

5th May 2023

INTRODUCTION

Hello All,

We have seen some fantastic work this week from the young people in school.

Something that was highlighted last week during our visit was how the students here volunteer, have work experience and participate in looking after the school. This week, I have been shown a presentation that will be part of our assembly on Tuesday. In it, the students outline the importance of recycling. A timely addition to our assembly as we seek new members of our Eco Committee.

Throughout the week, we have also seen some of our students really take to their work experience roles. In the kitchen, Connie and Josh have been serving up some delicious food, with the help from Tracey. Luke and Damon have helped Keith around the school grounds, and Owen and Ruby have been completing admin tasks for Jags and Emma. All of these students should be proud of how they have started their early work journey.

In addition to this, our life skills classes have revolved around the school being a community, with all of us having a shared responsibility to look after our building. The students have seen the value in tidying learning spaces, cleaning the staffroom, and the kitchen. Whilst these tasks may appear mundane, they're an important part of our social curriculum, as they promote independence and give the students a good understanding of what is needed in adult life.

We're all excited for our afternoon celebrating the King's coronation. We'll be enjoying Fish and Chips, Traditional British Games, and a Great ~~British~~ Fusion Bake-Off! We're all hoping the weather holds off for us, and we can get outside!

We hope you have a fantastic extended weekend, we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday.

Katie & Tunde

JUNO

Juno class has had a busy week. We have seen lots of engagement in and out of the classroom and especially down in the forest school. I think the lovely weather has helped with this! Alfie continues to work really hard on his chess project, Hannah is progressing wonderfully in English, Tatiana is showing a keenness to learn, James is exploring more outdoor spaces, Harry has enjoyed spending time with friends from upper school, Maverick has shown focus and a magnificent skill with music and finally our new student Oscar has been making friends and enjoying socialising with them at lunch time.

GENESIS

This week, we have started to explore adverts in English which is going to help us with our writing and our computing over the next few weeks.

We found the KitKat advert was particularly persuasive, leading to Kate, Freddie and Vincent going to the shop to buy some to find out how everybody eats theirs! It turns out, we're all snappers, except Laura who is a nibbler and Bella who is a chomper!

Science has been a particularly exciting subject for Edmund this week! He has been able to work in the science lab to create some bath bombs, and had the ingenious idea to put a Newton's Disc on a power drill to prove that white light is made of a spectrum of colours!

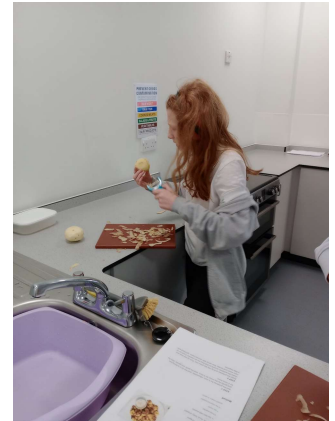
A reminder that Kate is not on site on Tuesdays and that Karen is teaching in her absence. Don't forget a change of clothes and packed lunch for outdoor pursuits on Tuesday!



GATEWAY

Now that the weather is so much nicer, we have been spending some time in the Forest School. The students enjoyed playing a game of 'What's my tree?' where they were blindfolded and taken to a tree to investigate it. Once they had been led away and had their blind folds removed, they had to identify which tree they had been introduced to. After that, they spent some time exploring and playing hide and seek.

Last week, we made Spicy Mexican Potatoes. Everybody showed excellent patience and perseverance when peeling and chopping the potatoes and onions - it wasn't an easy job! This week, the students have worked brilliantly together to plan and produce their entry for the Great Coronation Bake Off. We hope to share some pictures of the resulting cake next week!



CALIPSO

We finished our class book, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' this week and we looked at how the relationship of the characters changed over the course of the story. At the end of the story, a character writes a letter to learn more about his father. We wrote a letter in reply to show how much we could remember from the story. In careers this week, we learned about work in forensics and printed out finger prints. We have also been

learning about variation in science. We made posters to persuade people to look after Sumatran Orangutans.

Dear Michiya,

My name is Michael. I live in South Hampton. I was the one who wrote the book and was stuck on the island with your dad. It is a pleasure to talk to you.

I bet you are wondering how I got stuck on the island with your dad. What happened was I was sailing across the sea with my parents on my boat Peggy Sue and a storm came along and sank my ship and I was washed up on The Island with your dad. All that was left was my football and my dog stella.

When me and your dad first met we didn't get along to well because i wanted to go back home and get of the island but your dad didn't want anyone to know he was there, so I was stuck there for at least a year. But as I got to know your dad me and him became good friends and he was a good man and we painted together and he had made friends who was orangutans and they were very nice to him and we both went fishing for food. And without me knowing because he wasn't very good in english he saved me when I got stung by jelly-fish, fed me and played football with me.

It was very nice hearing from you and I think we should meet up hopefully.

From Michael

Dear Michaya

Hi, it's me, Micheal. That English lad that got stuck on an island with your father and wrote a story about it. If you don't remember from my book, me and my dog were thrown aside from the boat during a storm. I thought I had already died, and I would've if your father wasn't generous enough to give me that food and water. Speaking of your father, Kensuke began as a crazy man who just wanted me prisoner, but I grew trust in him. I don't know if he's still alive or not but he was alive when I arrived. I don't remember where it was however. Oh, and if you did read, he saved my life twice. Such a nice man. Anyways, if you want to visit me, I live at 27 Hercules Drive, Southampton, United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely, Micheal

Don't kill Orangutans



:Don't buy products with palm oil in
:Donate money to orangutan charity
:Don't cut down trees

:Orangutans lives matter
:they're critically endangered
:On average, 2,000 to 3,000 orangutans are killed every year

What do you think is right about this?

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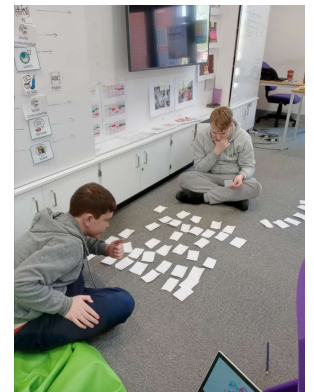
SHARON

In Upper School Art, this week we have been using nature objects to create relief and resist prints.



In Life Skills, we are continuing to learn about and take part in volunteering and lessons have been focussed around empathy and compassion.

In Viking class, we have also focussed on empathy and compassion in our Social Communications sessions. We have been learning about why they are important for our understanding of consent. We have learnt what consent means and looked at some different scenarios. On Tuesday, some of us from Viking class visited Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre. A great day was had by all that went and activities included canoeing, a gladiator challenge and building shelters. On Wednesday, our Careers session was all about Forensics. We took our fingerprints and identified them. On Thursday, some students enjoyed a card game together, which had been created by one of the pupils.

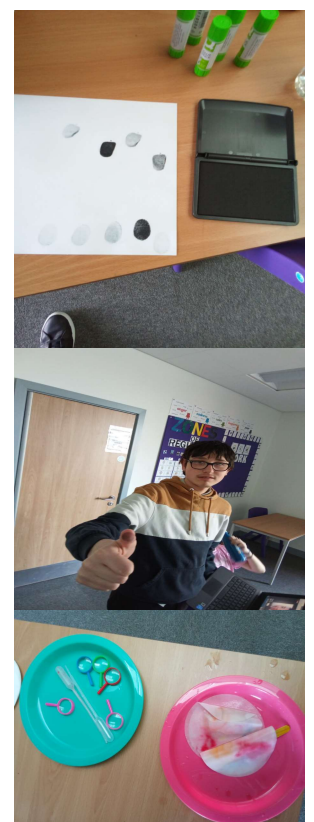


ZAK

Another successful week for Ace students! In Social Communication, we have continued to broaden our horizons and explore our senses on a Friday by tasting different exotic fruits. We also looked into the King's Coronation taking place over the next bank holiday weekend. Well done to Damon and Jude who had a fantastic music lesson this week. They played a great version of One Republic's "Counting Stars" which could be heard by everyone in the corridor. In PSHE, we looked at the dangers of drugs and alcohol and in RSE the importance of consent and asking for permission. Wednesday afternoon we looked at careers in construction, the food industry and forensics.

In Computing, students have been looking at the functions and features of cloud computing and pros and cons of remote working. Well done to Theo for always giving 100% effort in his lessons!

In Life Skills, we did some activities to improve our time management and set some SMART targets, such as spending an hour less on games and an hour more sleeping or reading. This theory lesson is helpful for when we go out in our practical life skills lessons with Laura on a Tuesday when we volunteer in the local community.



ALICE

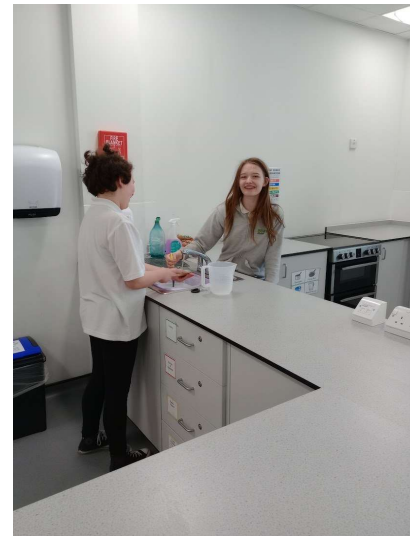


This week, New Horizons have enjoyed baking a cake for the King's Coronation. We will be decorating it first thing Friday morning and I will attach a picture of the final product next week! I was very proud of how the whole class worked together and divided up the tasks to make sure everyone got to contribute to the baking process.

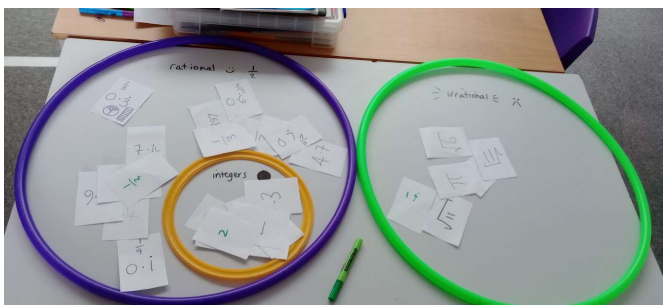
In English, we have been looking at superstitions and their importance in 'Blood Brothers'. Damon made some excellent contributions to class discussions and showed some high-level thinking by suggesting the superstitions believed by Mrs. Johnstone acted as a self-fulfilling prophecy. He was able

to support this argument with evidence from the text as well.

In Life Skills, we have been focussing on compassion and students were asked to apply for a grant from the council to support their chosen charity. This was to encourage them to think about the needs of others and how their experiences might be different to theirs. Edward acted as our council leader and gave out the grants (biscuits) and his peers commented on what an amazing job he did of being fair and selfless.



KATIE



In maths this week, we have focused on what different types of numbers there are: rational, irrational, integers, imaginary and then Pathway 1 have also looked at surds.

The students have all worked on applying various skills in their lessons:

Pathway 1 has applied their understanding

of multiplication and division with something new (surds) so that something that looked tricky and confusing actually became far less complicated and easier to understand and manipulate.

Pathway 2 group 1 applied their understanding of four operations to integers and decimals and worked on a variety of questions whilst also working on social skills because I set out the questions around the room and the students had to work together to solve them.

Pathway 2 groups 2 and 3 have learnt what the different names are for different types of real numbers and how to classify them with the use of hula hoops from PE.

SAM

This week in English, students have been focusing on the character of Mrs. Johnstone and how she is presented to the audience. Students in Pathway 1 group 1 did fantastically taking on the role of a character from the play during our read through on Wednesday with Owen and Ethan trying to replicate the Scouse accent. On Thursday, both Pathway 1 and Pathway 2 were split into Johnstones' and Lyons' and were taken with providing for their whole group on their 'allowance'. Henry commented on how unfair it was that the Johnstones' only had £1 compared to the Lyons' £2. The students made some astute reflections on the difficulty Mrs. Johnstone must have faced feeding lots of children on such a small budget.



In Life Skills this week, we have spent some time exploring local charities and what they do to support our community. All students demonstrated resilience when presenting their research to their classmates on Thursday.

Working together to end homelessness

Emmaus supports people to work their way out of homelessness, providing meaningful work, training, support and a stable home for as long as someone needs it.

How you can get involved



Make a donation

Emmaus supports people to work their way out of homelessness, you can help by making a donation today.



Volunteer

We're always looking for new Emmaus volunteers, check out our latest roles.



Fundraise

Find out the many ways you can support Emmaus in your own way.



Work for us

Find the perfect role working at Emmaus. Have a look at our current vacancies.

For many people who have experienced homelessness, losing their self-esteem can be the most damaging part of their experience. Being on your own, with no support around you can be soul-destroying, leaving you feeling worthless.

Finding your way out of that situation isn't easy, particularly when the only options available are temporary fixes, offering a bed for the night but little to occupy your days.

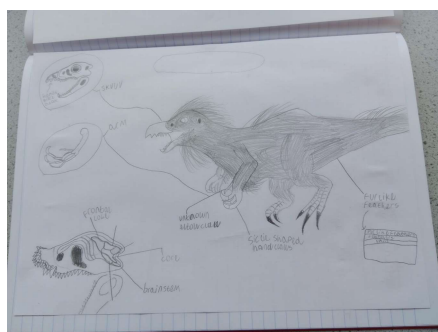
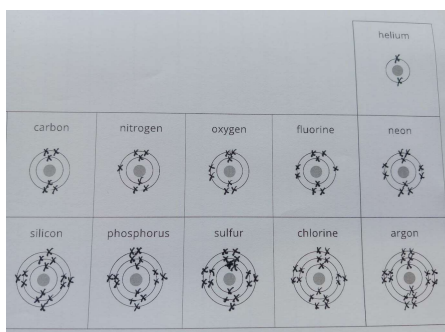
Emmaus is different because it provides a home for as long as someone needs it in an Emmaus community. This gives people the opportunity to take stock of their lives, deal with any issues they might have, and often re-establish relationships with loved ones.

Stardust students have had fun joining Swift students for their careers session this week and have made huge leaps (literally) in their crossing galaxies team building activity in social communication. On Thursday, students from Stardust and Swift joined together to prepare their cake for the Coronation Bake-off on Friday.

CLAIRE & LAURA

This week, Pathway 1 groups have been learning more about the structure of the atom, including how to use the atomic number to work out electron configuration. Impressive work!

Pathway 2 groups have been continuing their learning of adaptation and competition. There have been some fantastic drawings of imaginary creatures that are adapted to live in specific habitats.



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:

Daniel	Edward	Jude	Lennon
Tommy	Ruby	Emilia	Callum
Sol	Ethan	Camron	

Well done!

Overall Ticket Total = 11



Careers & Work experience information

- ★ We have had another great week of our work experience, it's been great to see the students continue to develop and use their skills within a workplace role.
- ★ We're very much looking forward to our second whole school career day taking place next Friday 12th May - it will be STEM focused, having lots of interactive activities within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths areas. We have had a sneak peak at the session plans from Hannah our careers advisor and we are in for a fantastic day - we will be sure to share photos.



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Youth Club

Our Youth Club Sessions run 6pm – 9pm Monday to Friday

Monday – Family session for parents and children **Under 10**
(No Membership required, £1.50 per child)

UNDER 8'S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday – 8-18 years Children can attend as guests for £3 a session up to 3 times, then Membership is £10 annually which reduces subs down to £1.50 per session.

Thursday – 8-11 years only Children can attend as guests for £3 a session up to 3 times, then Membership is £10 annually which reduces subs down to £1.50 per session.



Activities at Youth Club include: -
Climbing Wall, Roller Skating, Skate Park
and BMX, Football, Basketball, Games, Arts
and Crafts, Tuck Shop and much
more.....

Come along and ioin the fun!



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Summer Club August 2023

Our Summer Club will run
weekdays for 8-18yr olds from
Monday 7th August - Friday 25th August
from 9am-12pm.

The sessions can be pre-booked by contacting us on 01455 230468 or by email at office@greentowers.co.uk £3 a session or £1.50 for Members.

Booking opens 1st June 2023, spaces will be limited on a first come first serve basis. Please supply the following information: -

- Date(s) you would like to book
- Full Name
- D.O.B
- Medical Conditions
- Membership No. (if already a member)
- Emergency Contact Details
- Can your child leave the club alone? Y/N

Activities include: -

Football	Cricket	Skate/BMX Park	Roller Skating
Pogo Sticks	Crafting	Animals	Bouncy Castles
Water Play	Gaming	Pool	Table Tennis
Basketball	Table Football	Dancing	Climbing Wall
Air Hockey	Tuck Shop	Badminton	Tennis
Dodgeballand more!!		

School photos will be taking place on Wednesday 10th May 2023



Preview Portraits will be available for you to have a look at prior to purchasing the photos. If you would like to purchase the photos from the photographers, more details including prices will be enclosed in the Preview Portraits pack.

Please ensure you have completed both of the consents via Arbor:

- Professional School Photos - e.g. Class groups or Whole school
- Professional School Photos - Individual

Please note, if you have not completed both of the above consents, your child's photo cannot be taken.

Diary Dates

- ★ King's Coronation celebration lunch in school: Friday 5th May 2023
- ★ King's Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May 2023
- ★ School photos: Wednesday 10th May 2023
- ★ May Half Term Break: Monday 29th May 2023 - Friday 2nd June 2023
- ★ School Opens: Monday 5th June 2023

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