

19th April 2024

INTRODUCTION

Hi All,

This week, I come to you with news of a fundraiser that is happening over the summer holidays.

As the school has increased in capacity over the last few years, our younger students have highlighted a glaring omission from our recreational spaces. A real lack of good climbing equipment. However, this stuff isn't cheap, so we're looking at different sources to help us raise money for some new equipment.

One of these will be a fundraiser that will involve members of the school staff (including us!) taking on the Three Peaks Challenge in Yorkshire. We'll be asking for donations around the local community and if you as parents have any advice or support you can give, that would be fantastic! Once we've worked out a way to start raising money, we'll send out links so you can share them amongst people you know too.

Back to this week, we've been privileged to see the power of teamwork and class support in both Lower School and Upper School.

In Upper School, the students moved the goalposts from our ball court over to our freshly mown field and then cleared away all the excess grass. This means now that the weather is, for the most part, cleared up, the students can use the field for their lunchtime football games.

In Lower School, one class showed exactly what the school wants to instil in our students. A member of their class, struggling for confidence, was celebrated for overcoming their fear of speaking in public by answering questions in class in front of his peers. Everyone in his class understood the impact and magnitude of this moment and were all brilliant in celebrating with him.

As ever, we hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable weekend,

Katie & Tunde

JUNO - Annabelle

We have had a beautiful week in Juno. There has been so much imaginative play and interaction and we have made the most of this sunshine, taking as much of the play and learning outside as possible. We are continuing our work on Kung Fu Panda by starting to read the book. This is helping us to incorporate sentence building, spelling and engagement for our English lessons. In Science, we have started work on living things and their habitats which links incredibly well with the independent play that the children take part in when they are outside collecting and looking after bugs.

In Computing, the class are loving the use of the green screen and are continuing their work with Kate on their short clips. The class also helped Annabelle celebrate her birthday this week. They were able to lead the activities they wanted to do that afternoon and had shown kindness and understanding around this social event. This linked beautifully to the work in RE on celebrations and ceremonies and we saw some incredible engagement with the work we have started on how different religions celebrate the birth of a child.

To finish, the class now has a 'chubby bunny' champion in Albie, who challenged Annabelle to a game and he miraculously managed 6 marshmallows compared to Annabelle's 5 before it got too much!



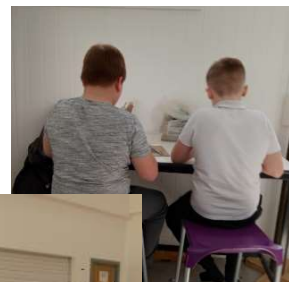
GENESIS - Aimee W

We have had a fun week in Genesis! We started with swimming again and it was great to have more students join us in the pool this week, even if that meant there was a lot more splashing going on!! The students have enjoyed creating clay models in Art with Anne and have created some wonderful human body sculptures. We saw some lovely interactions between two students, with one of them offering support to their peer when he was finding it challenging.

We shared a space with Juno for our PE lesson, creating our own sensory circuit using different pieces of equipment. It was amazing to watch the students interacting with each other and taking turns.

One of our students worked with Penny in the forest, he listened to the instructions and displayed safe behaviour whilst using the tools.

We are so proud of one of our students who is beginning to take his ear defenders off for a short period of time throughout the week. He was inspired by a peer from another class.



GATEWAY - Christina

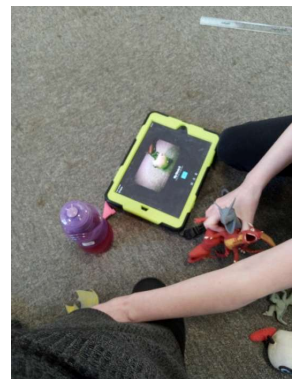
We've had a great week in Gateway. The young people have been working on their mock SATs exams where they have shown great tenacity and perseverance. In Forest Schools, we have been doing tool work and learning



about the different types of saws. We have been exploring editing images and using green screens where the pupils have been showing off their technical skills in Computing. During Science, we have been exploring ectothermic and endothermic animals. They have also been investigating the characteristics of different mammals based on their features and life cycle.

CALIPSO - Sam S

Calipso students have continued to work hard this week and have been putting their new learning from last week into practice. We would like to show you some photos from our enterprise day that the students absolutely loved. The students had to design a new theme park including the name, tickets, food stalls, etc. This week, we have been



working on our own self-improvement goals in PE and identifying how we can get better at different sports or techniques. In Computing, we have been learning about different types of photos and videos. Some of us created our own stop motion video and included sounds in it. Amazing work. In our Forest sessions, we have been creating backdrops for our stage performances using techniques we have learnt to do over the past year.



RANGER - Susie and Vicki

This week in English, we have been looking at the opening scene from Willy Russell's 'Our Big Day Out'.

The young people have been focusing on character profiles and using adjectives to describe them.

In Maths, we have been looking at linear and non-linear sequencing.

To finish the week off, we will be starting our work on the industrial revolution in History and a fun session in the Forest to end the week.



VIKING - Hilary



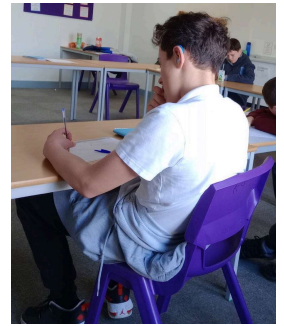
On Friday, we had a lot of fun in Viking creating a theme park for the STEM Enterprise Day. We designed, costed and built Roller coasters, restaurants and other facilities that we thought would be needed to make our theme park successful.

The weather on Monday was very windy which prevented us from going down to the Forest. However, we were still able to enjoy a lot of Forest based activities in our classroom, such as learning how to tie Reef Knots and playing Forest Noughts and Crosses.

In Science, we have been learning about the structure of the Earth and the Rock Cycle and in Cooking we made Parfaits based on the 4 different layers of the Earth: Crust, Mantle, Outer Core and Inner Core.

ACE - Zak

During English, Ace class have explored the different characters in Willy Russell's play 'Our Big Day Out', especially Mr Briggs who is the strict teacher and Mrs Kay who is the kind teacher. We have built our confidence in Maths at doing linear and non-linear sequencing. In Science, we have looked at the rock cycle and weathering. On Friday, we designed our own roller coasters and theme parks for Enterprise which was great fun and we improved our dodgeball skills in PE.



MARINER - Simon

Another positive week in Mariner, with lots of engagement. In Maths, we have continued our work on multiplication by looking at applications to things like graph reading and converting units. In English, we have looked at Non-Fiction writing styles, specifically persuasive and descriptive writing.

Across the week, we have also done our usual activities like cooking, shopping and PE, with some really positive behaviour shown across the class. Dylan has seen an improvement in his attendance and engaged in sessions with Becky. Oscar has engaged well in Maths in particular and when using IT in his English work, and Jacob has done well in GCSE Maths and excelled in his "5-ingredient challenge" in Cooking. We also really enjoyed tasting some Romanian treats that Alex had brought in from home.

Topic 1: Football

Write a persuasive sentence about football.

Adam johnson is the greatest football player bcs he has a very good left foot

Topic 2: School Uniforms

Write a persuasive sentence about school uniforms.

Your Sentence: k

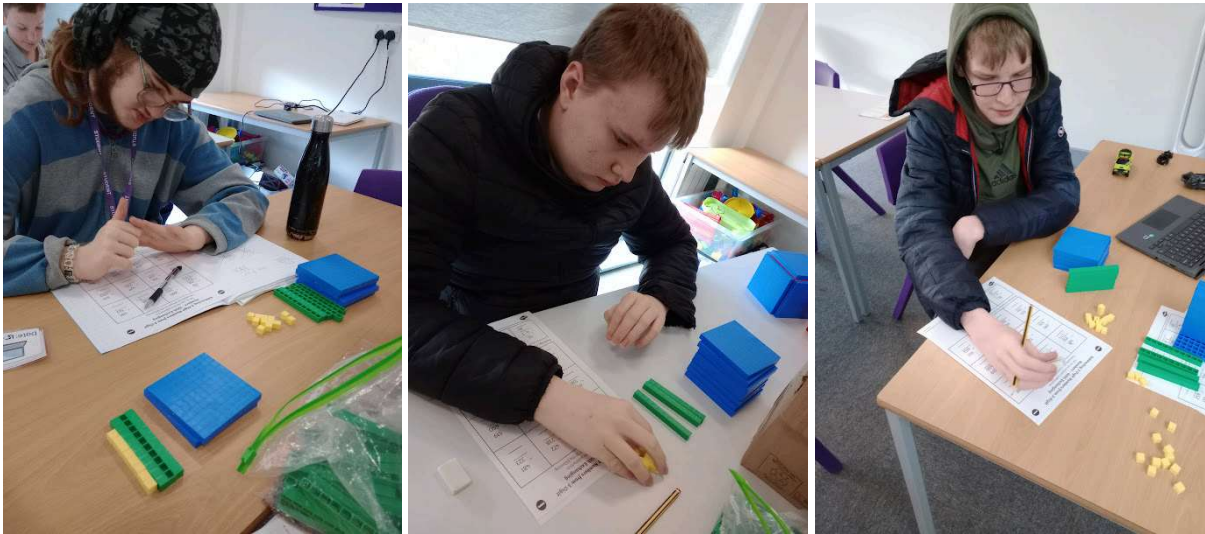
Topic 3: Recycling

Write a persuasive sentence about recycling.

Your Sentence: recycling is good bcs it saves animals. Every time u recycle think about how ur saving them stupid little turtles



AQUARIUS - Katie



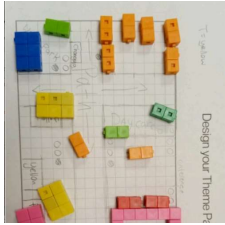
Some students in the upper school pathway Maths classes have found using the concrete resource of Dienes (units, tens and hundreds blocks) really useful to show the exchanging (or 'borrowing' as most of us know it to be) when subtracting numbers. They have then applied this same strategy and knowledge to decimal numbers and have not needed the blocks or place value grids at all, because they've remembered the process! In all classes, we've continued with our Number topic, but various lessons have taken place where students have calculated with decimals, integers and fractions so far. We will be working on types of numbers (factors, multiples, primes, etc.). Lots of jokes and funny voice impressions have made us giggle in lessons this week - I think the stand out was Allegra's duck impression!

NEW HORIZONS - Jenni

It has been a quiet week in New Horizons. We have been continuing to practise our conversational skills - Thinking about what questions we could ask each other to find out more about our peers. We have also been discussing money which some students were looking at in Life Skills / PSHE where we have been thinking about the different things we like to spend our money on and the things the adults in our class are made to - like boring bills! Last week, we enjoyed Enterprise day together and have continued to add some bits to our theme park this week too.



SWIFT - Sam R





In Swift, our students embarked on an exhilarating enterprise day where they became visionaries, designing their very own theme parks from scratch. From conceptualising the park layout to crafting unique rides, they brought their imaginations to life. With a budget of £5 million, they meticulously calculated the cost of their parks, ensuring every penny was well-spent. Additionally, each student crafted a captivating logo, adding a touch of



professionalism to their park designs.

In Computing this week, our students continued their journey in the realm of branding by delving into the design principles of digital graphics. Armed with newfound knowledge, they embarked on the exciting task of creating logos for their brands, laying the foundation for their future ventures.

Symmetrical balance logo example	Insert image: 	How does this logo show Symmetrical balance? The logo shows symmetry by the amount of lines that can be placed along it to reflect a whole shape.
Asymmetrical balance logo example	Insert image: 	How does this logo show Asymmetrical balance? The logo shows balance as the shapes and colours are continued within a circle.

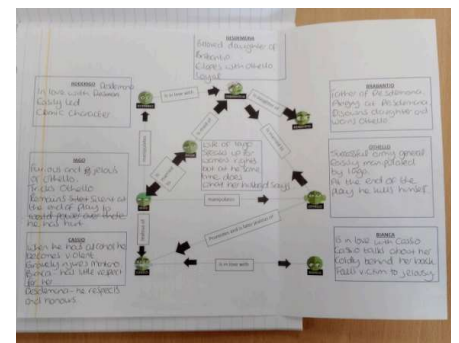
In PE, our students immersed themselves in mini football tests, meticulously analysing their performance data. This data serves as the basis for creating FIFA-style ratings, providing valuable insights into their individual strengths and areas for improvement.

STARDUST - Sam P

Students in Stardust have been enjoying the changeable weather this week from standing in the wind and hail to relaxing in the sunshine - they have embraced everything the weather has to offer. On Thursday, the group also worked alongside a number of other students to rake and clear the football field ready for the first grass game of the season.



In English, we have been exploring and uncovering more about the characters and themes in the play 'Othello' as well as getting to grips with the tricky Shakespearean language. Henry and Theo have excelled at recalling the plot and character details in our mini quizzes showing a good grasp of the story already.



Other students in Pathway 1 have demonstrated their independent learning skills by using a selection of sources to create character profiles to add to their character maps.



In PSHE this week, we have been looking at banter, boundaries and bullying. There were some very sensible discussions about when banter goes too far. Jude and Lennon offered some great responses to statements, such as "If someone is my friend, we can banter about whatever we like".

SCIENCE - Laura, Nic and Tam

Pathway 1 students have been finishing C1 the Periodic Table and on Thursday, they had completed their end of unit test.

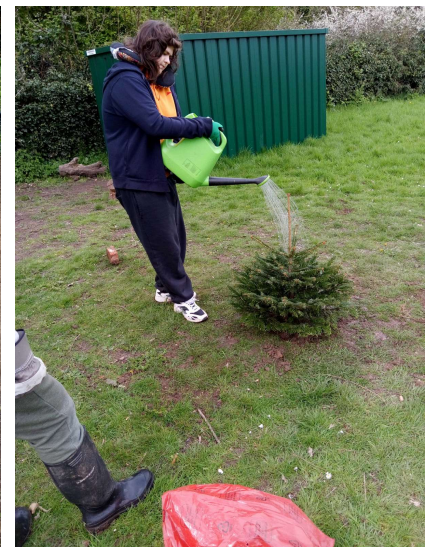
Pathway 2 students have been looking at erosion, weathering and the rock cycle. On Friday, they will be attempting to demonstrate the rock cycle using Chocolate. We will share photos with you in next week's newsletter.

FOREST SCHOOL - Karen and Penny

It is nice to see the forest canopy starting to green and create a colourful backdrop in our learning. We have all been busy in the forest trying to prepare it for our performances. In our options groups, we have been busy sawing up a rotten tree stump that has been stopping us from using the other side of the forest. We have also been filling up some of the holes on the paths and we have planted a Christmas tree in the forest area. Once it has grown, the idea will be for each class to add winter decorations to it.

In lower school, the students have been learning the safety talks and starting to use the bow saw and hand saw. They have shown careful techniques following the rules brilliantly.

In upper school, the students have continued to develop and shape the guiros. They cannot wait to hear them when they are complete.



OTHER NEWS



The Fusion Academy Celebrating Achievements

Jaden



SCHOOL COUNCIL / ECO COMMITTEE

Another great week for our recycling project. We have been concentrating on cutting open the collected crisp packets, washing and drying them ready to iron together our next blanket. We are also investigating other potential items we could make for the homeless, including sleeping bags and kit bags.

To finish our products, we need to seal them in clear recyclable plastic. This would be the type that furniture companies or supermarkets use. If anybody is able to help us source this, please let the Eco Committee know. Thank you as always for your support.

			
		Crisp Packet Counter	
			Running Total
This Week (10.04.24)	227	1909	
Last Week	1022	1682	

Token Voting Scheme at Tesco

The Fusion Academy is currently on the Token Voting scheme at Tesco to provide some much-needed funding for the school.

If you go into any of the branches listed below (between now and June), please put a token into the Open Thinking Partnership slot and vote for us to receive the donation and help us fund a project to deliver a Fitness Suite at The Fusion Academy.

5495	Hinckley Express	Small unit	LE10 1HH
5902	Hinckley	Large unit	LE10 1UE
2070	Barwell Moore Express	Small unit	LE9 8AG

We could receive up to £1500, so make sure to drop in a counter (or 2) when you shop please!



Careers & Next Steps



- ★ **Future's newsletter** - Each half term, Hannah our careers advisor, will be collating useful information to send out to our families. Our first newsletter was sent out last week, if you have any difficulties receiving these please let us know.

- ★ **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. Click this link to submit your question; [Post-16 Q&A with Hannah](#)



Support

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

- ★ [The National Autistic Society- Parent Support](#)
- ★ [Resources for Autism/Families](#)
- ★ [Action For Children / Parent Support](#)



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

<https://openthinkingpartnership.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/E-safety-Newsletter-March-2024.pdf>

Student Work Placement Opportunities

At The Fusion Academy, we are looking to extend our current offer of workplace and community experience for our students. We are hoping for local employers, trainers and organisations to take our students on a placement and give them valuable experience in their setting.

If you know of anyone, whether that be an employer, organisation or trainer, please either complete this form or forward the link to someone who is able to help us. If you have any questions or information, please email simon.roadley@thefusionacademy.co.uk

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepVvYYOIKLyOh2u7Qf0OFtnqBAi142eBSqj0QAVKdFi2VKGQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Imagination Station

at The Hub, Hathern.



Activities include:

- Healthy Cookery to support a healthy balanced lifestyle 
- Creativity including STEM 
- Clay 
- Computer Design
- Games

2024 Dates:

25th - 28th March
3rd - 5th April
27th - 31st May
15th - 19th July
22nd - 26th July
29th July - 2nd August
5th - 9th August
12 - 16th August

Daily Cost from £25
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A group for parents and carers of SEND children in Leicestershire.

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

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

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TheEpicAcademy






Epic Academy is running a 2 day football camp at Hinckley Parks for all year groups.

Please see the QR code on the flyer above to book your place on our EPIC football camp.

Click the link to book -

<https://epicacademy.kidsclubhq.co.uk/rdr?u=book&id=11476&t=2024-05-30>



Diary Dates

- ★ May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed): Monday 6th May 2024
- ★ May Half Term Break: Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024
- ★ School Opens: Monday 3rd June 2024
- ★ Parents' Evening: Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 4pm - 6.30pm (More information to follow on how to book your slot)

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