

1st March 2024

INTRODUCTION

Hi All,

We hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. Now we go into the shortest half-term we've had in a very long time. Despite the length, we still have loads packed into it.

Next week is our Redridge trip, and the students are showing their nervous excitement for the week ahead. We know it is going to be a fantastic week and this is your reminder to get everything sorted over the weekend.

It is also two weeks until Parents' Evening. Please can we ask that everyone gets their times in to Jags and Emma as soon as possible via Arbor. Those of you who have heard directly from your teacher, can ignore this message.

This week, the football team came back from an away trip to Dorothy Goodman as 18-1 winners. A much changed side for DGS meant our team was a little strong for them, and the boys came back with the victory. We are hoping to play a few other fixtures against teams across the county, so look out for the results in our newsletter. We are waiting for our kit to come back from the printers, who are adding our logo to them. This has been a real team effort from our parents, and we are incredibly grateful for what you have done for the school.

We hope the weather clears up for you over the weekend, and you're able to access some enjoyable activities.

We'll see everyone Monday,

Katie & Tunde

JUNO - Annabelle



We finished off the last half term with a trip to the park. All of Juno enjoyed the experience and it was nice to make the most of a dry afternoon! We also ended up with some keen bird watchers by the end of the week too. They used the bird seed in quiet spaces outside the classroom and turned the learning space into a quiet room that could be used to observe how many birds came to eat the seed.

We started this week with lots of crafts and sensory tasks including water bead play, making cloud dough and using boxes to design and build trains and robots. The cloud dough was made in the school kitchen and the class did superbly in their new allocated roles for that task. This activity is designed to help understanding of group rules and support positive social interactions to achieve a shared goal.

We have also introduced newspapers and news reports into our English lessons, so we have been talking about the 6 mystery Thomas the Tank engines that have started to wreak havoc in a local village! In Science and Geography, we have been exploring different types of rocks and how the earth is made up of layers- we have some keen minecraft players so they have shared their existing knowledge on this leading to some lovely group interactions. Well done on a busy and full first week back Juno!

GENESIS - Aimee W

It has been lovely welcoming the students back after half term and we have loved hearing what they all got up to. They have started to look at new reports in English this week and will be working towards writing their own next week. Some students have started working on ratio and scale drawings in Maths and they have been fantastic! Students enjoyed a visit from the ambulance service, where they explored the ambulance and practiced wrapping pretend injuries with the bandages. It was lovely to see them engaging in conversation with unfamiliar adults. Everyone enjoyed their trip to the forest where they used a bin bag and materials to make their own kites, they all shared some great ideas and loved testing them out on the hill.



GATEWAY - Christina

We had a fantastic week! We have been making kites in Forest Schools. Students have been able to show off their creative and imagination skills during this task. In English, we have been exploring language in poetry. We have been able to explore poems that use personification and discuss how the author has given objects feelings. We have been using our scientific skills during Science experiments. Students have been exploring the PH levels of soils and other items. They have been using PH testing kits and using PH scales to investigate if the item was acidic, alkaline or neutral. During RSE, we have been exploring changes during puberty and what we may need to do when going through puberty e.g. shaving. We had a visit from the East Midlands Ambulance Service. Students were able to explore the equipment the paramedics used and they were able to sit in the front of the ambulance and sound the sirens.



CALIPSO - Sam S

What an amazing week back to school! The students have been excited about their new topics for this term. In Geography, we have been learning about natural disasters and earthquakes where we have made our own tectonic plates and fault lines. In English, we have been learning about Pompeii and reading the text 'Escape from Pompeii'. During Maths, we have started to learn about ratio and scale and we have explored the best ratios for dough making. We have particularly enjoyed learning about the Buddhist way of life and finding different countries on a world map. On Tuesday, we had the ambulance service in and enjoyed finding out more about this career pathway.



RANGER - Susie and Vicki

In Cooking this week, Ranger made sausage rolls which smelled and tasted delicious - sorry if they didn't make it home to share - the students couldn't resist eating them!

We had an exciting visit from the Ambulance Service this week and lots of the young people were excited to have injuries. The best bit was getting to sit in the driver's seat and sound the siren.



VIKING - Hilary

In Viking this week, we have been exploring the differences between Tabloid and Broadsheet newspapers. We have had a lot of fun making up puns to create our own headline. We also had a go at writing our own newspaper articles and came up with some really imaginative ideas for them.

In Science, we have been delving further into classification of organisms. Did you know that there are 8.7 million different species of animal in the world? We used sweets to create our own classification charts.



ACE - Zak

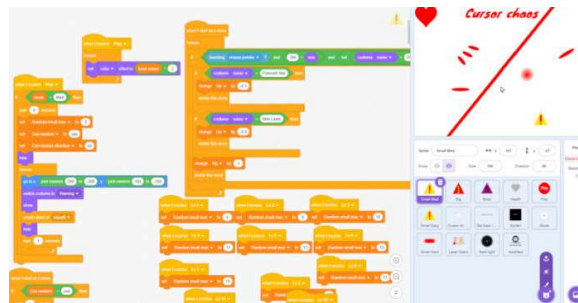
On Monday morning, we had a lovely catch-up during social communication as we missed seeing each other over half term. We have started our Bronze Arts Award in Art which is an equivalent of a GCSE when completed, so we have started researching and developing skills for that. We had careers day on Friday which was exciting as we are now starting to think seriously about what kind of job we want in the future. Our highlight of the week was the paramedics coming in with their ambulance to talk to us on Tuesday, we loved it despite the loud sirens!



MARINER - Simon

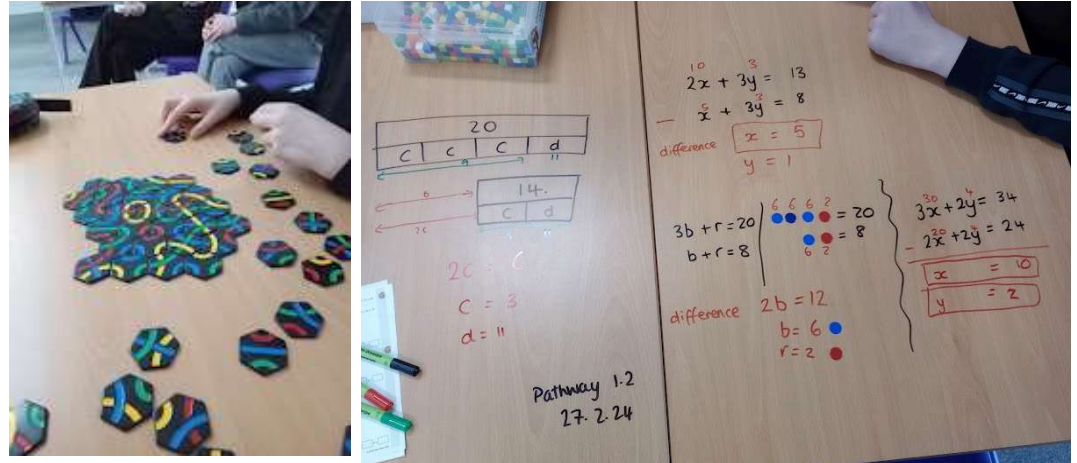
This week in Mariner, we have settled well into our routines and engaged really well in lessons. It's a short term, but we have lots of learning planned, including Animals and Wildlife in Science, Health and Hygiene in PSHE, Competition in PE and Ratio and Multiplication in Maths.

Highlights this week have been an excellent cooking session where we made Chicken Tikka Pizzas, successful Forest School sessions and some excellent coding for Dylan and Oscar made his debut for the school football team.



AQUARIUS - Katie

In Aquarius this week, the boys have enjoyed playing a new game, Tantrix, which is tiles that must match up the colours at all points to create loops with no gaps anywhere - there are multiple ways to play, solo or multiplayer. Lennon and Lukas have particularly been drawn to playing it.



In Maths with upper school, we are studying Algebra this half term and begun with Simultaneous Equations; Josh, Callum and Caden worked really well together to showcase different ways of solving the unknowns using various methods and resources as seen in the image above.

NEW HORIZONS - Jenni

New Horizons has been quiet this week with member illness. Those of us that have been in have been talking about preparing ourselves for events, such as packing our bags for our Trip to Red Ridge next week or wearing warm clothes when there is going to be a change in the weather.

On Tuesday, we had an ambulance and a paramedic visit the school and students were given the opportunity to explore the ambulance and ask any questions they may have.



We have also seen students taking more responsibility for Elphie - bathing and feeding her and tidying her enclosure without being asked.

SWIFT - Sam R

In Swift, we've transitioned to our newly furnished Media Suite, transforming it into our vibrant tutor base and classroom. As we settle into this fresh environment, students are actively contributing their ideas on how to personalise the space to suit both tutoring and classroom needs. We also had a visit from the paramedic team which allowed our students to gain a feel for a career and to experience what an ambulance is like inside and to put on the sirens.



In our Computing sessions, we've embarked on an exciting creative endeavour utilising Green Screen Technology for video editing. With the spacious layout allowing multiple students to film and edit simultaneously, the class is brimming with imaginative ideas and projects in the making.



In addition, in our optional computing sessions, we've delved into the fascinating realm of data representation, exploring how systems utilise binary code for various functions, such as controlling lights.

Meanwhile, in PE, our focus extends beyond physical skills to encompass teamwork and sportsmanship. Through collaborative activities, students learn the importance of graceful behaviour in both victory and defeat. We encourage reflection on performance, highlighting areas for improvement while celebrating successes and identifying contributing factors to progress.

STARDUST - Sam P

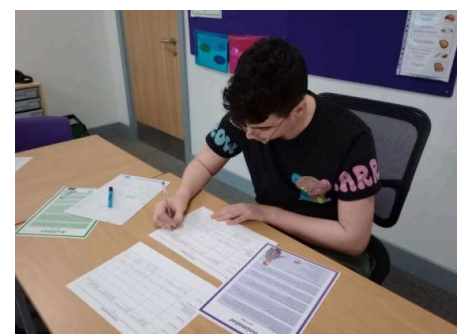
In our Social Communication lessons this week, we have been looking at Buddhism and the life of Buddha. Felix, Ethan and John are starting to demonstrate their independent research skills by using BBC Bitesize to help them answer questions about Buddha.



In English this week, all students have been getting creative. They have been practicing descriptive writing using a selection of different images and prompts. Caden and Josh have written some excellent pieces this week by appealing to the reader's senses. In Pathway 1 Group 1, students have been challenging themselves with some advanced language techniques including oxymorons, antithesis and innuendo.

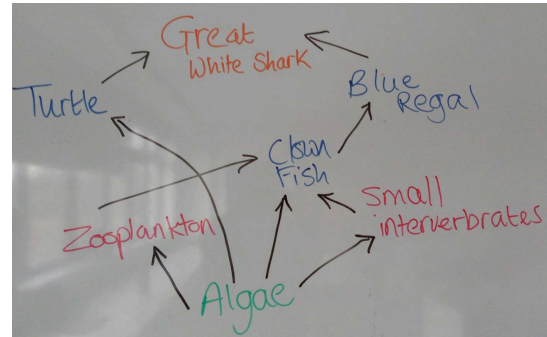
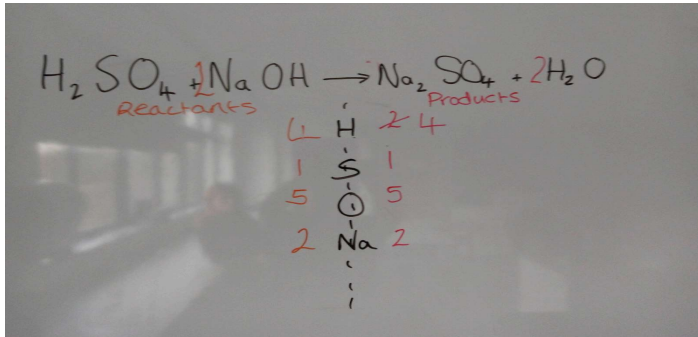


Our focus for PSHE this week has been the careers of our relatives and local community. Students came up with some great questions for a careers survey before researching a selection of different job profiles.



SCIENCE - Laura, Nic and Tom

This week Pathway 1 students have been covering C1 -Atomic structure and Periodic table. We have almost finished the whole Chemistry curriculum, including balancing equations.



Pathway 2 students have been continuing with Ecology and have been discovering in the ocean that the Blue Tang (Dory) would actually eat the Clown fish (Nemo).

FOREST SCHOOL - Karen and Penny

We have had an amazing week in the forest and getting back into the swing of things. The bulbs that we had planted in the autumn term have now started to bloom and make the forest look beautiful. In Key Stage 2, we have been learning about 'Air' in the 4 elements of the universe. The students have played the 'screeching' game as well as the staff! We have been exploring the air by making plastic kites and windsocks. In Key Stage 3, we have been focusing on woodland management and pruning the trees and bushes. In Key Stage 4, we have continued with the bridge and developed our whittling skills. We have also learnt how to use the 'Kelly Kettle' to boil water for our hot chocolate.



OTHER NEWS



The Fusion Academy Celebrating Achievements

Viking class for welcoming in their new classmate



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have decided to raise money for their chosen charities - Cancer Research and The Royal British Legion - by holding a 'Fusion's Got Talent' Show. Both students and staff have been invited to sign up as acts and, so far, it looks to be a really exciting evening! Tickets will be sold on the door for 50p so please put the date in your diary and come to support us! Further information will follow.

Fusion's Got Talent

Come, enjoy the fun and witness the amazing skills of our students and staff.

Thursday 21st March 2024
6pm to 7pm
At Fusion Academy
Tickets 50p. Refreshments available

Raising money for Cancer Research and The Royal British Legion

ECO COMMITTEE

The School Eco-Committee needs your help!!



From 4th March 2024, we are launching a Recycling Project where we will be collecting empty crisp packets. The Eco Committee will then wash these and make them into foil blankets for the homeless. One blanket takes roughly 150 packets and our goal is to make at least 10!

To help us achieve this, all we need you to do is to save your empty crisp packets and send them into school. You might want to spread the word and tell family and friends what we are doing so they can help too.

We will have dedicated containers around school to place the packaging in and would like to reach our goal by the end of the school year. Please support us! Your rubbish could save somebody's life.

Careers & Next Steps



★ Reminder for our fast approaching 'Moving On Event' on Thursday 14th March - this will link in with our parents' evening, where families are welcome to pop into our

main hall to meet with Post 16 Providers to discuss options and find out information that can support the pathway for your young person. Further information is being sent out over the next week.



★ Q&A with Hannah - Our Careers Advisor Hannah is on hand to answer any questions you have in relation to anything post 16. We have created a Google Form for you to submit your questions. We will share the answers for the general questions received each half term, as it may support other families with the same questions. Click this

link to submit your question; [Post-16 Q&A with Hannah](#)

MOVING ON EVENT

FUSION ACADEMY

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2 - 6PM

COME AND JOIN OUR FIRST MOVING ON EVENT. AN AFTERNOON TO MEET POST 16 PROVIDERS, INCLUDING LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGES.

CONFIRMED PROVIDERS:

- SENSE COLLEGE
- LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE
- LLEP
- SMB COLLEGE

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE FUSION ACADEMY, MOORE ROAD, BARWELL, LEICESTER, LE9 8AG

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office@thefusionacademy.co.uk



Support

Here are some resources that may be supportive for our families.

- ★ [Barnardos - Support for Families](#)
- ★ [Rise - Parent Support - Warwickshire](#)
- ★ [Parent Hub \(Action for Children\)](#)



Please see the below link for the e-safety newsletter:

<https://openthinkingpartnership.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/OTP-News-letter-january-TK.pdf>

World Book Day

Next **Thursday 7th March** is World Book Day and, as usual, we will be dressing up for it here at The Fusion Academy.

Or should I say Dressing Down.....

This year we have decided that we will be coming to school in our pyjamas!

Bedtime is a time that a lot of us choose to read so we thought it would be fun to wear our pyjamas, dressing gowns, slippers, onesies etc. Bring in our favourite books to share and, if you want to, a favourite bedtime toy!

For one day only, Thursday 7th March, **come to school in your pyjamas!**

Please don't feel you have to come in your pyjamas – you can come in your loungewear if you prefer.



SEND Hub
COFFEE AND CONNECTIONS
For parents run by parents

A group for parents and carers of SEND children in Leicestershire.

10:30- 12:00pm drop in
second and fourth Friday of the month

9th February, 8th March, 22nd March, 12th April, 26th April,
 10th May, 24th May, 14th June, 28th June



**@ The Hub, Tay Road,
 New Lubbesthorpe,
 LE19 4BF**

All welcome - join us
 for a hot drink and
 biscuits a chat and,
 information



**Children of all ages
 welcome**



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Come to our Birmingham Open Rehearsals on 24 February and 9 March 2024.
 Apply online 23 February - 24 March 2024. More information at noyo.org.uk

GREEN TOWERS
Hinckley Club 4 Young People

Easter Club

- FREE SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS
- £1.50 PER SESSION FOR MEMBERS
£3.00 PER SESSION FOR NON MEMBERS
- BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED FOR ALL CHILDREN
- DRINKS PROVIDED FOR ALL CHILDREN
- LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES

8 - 18 yrs

25th - 28th
March
9am - 12pm

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE CONTACT US ON
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EMAIL OFFICE@GREENTOWERS.CO.UK**

Richmond Road, Hinckley LE10 0DZ

Diary Dates

- ★ Red Ridge Residential Trip - Group 1: Monday 4th March - Wednesday 6th March
- ★ Red Ridge Residential Trip - Group 2: Wednesday 6th March - Friday 8th March
- ★ Holwell Pastures Residential Meeting: Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 4pm - 5pm

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