

30th September 2022

HEADTEACHER INTRODUCTION

Hello,

At The Fusion Academy, students can earn whole school 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. The things that students do to earn their tickets are recorded and we share these successes in assembly. Over the last few weeks we have had an incredible number of ticket nominations and this goes to show how hard our students are trying. They are getting recognised for their perseverance, their kindness and by the excellent work they are producing. We have reached 73 tickets already this term and when we get to 100 tickets, we earn a whole school reward. The new school council is already thinking about what that reward might be! If you are interested to see who has earned tickets each week, these are always printed at the end of our newsletter.

Have a good weekend,

Sarah



JUNO

This week has involved slime, glitter, glitter and more glitter!

Juno put together an Eggsperiment this week to see the damages of certain liquids on the enamel of our teeth. This was a bit stinky as we needed lots of vinegar. We also spent some time learning how to read a clock - Hannah and Alfie were able to design one with Roman numerals!

We have also seen more friendships developing with other students around the school and more successful social interactions. Well done Juno, you are showing so much strength and we are really enjoying getting to know all of your individual characters!

GENESIS

This week, we made some chocolate chip cookies in our cooking lessons. The children did brilliantly at following the recipe and the end results were very yummy.

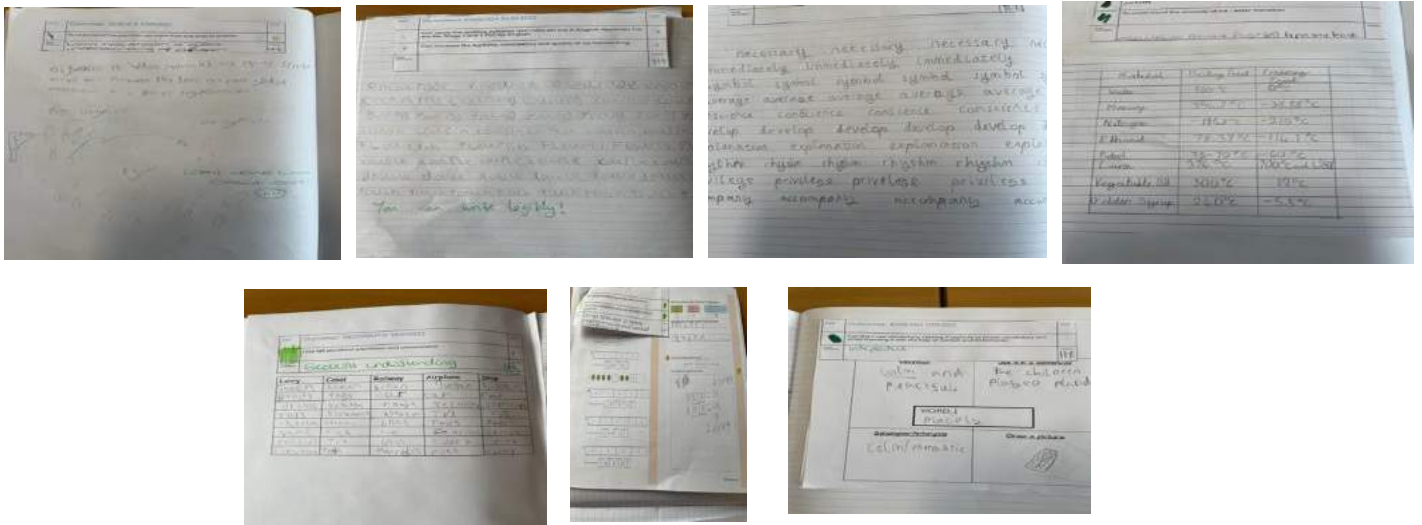
We had a great social thinking lesson where everyone came up with 2 truths and 1 lie and we all had to guess which one was the lie.

In Art, we looked at the surrealist artist Salvador Dali and came up with our own interpretation of an unusual picture.

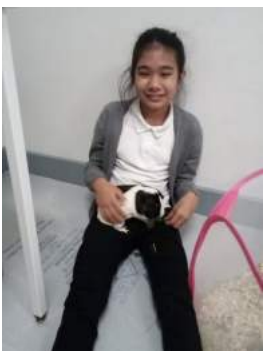


GATEWAY

We have been working very hard this week and these are just some of the pictures of our fantastic work. In Science, we found out about Diffusion and in Maths we delved further into Algebra - that is adding our brains a little! We looked at Prose Poetry and Rhyming Poetry by reading 'Desiderata' by Max Ehrmann and 'If' by Rudyard Kipling. Both poems had some interesting new vocabulary for us to investigate so we had a change of style with 'Jim - Who ran away from his Nurse and was eaten by a Lion' by Hilaire Belloc. In Geography, we looked at how goods are transported to and from Britain and investigated which modes of transport might be used for different products. Finally, we are looking forward to ending the week with some more Music and French on Friday!



CALIPSO



Students in Calipso are really enjoying their sessions in curriculum choice. Jaxon and Mark continued with computing this week and learned how to use the Makey Makey equipment. Jaxon used bananas as conductors to control the space bar and then made a piano using foil as a conductor. He could even play "Twinkle Twinkle" on his foil piano!



Adrianna is enjoying looking after the guinea pigs and will be helping to clean them out and feed them. Jayden and Ruby enjoyed playing football together in the hall.



In science this week, we learned about diffusion. Balloons were filled with strong smells and students had to identify different concentrations of molecules.



TERRA

Terra class really enjoyed a lesson of Cricket in PE this week. They have been continuing their work on 'The Goldfish Boy', and drew a scene from the doctor's waiting room from what they heard in the book. In Science, the learning about matter continued, and students did an experiment using an aerosol can to look at particles diffusing, and made a flipbook on this. The students enjoyed their second trip to Green Towers - playing on the Xbox, using the BMX bikes and the climbing wall. One student climbed half way on their first go then to the very top on the second, showing amazing determination. Students are looking forward to the changes in this class from next week and are excited for some new beginnings.



VIKING

This week in our Art lesson we enjoyed experimenting with oil pastels and using them in different ways. We also drew our own Cubist inspired portraits.



In Maths, we have been learning about area, perimeter and ratio. In English, we have done some fantastic creative story writing. Science lessons have been on the topic of digestion. In our French lesson, we finished off our comic strips, practising our greetings words. Lukas and Bradley have had fun in their reading sessions this week, as they took it in turns to read jokes to each other.



ACE

Students have been working really well this week, the word “angels” has even been used! They have enjoyed Green Towers with students using the climbing wall, getting to the top and challenging themselves to get higher than previous goes.

In Art, students have been creating pieces of art around the topic of cubism. We have been very impressed with the talent and also the progress they have made.

Students have been creating pieces of music and playing them from memory. Some are creating the songs, others are learning to play an existing melody.



NEW HORIZONS

This week in New Horizons we have been further exploring the gothic genre. Everyone has shared some great ideas about the conventions of gothic short stories and designed their own monsters.

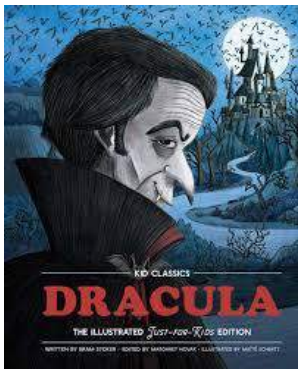
After finishing our unit about the changing landscapes of the coast in Geography, we made revision Powerpoints and everyone showed that they had learnt a lot about waves, erosion and coastal landforms. In French, we learnt how to introduce ourselves and ask someone else for their name. In Music, we looked at scale and harmonies before adding chords to our pop tracks on YuStudio.

In curriculum choice Callum, Connie and Allegra enjoyed visiting the forest again, despite the rain. Sol also enjoyed spending some time outside and Theo played some board games back in the classroom. Everyone is looking forward to their weekly Kahoot quiz on Friday afternoon.

SWIFT

This week we have been looking at diffusion and osmosis, the students enjoyed setting up the experiment and looking at how much the bear had grown overnight.

In English, we are going to be writing gothic stories and have started looking at the gothic genre and reading some of the Dracula text. They have also completed their reading assessments.



STARDUST

This week in Stardust, students have been learning about osmosis and diffusion in science. They took part in an experiment using gummy bears to replicate the process.

Stardust students have spent time exploring Pythagoras' theorem in maths.

During English, we have been looking at the gothic genre and explored some gothic videos from the Literacy shed, as well as looking at the language used in texts, such as Dracula.

In Art, students have been channelling the work of Picasso with their cubist self portraits.



OTHER NEWS



Safe apps for learning

Here are a few apps that are great for learning and developing IT / Computing skills, whilst also being fun and engaging.



Magic Piano Smule - iOS, Android

This is a great app for hand to eye co-ordination, fine motor skills and creativity. There's lots of songs and progression too. Reaction times, dexterity and some musical knowledge too.

It is free, but there are ads and in-app purchases so keep an eye out just in case as money can be spent through the app.



Poly Bridge - iOS, Android, PC, Nintendo (various prices)

This is a fun game in itself and has engineering and problem solving / critical thinking links too. The player's task is to get vehicles over a gap by constructing a bridge and trying to make it strong enough to support the weight. It does cost money (different platforms are different prices) but the game has lots of levels and a sandbox mode so the possibilities are endless.



Scratch & ScratchJr (Web browser, iOS, Android)

Programming is something that has been pushed a lot in recent years, and Scratch is a great place to start, but also to continue programming and develop skills.

It is great to learn programming, make games and animations, learn about problem solving and breaking down larger problems (decomposition) and also learning new skills. Scratch allows users to make simple projects but can be used at a very high level too, making it great for all ages)

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The Fusion Academy Reward Tickets

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Tickets have been earned this week by:

Daniel	Jaxon	Edward	Liam	Riley
Ruby	Xander	Emilia	Lennon	

Well done!

Overall Ticket Total = 73



Diary Dates

- ★ October Half Term Break: Mon 17th Oct - Fri 21 Oct
- ★ Christmas Break: Mon 19 Dec - Mon 2 January (school opens again on 3 Jan)

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