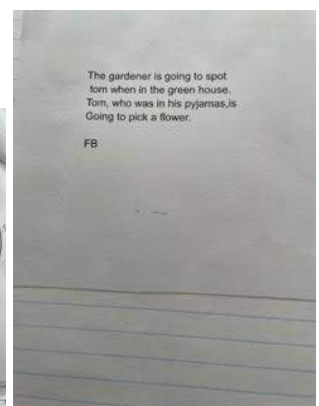
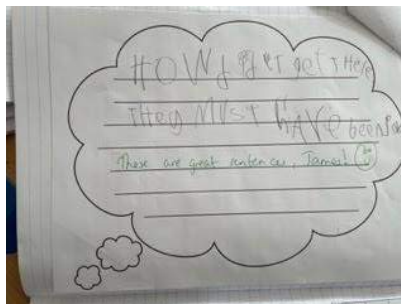
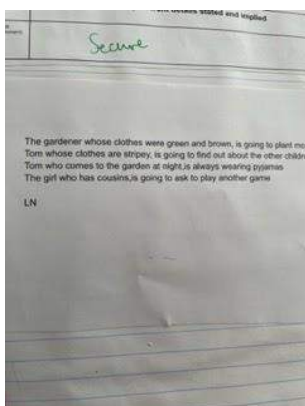
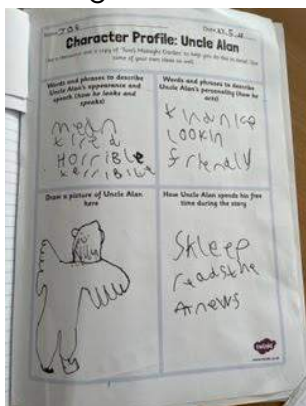
In Art this week, we continued with the theme of Birds and made some 3D model birds using newspaper and feathers:



We carried on with the 3D theme in our Maths lessons where we investigated Properties of Shape:



In English, we have enjoyed listening to and watching 'Tom's Midnight Garden' and have been doing a lot of activities based on this spooky story in which the clock strikes 13 at Midnight:



GEMINI

All members of Gemini, both staff and students, are now settled in well to life at Fusion Academy.

This week, we have been busy making decorations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we have enjoyed decorating our classroom.



In French, we have been learning about the seasons and the weather. We learnt that during the summer there are beautiful sunflower fields in Provence. We sowed our own sunflower seeds and are looking forward to them germinating soon.

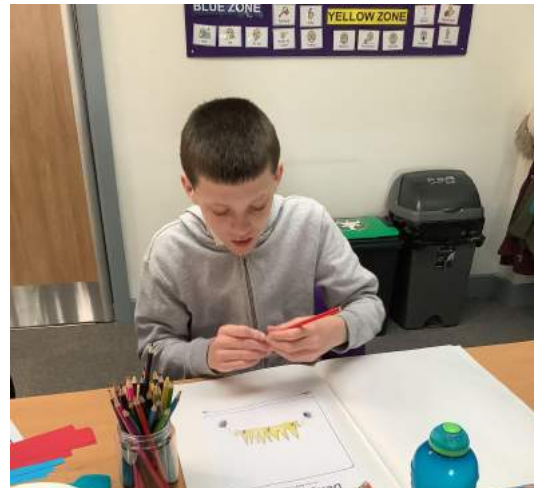
In Maths, we have learnt lots about geometric shapes; how to compare and classify them, along with identifying lines of symmetry and making our own symmetrical shapes.



We have tried to get outdoors as often as we can and we enjoyed our nature hunt, as part of our Science work on living things.

POLAR

What a busy week it has been. We had a lot of fun taking part in many practical activities. From comparing the life cycles of plants, mammals, amphibians, insects and birds in Science to locating 2 items from 2 different sections of a shop (e.g. the freezer section, fresh fruit at the local Tesco store for our pancake party we won in Class Bingo. We also learned to recognise, understand and use personification and homophones in our writing in English. To top it off, we all enjoyed taking part in activities to set up our Jubilee party.

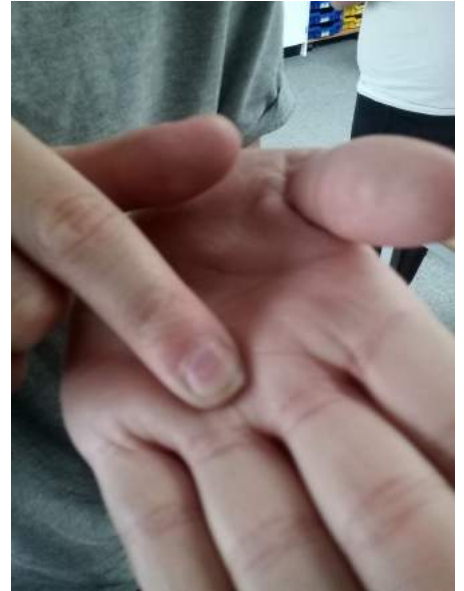


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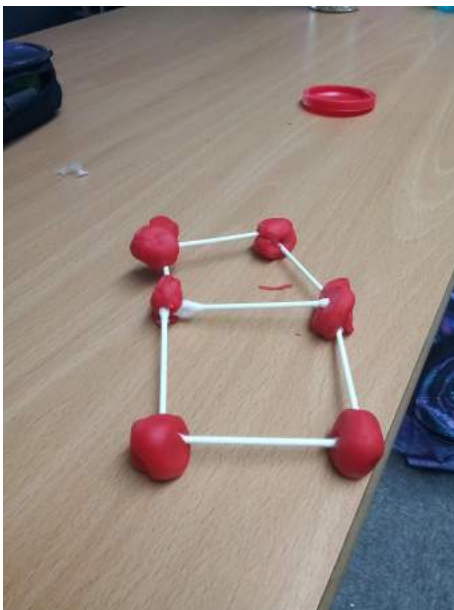
What a lovely end to the half term! We have had good fun in science exploring atoms, continued to understand how pie charts work and have written some excellent scripts for Miranda and Ferdinand in *The Tempest*.



In science, we had a competition to cut the smallest piece of paper possible. We tried to get a photograph of some of the smallest ones, but they were so tiny, the paper doesn't show up in the photo! Dylan worked methodically, cutting each piece of paper in half and in half again until he ended up with less than a speck!



Another brilliant moment of creativity came in creating structures of elements from the periodic table. The class all really enjoyed having a go at making some of the different elements, with Steph, Camron and Dylan all choosing to make theirs on Minecraft.



On Thursday, Lennon and Robbie worked together to create a brilliant sensory circuit. They really enjoyed setting up a competition between their classmates (and teachers!) and thoroughly enjoyed watching everybody try to tackle the portion with the sacks!

Next half term, we are going to be working on a poetry unit with our key text being *The Spider and The Fly*. In Art, we will be creating our own Fusion twist on the Netflix series *Is it cake?* which we are very excited about.



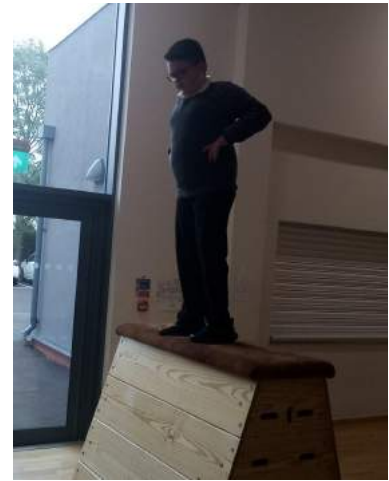
I would like to say how proud I am of all the students in Europa. They have worked so hard this half term and have made such good progress, both in the curriculum and with their friendships. They have absolutely earned their half term, and I am very excited to see them again after half term ready to finish our year on a high!

ODYSSEY

We've been finishing our topics this week and getting ready for our jubilee party. Everyone made a layer for the cake and then the students decorated it with fondant icing. We hope it tastes as good as it looks.

Callum chose to be King for the day again for his reward and everyone was really keen to help get things ready for him. Bradley and Damon worked really well together to make a jail for Callum to put his prisoners!

We finished our life skills topic by having a blind taste test to learn about getting better value for money when out shopping. Students calculated possible savings over the year and were surprised to learn just how much they could save by buying non-branded drinks and snacks.



VOYAGER

The final week of this half term...always such a busy week finishing up topics and doing end of topic assignments/ assessments/ tests, but the boys have done so well and persevered with all of their work and subjects.

It is clear that the geometry work in maths that we have been working on has been mostly retained so far, so we will continue with it after the break but look at areas of shapes too. We did a big Kahoot quiz on *The Tempest* for English and it was astonishing to see how much information they can remember and relay back to us, the boys have really enjoyed the story and the characters (especially Luke learning about Caliban!). Lewis and Ade have done well with their English intervention lessons and it's shown with their reading assessments too.

In Geography, they drew out their ideal resorts, keeping in mind everything we've learnt about tourism over the last two half terms - Henry created a very eco Godzilla resort (of course Godzilla!), Jacob's was very nature driven, Ade's was all about Looney Toons, Luke's took inspiration from The Eden Project, Jay's was minimalistic and all about nature and Lewis' was all about adventure.

We've continued to learn more about the Periodic Table in Science and this week we've focused on different groups: Noble Gases and Halogens to be specific. We were shocked to find out all of their uses and where they can be found!

In Social Thinking this week, we've concentrated on Size of the Problem - one of the tasks was to organise different scenarios onto a scale to think about and discuss different problems to then discuss reactions and responses. We had some great discussions and all students (we teamed up with Apollo) started to talk, or at least think about, personal problems or scenarios that had happened to themselves.



The boys also enjoyed their shopping trip again last week and were really sensible. We're celebrating their successful half term of shopping and learning lots of new things about shopping this afternoon with a small shopping trip paid for



by us (Katie, Laura and Emma) and an afternoon of games and maybe a film. Multiple activities were put on for their PE lesson based on all of the gymnastics that they've learnt over the half term and it was a joy to see them putting into action all of the new skills they've learnt and they were really enjoying themselves.



APOLLO

We've had a great final week to the half term, students have been working well and spending time outside together when the weather has been nice which has been great to see.

In maths, Sol completed this puzzle on complex shapes and keywords, other students have completed a review of the shape topic and looked at the progress they've made over the unit.

In English, we have finished the topic of *The Tempest* and students have completed letters as a character to a different character in the story. They were great and have retained a good amount of knowledge of the characters, but most are relieved to be moving on from the Shakespearean style language that, at times, has been quite difficult for them to follow.



PE has been all about trying different movement activities. The vault box was particularly popular with a few (and made for some great photographs), the standing long jump mat was good for those wanting to beat their own distance or to compare with other people. We decided as a group that jumping around the same distance as your height in cm was a good benchmark to aim for.



Alfie has finished his waistcoat this week, the stitching is really neat and it is lined so that the material is double thickness and sits better when worn. Alfie has amazed us with his projects and how much more independent he is becoming with it.

Have a good half term break!



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:

Freddie	James	Liam
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Well done!

Overall Ticket Total = 74



Diary Dates

- ★ New classes shared with students and parents - by Friday 27th May
- ★ School closes for Half Term break - Friday 27th May 2022
- ★ School opens - Monday 6th June 2022
- ★ 'Meet the Teacher' visits after school - Monday 13th June and Monday 20th June. Details TBC.
- ★ Whole school Transition Days - Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July
- ★ Fusion Fest 22 - Wednesday 6th July



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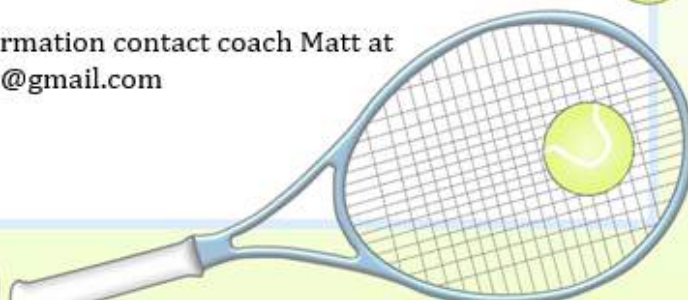
**Thursdays 6-7 pm beginning 26th May 2022, all
equipment provided**

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