

15th September 2023

INTRODUCTION

Hi All,

A short message from us this week, as we're now fully into the 23/24 school year. This half-term, we're focussing on the feeling of determination and the action of perseverance. It's something we believe is fundamental to achieving success and we are looking to promote this as much as possible. In assembly, we have been learning about local people who have shown both these qualities. Please talk with your children about these qualities to help them see how they do this every day and week in school.

We've had a lovely week at The Fusion Academy, with students learning about so many different things, including the significance of 'The Haka'; using a protractor to measure angles; and how to play football-tennis. It's been amazing to walk around the school and see focussed students engaging in learning.

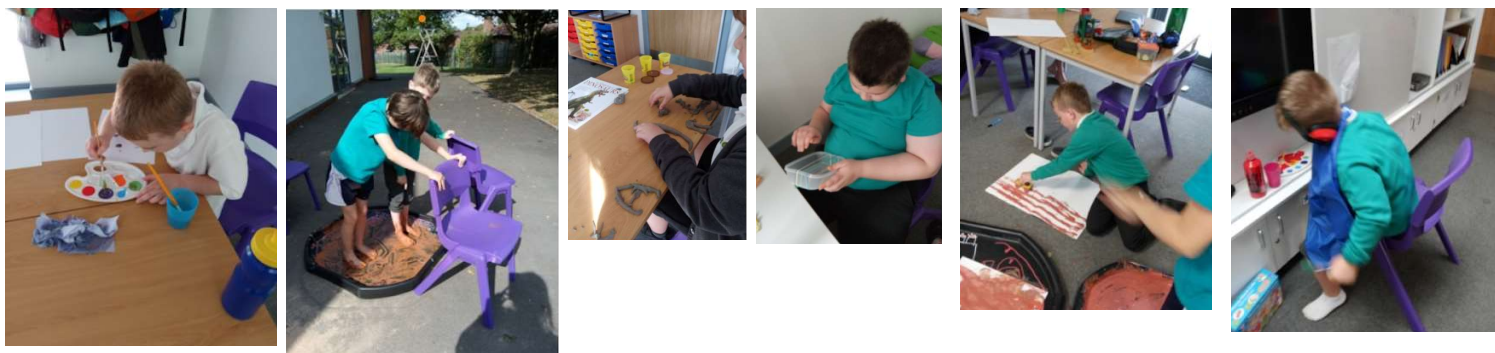
We've also welcomed our newest member of the school faculty, Elphie the tortoise. Elphie joined us last Friday and has been an instant hit with lots of the students in school. She currently lives in New Horizons and the young people have been taking very good care of our new reptilian friend.

As always, we hope you have a fantastic and restful weekend.

See you on Monday!

Katie and Tunde

JUNO - Annabelle



Juno has had a very creative week this week! We have enjoyed making sounds with elastic bands and plastic tubs in Science, which also doubled up as makeshift musical instruments. We have done painting, colour mixing and lots of sensory play with sand and paints and we have explored new ways of learning in the form of using play doh to make the letters of the alphabet.

The students have really wanted to show off some of their skills this week, and we have also seen some lovely acts of kindness. This eagerness to aim high and be caring towards one another has also earned us some well deserved whole school rewards. Well done Juno!

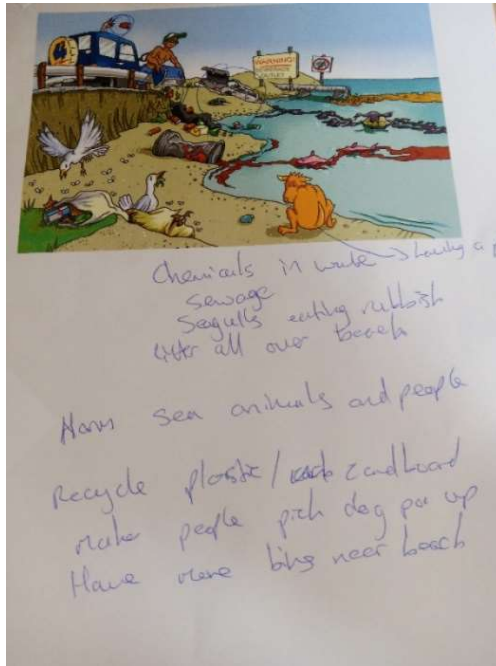
GENESIS - Aimee W

We have had another fun week in Genesis! We continued to look at poems, specifically 'An Everything Pizza'. The students used this poem as a template to write their own rhyming couplets and create their own crazy pizzas. We have continued our hard work in Maths and it is lovely to see their confidence and independence growing week by week. We finished this week's Maths off with a treasure hunt, where the students worked together to find and solve the clues. We had lots of fun doing a sensory walk and talking about how the different textures feel on our feet. In Science, they amazed us with their ability to recall facts they had learnt in our previous lessons and use these to develop their learning.



GATEWAY - Christina

Our class has been expanding their friendships this week and have been developing their teamwork skills, in both curriculum activities and free time. We have been exploring water pollution in our environmental, social and communication lessons. Young people have been able to discuss ways of improving our environment and how to look after it.



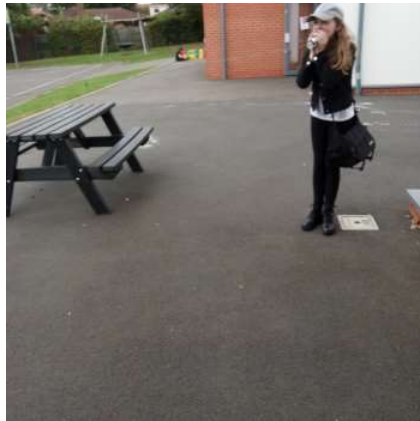
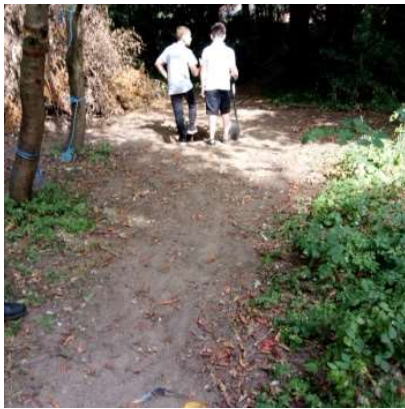
CALIPSO - Sam S



It has been another excellent week in Calipso. We have looked at stone age living, introduced french colours and made our own class Haka! We made a delicious milkshake on Monday and used our senses to describe the experience. We will be writing a poem based on this in the style of 'The Sound Collector.'

RANGER - Karen

This week, we have been on a mission as Tunde's trainers had gone missing and the students had to create a range of open and closed questions to interview him to try and find the culprit. They have certainly been great detectives this week! In the forest last week, before the whole school water fight, we enjoyed digging holes and in science, we have been exploring how sound travels. The students created telephones and investigated if the length of the string has an impact on how the sound travels.



VIKING - Hilary

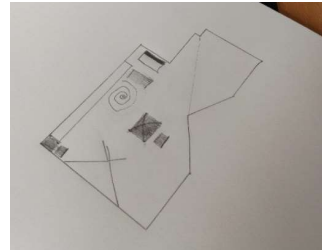
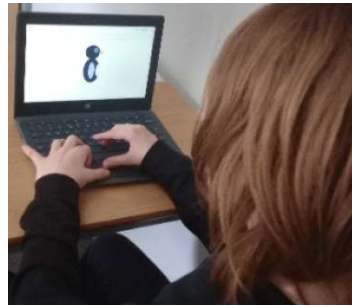
We have been working on Poetry in English this week and the students have produced some wonderful poems on all sorts of different subjects such as: Leicester City Football Club; Midlands Skate Park; the BBC through the decades; how the internet has improved since our parents were young; and how our cats play on our computer games with us! It has been a joy for the staff to see our great ideas and the brilliant work we have produced!

We also continued our work on Electrical Circuits in Science and made collage sketches in our new Art Hub.



ACE - Zak

Ace students have worked hard this week. In English, we have looked at poetry to do with punk. In Maths, we have been looking at different types of angles and started to create our own by using protractors and compasses. In Science, we have started to explore series and parallel circuits practically and see how insulators work. In RE, we have looked at how different faiths and organisations help people and can be kind, learnt who Christian Aid and Muslim Aid are and who Gandhi is. In Computing, we have created our own vector drawings of different types of animals. In PSHE, we have looked at who we have relationships with and how they are different. In Social Communication, we have looked at how different parts of our body connect to the emotions we are feeling and have done some breathing exercises. We have also continued to do some icebreaker activities to get to know each other more. In Forest school, we have further developed our tool work. In Music, we have looked at rock and roll music as well as jazz and started to compare their origins and the musical instruments used. In Art, we are exploring shading. In History, we have been looking at the similarities and differences of life in Mediaeval times compared to today.



MARINER - Simon

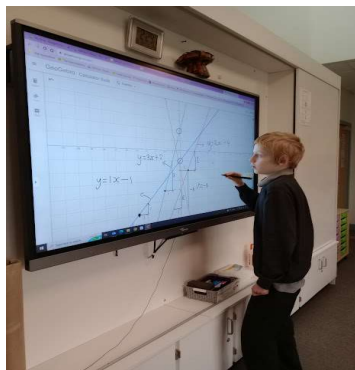
In Mariner, we have continued to do some good work, especially in forest school and Science. The students are really enjoying using the tools in the forest and exploring the circuit building equipment. We have also done some learning in Life Skills, resulting in a delicious chicken curry, where they followed the process through from shopping for ingredients to following the recipe.



AQUARIUS - Katie

Social communication and reading time in Aquarius has been really successful and mixed with different activities still going on! We've had "apple letters" game being played (or Boggle), Pixilart guides being written, own books being read and Dungeon and Dragons guides being read during our reading times; in the Social Communication times, the boys have mostly communicated and interacted with each other through play and creating marble runs to continue to allow the relationships to build.

In Maths, we are continuing with the topic of straight line equations and it's been great to see the confidence of some young people grow and take the lead in front of the class to show their understanding!



NEW HORIZONS - Jenni

In New Horizons, we have been exploring some breathing techniques and had lots of fun blowing bubbles as regulation - this resulted in a fun bubble fight on Thursday with Laura from Science joining us!

We are pushing ourselves with our reading and will be focusing on this more over the next few weeks.

We also nominated and voted for Jacob to be our student council rep - Well done Jacob!

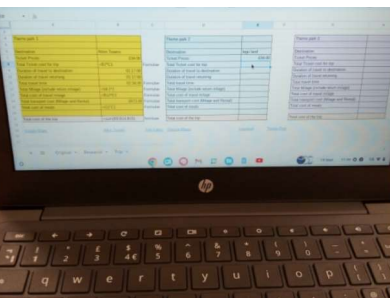


SWIFT - Sam R

This week in Social Communication time, we have been focusing on expressing our thoughts and feelings on a range of topics with thought provoking questions. This has enabled the class to communicate effectively to see how similar and different people's opinions are.

In PE this week, the pathways have been focusing on their fine motor skills in Badminton to tactically move their opponents closer to the net to give them the advantage to gain a point.

In Computing, we have been working on creating spreadsheets and using formulas to calculate real life data to compare the cost of a range of trips to theme parks.



In the options part of Computing, we have started to investigate the internal and external components of a computer and the importance that they play in working all together to create a desired outcome from instructions.



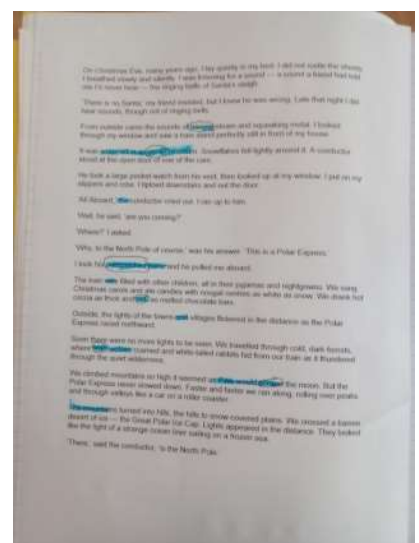
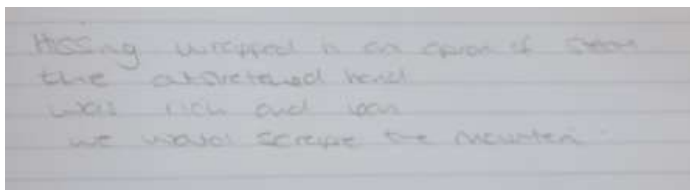
STARDUST - Sam P

Another lovely week in Stardust with students experiencing their first Wednesday with their chosen options. Within the class there are quite a mix of option choices and it has been a great opportunity for students to work with learners from other classes. We also held our Student Council Rep nominations this week with excellent speeches from Damon, Ethan, Owen and Adegbemiro. Owen was elected as the Stardust Student Rep and Ethan was selected to be deputy rep.

English: We have had a mix of English lessons in Pathway 1 this week from poetic terminology bingo and poetry analysis to discussions about the role of war journalism. In Pathway 1 Group 2, students tried their hand at some blackout poetry - using a pre-existing text to create a new piece of work.

PSHE: In PSHE this week, we have continued to focus on our needs linked to food and nutrition. There were some interesting conversations about misconceptions around 'healthy' foods and students came up with their own healthy meal option for our cooking lesson next week. Watch this space to see their creations!

Life Skills: This week, we have been learning about our brain and how our emotions take over when we 'flip our lid'. Students in Pathway 2 considered what some of our triggers might be and when we might be more likely to become overwhelmed.



SCIENCE - Laura, Nic and Tam

Pathway 1: This week, the young people have started the Chemistry topic 'Chemistry of the Atmosphere' for their Paper 2 Chemistry exam in June. The young people have all been given a CGP GCSE Chemistry revision guide to use whilst in school to support their learning.

Pathway 2: The young people have been looking at how substances move including factors affecting the rate of diffusion which links into the Chemistry topic of 'Solubility'.

Forest School - Karen and Penny

Another amazing week in the forest from hide and seek to tree limbo in our team building activities and climbing through spider's webs. We have continued to develop our skills with the saws and have introduced the bill hook, palm drill and sheath knife for whittling. Again, the students have followed the tool talks carefully and have been safe and resilient.



OTHER NEWS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Jan and Laura hosted our first student council meeting this week!

Our new reps for the year are:

Juno: To be appointed
Genesis: Bella
Gateway: Freddie
Calipso: Maverick
Ranger: Oscar K
Viking: Tom V-F
Ace: Bradley
New Horizons: Jacob C
Aquarius: Edward
Swift: Connie
Stardust: Owen
Mariner: Jacob K



In the meeting, we discussed the new charities that we will be supporting this year. They will be Cancer Research/Macmillan and The Royal British Legion.

Diary Dates

- ★ October Half Term Break: Mon 16th Oct 2023 - Wed 25th Oct 2023
- ★ School Opens: Thurs 26th Oct 2023
- ★ School closes for Christmas: Fri 22nd Dec 2023
- ★ School Opens: Mon 8th Jan 2024

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