

26th April 2024

INTRODUCTION

Hi All,

We're not sure we have enough space to tell you about all the things that have happened this week at Fusion, but we'll give it a good go!

On Monday, some of our students competed in an Equestrian competition for students with additional needs. The girls have not been horse riding long, so to enter their first competition so soon was a massive achievement. We're incredibly proud of all of them for representing themselves and the school so well.



We have restarted our sessions at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and this week started with a splash, as Jude ended up in the water! We have a good working relationship with the LOPC and the confidence and joy it brings the young people is something we feel is incredibly important to their progress in school.

As part of the 'Unbox Your Future' project, some of the students were able to work on a canal boat to see what careers there are working on the canals of Leicestershire. The students had a great time, and came back feeling really positive about their experiences.

At the Fusion Academy, we support students with their social interactions and development every single day. However, we know that there are times when things spill over into the home - especially on social media. We will do all we can to help resolve conflict, however if you are looking for extra support, this website may be of use to you.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The final team of teachers doing the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge to raise money for new playground equipment has been sorted, with Tunde, Aimee, Leah, and Annabelle taking on the 24 mile hike. Kate will be there as our 'just in case' driver and will be sorting supplies at the two midway points between the three peaks. Look out for our Just Giving link across our different social media pages in the coming days. Please share far and wide as we look to raise as much money as possible to get the best equipment for the students.

All the Best,

Katie & Tunde



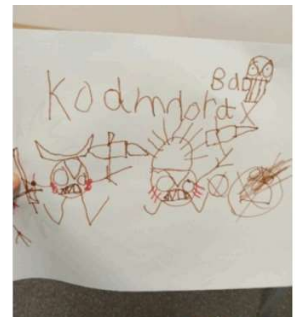
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JUNO - Annabelle

This week has gone by very quickly in Juno. We are excited for our cinema trip at the end of the term and are continuing on with our work linked to *Kung Fu Panda* in English, RSE and Social Communication.

We have celebrated multiple birthdays recently from staff and students across the school and this has led to some beautiful interactions and celebrations of each other. Juno really enjoys making others feel welcome when they come into the classroom, and for RE we have started to create an extremely welcoming environment with confetti cannons and cheers if someone enters the room! This is alongside learning about how different religions celebrate the birth of a new baby. In our OT sessions, we made elephant toothpaste and had to don all the right PPE! And finally, we are seeing more and more of the talents of our young people with more and more engagement with displaying their interests through writing and drawing. Keep progressing Juno, you are doing brilliantly!



GENESIS - Aimee W

Another busy week in Genesis this week. The students' confidence is continuing to grow in our swimming sessions. We ventured into the deep end this week and were really impressed with all of them.

We had a very exciting Tuesday afternoon as the students had kindly planned a birthday party for me in their RE celebrations lessons this half term. We enjoyed cake and treats and then became very competitive in a variety of different party games. We saw some lovely interactions between the students in our class and those that they had chosen to invite.

We have started to create our own street art in our Art and Design lessons with Anne, we saw some great creativity from the students as they started to develop their own designs. We can't wait to see the final results. As always, everyone has continued to work extremely hard in our English and Maths lessons where we have planned and created our own non-chronological reports and started to look at 3D shapes, as well as practising for the upcoming SATs for our year 6's.



GATEWAY - Christina

We've had a great week in Gateway. We have been creating our own play script scenes in English. Our class has been using their imagination skills to create characters and a dialogue between characters. In Forest Schools, we have been working on our tool skills by whittling wood and creating shapes and objects from wood.

Our class has shown their brilliance with camera and editing skills using a green screen and an editing app. They have been using their own problem solving skills to work out how to edit their image or video using the app. In History, we have been exploring the Roman Empire and how Julius Caesar affected life in Britain. Students were using their curiosity and teamwork skills to build bridges as the Romans would have to cross multiple borders.



CALIPSO - Sam S

What an amazing week we have had in Calipso. In our Forest session last week, we learnt how to use the hand and bow saws carefully to cut pieces of wood for the fire and worked well as part of a team. Last week in Art, we looked at using different mediums to create our art work. We have been enjoying our new text 'Our trip out' and finding out about education and life in the 1970s. We have come to the conclusion that we definitely do not like Briggsy! In Maths, we are linking our knowledge of linear and non-linear sequences to algebraic notation. During Science, we have been learning about gestation and have started to compare human and animal cycles.



RANGER - Susie and Vicki

It's been a great week in Ranger. We started the week cooking a class favourite - gingerbread - again!! As they enjoyed it so much last time, they wanted to make it again. In English, we have been comparing different characters from the play we are studying, 'Our Day Out' by Willy Russell. We have been using our knowledge of linear sequences in Maths to put them into algebraic equations - tricky, but the students did really well. We had lots of fun in Science this week investigating the rock cycle and recreating this using chocolate.



VIKING - Hilary



Great excitement in the Forest School for Viking this week! As we arrived for our activities, we found a small bird sitting on the path looking as though it needed our help. We scooped it up and moved it to a safe place and gave it some water. Later on, we checked on it and found some other birds had joined it and seemed to be protecting it. We think it made a full recovery once it had rested for a while.

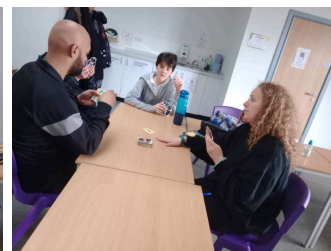
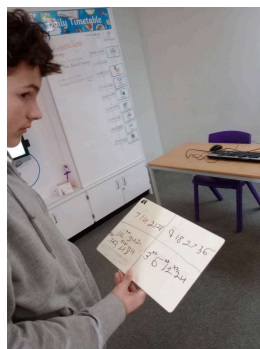
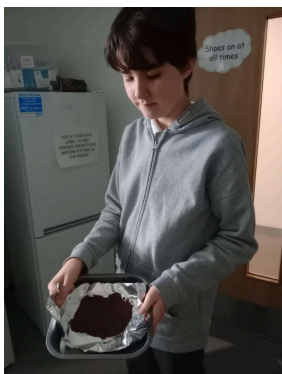
We played 'Game of Trust' where one person is blindfolded and is guided through the forest by another person giving instructions. We were all very brave and listened well to the guidance we were given.

In Art, we have chosen different media to work with and develop our skills over the next few weeks. Some of us have chosen materials whilst others have chosen sketching, colour, topography, collage or painting.

In History, we held a Murder Mystery event to discover how Mrs Miggins died in 1854. We looked at the evidence and collected our ideas on The Wall of Certainty. Sadly, living conditions during the Industrial Revolution were not very good!

ACE - Zak

What a 'hands on' practical fun packed week it has been for Ace students! We used chocolate in Science to consolidate our understanding of the process of the rock cycle, looking at the three main rock types: sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous. During Maths, we have been creating our own interesting and exciting linear and non-linear sequences and have now started to look at indices. We finally went to Loughborough and got to go on a canal boat too thanks to Peter Le Marchant Trust and for those who missed it this week in class, we get to go again next week too!



MARINER - Simon

In Mariner this week, we've worked hard on multiplicative change for translating graphs in Maths. We have created our own household gadgets and used persuasive language to sell them in an advert. Ideas ranged from a new board game to a helmet that feeds vegetarians meat, to train them to behave! We've had a lot of fun this week and enjoyed games as a group and with other classes. Finally in Cooking this week, Jacob did an excellent job making chicken stir fry from scratch for us to enjoy.



AQUARIUS - Katie



What a great week for Maths in Upper School Pathway groups - we have used so many resources to help with our learning again. We've used fraction wheels and walls to show what equivalent fractions are and to help to convert fractions to equivalent ones to help with addition and subtraction of fractions; we've used cubes to make rectangles to help understand how to calculate factors of different numbers (for example if given 20 cubes, what size rectangle can you make? 1×20 , 2×10 , 4×5 ... these are the factors!); we've even ventured into the PE cupboard and borrowed some of the hoops to help with Highest Common Factor (HCF) and Lowest Common Multiple (LCM) where the numbers were a bit too tricky to work out by writing out lists, or some students to simply work out in their heads.

In Aquarius form, we've liked playing this new game we've acquired called Stakz which is helping with fine motor skills, turn-taking, communication skills and problem solving by matching colour or patterns. Also in Aquarius (mostly), we are focusing on a Finance Project where students are "renting their desks" (and Chromebooks) and earning \$F back by engaging in lessons - this is working towards a trip which I will inform you of more formally in due course, but so far the interaction of the project has generally been really positive.

NEW HORIZONS - Jenni

New Horizons have been talking about trying new foods this week and some of our members enjoyed making delicious Pizza Wraps, after watching a YouTube video about how to make them.

We have also been enjoying the weather improving and have spent more time outside - having a walk or playing with friends.

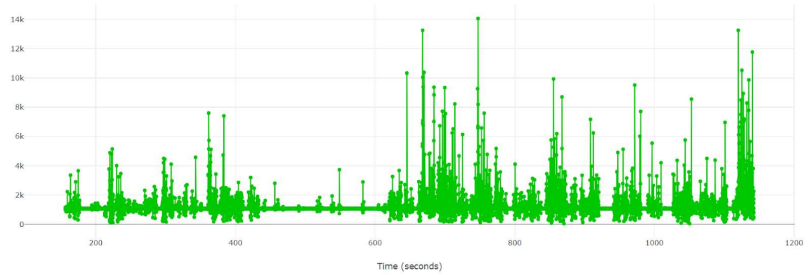
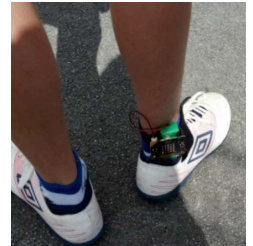


SWIFT - Sam R

In Swift this week, I'm thrilled to announce that our class received the award for the best finances during Enterprise day last week, recognizing our outstanding efforts in creating a theme park. I'm incredibly proud of our students' achievement!

In PE, we ventured into the fascinating realm of sports science. Our students had the opportunity to wear micro bits, tracking their movements and measuring the power in their shots and passes. The students were genuinely intrigued to see the data they had collected, further enhancing their understanding of sports performance.

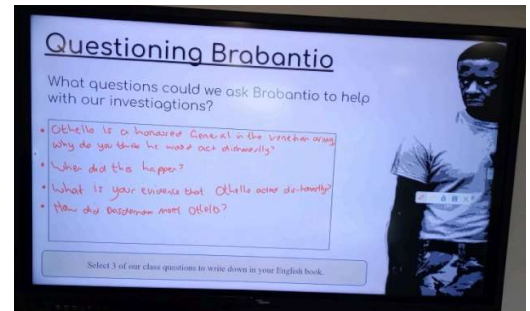
In Computing, our students have embarked on an exciting journey of digital branding for their chosen company or charity. They've been hard at work crafting digital designs and experimenting with various logo concepts. Soon, they'll make the important decision of selecting the perfect logo to represent their brand moving forward.



STARDUST - Sam P



Another great week of working together and supporting each other in Stardust. Several students stepped up to help and support one of our class team in completing their speaking and listening assessment. Later in the week, students pooled their knowledge of Fusion staff to try and solve the 'staff search' quiz set by Jenni which challenged students to identify staff by their computer search history.

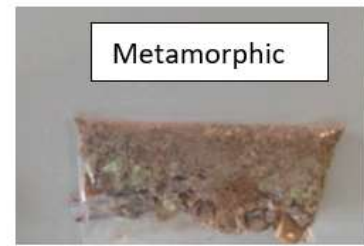


In English this week, Pathway 1 students have been investigating Othello and his actions in Act 1 of the play. Students in Pathway 1 Group 1 took on a range of roles including prosecution lawyers, defence lawyers and character witnesses in order to put Othello on trial for his abduction of Desdemona. In Pathway 1 Group 2, students put several characters including Iago, Brabantio and Othello under the spotlight as part of their police investigation into Othello's secret marriage to Desdemona. All students were super engaged in their preparations and role-playing and showed brilliant knowledge of the context and understanding of the start of the play - well done everyone!



In PSHE this week, we have been looking at respect, boundaries and consent. Lennon offered some great examples of what respect might look like and how being respected makes him feel. Students also had some sensible discussions about consent and how to gauge whether it was safe to consent in a range of scenarios.

SCIENCE - Laura, Nic and Tom



Photos of Pathway 2's Chocolate Rock Cycle. The Young People thoroughly enjoyed the weathering stage. Although eating the end igneous rock probably was the most enjoyable.

This week, Pathway 1 students have been bonding, not getting to know each other, but chemical bonding.

Pathway 2 students have been looking at the Earth's resources, the carbon cycle and development of the Earth's atmosphere.

FOREST SCHOOL - Karen and Penny

The forest is now looking ready for the summer, even though we are not seeing much of the sun. The students are determined to get it in shape for the summer and enjoy using it. We have improved the outdoor natural shelters and added more branches to them. We have tidied the pathways. In lower school, we have continued to develop our knowledge of the different tools. We have learnt to use the hand and bow saws, secateurs and loppers safely using the tool talks.

In upper school, we have had fun with nature by playing the blind fold game and trying to guess where we have been taken in the forest.



Other good news...

Our wellies and outdoor gear have now arrived and are being prepared for use in our outdoor learning programme.

Many thanks to Ernest Cook for the grant for the outdoor equipment for our students.

Donations:

We are looking for pallets to use in the forest. If anyone has any pallets, cable reels or tarps, please let us know.



OTHER NEWS



The Fusion Academy Celebrating Achievements

Kayah for being a supportive friend



SCHOOL COUNCIL / ECO COMMITTEE

Another successful week with 535 crisp packet donations. The response from the students and their families has been amazing and we now have some of the wider community collecting for us too. This week, we started work on our second blanket and have also contacted the Community Champion at Asda to source the plastic we need to seal the finished product.



Crisp Packet Counter



		Running Total
This Week (24.04.24)	535	2444
Last Week	227	1909

SCHOOL COUNCIL

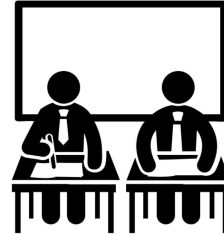
School council will be recognising International Anti Bullying Day which takes place on May 4th every year. The United Nations declared this day Anti Bullying Day as a reminder to stand alongside those who are bullied - regardless of their age, race or gender. We are asking students to wear odd socks on Friday May 3rd to mark the occasion.



Advanced notice - mock exams

A letter has been sent to Pathway 1 and Pathway 2 parents this week notifying them of mock exams taking place for students in June. The mock exams will take place on the following dates.

- Friday 7th June 1.30pm - Maths
- Tuesday 11th June 9am - English
- Wednesday 12th June 9am - Science



For further information, please see the letter.

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

★ Unbox Your Future Project - Peter Le Marchant Trust

This week marked our third session working with Peter Le Marchant Trust for our experiences of workplaces, linking in with the 'Unbox Your Future' project.



For the first two weeks, Angie came into school and shared information all about the trust and what they do supporting individuals in the community to access their canal boats. This week, we were very excited as we were able to come aboard and practise the skills Angie & the team had taught us. It will be our final session next week and

hopefully, we will be able to run this out to more classes across school in the future.

- ★ **Future's newsletter** - Each half term, Hannah our careers advisor, will be collating useful information to send out to our families. Our first newsletter has already been sent out. 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.

- ★ [Barnardos/Parents&Carers](#)
- ★ [SHOUT/Support](#)
- ★ [Family Hubs/Leicestershire](#)



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/1FAIpQLSepVyYYOIKLyOh2u7Qf0OFTnqBAi142eBSqi0QAVKdFi2VKGQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Imagination Station

at The Hub, Hathern.



THE HUB



EDUCATIONAL SERVICES C.I.C

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
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(9am - 3pm)

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8am - 6pm including breakfast

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Online

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**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

Children of all ages
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for a hot drink and
biscuits a chat and,
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Free taster session then £5 a session, pay in advance for a block of sessions. All equipment is provided.

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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 -

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Diary Dates

- ★ May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed): Monday 6th May 2024
- ★ School Photos: Tuesday 14th May
- ★ 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

Pathway 1 and Pathway 2 parents: An email has been sent out to book your slots.

All other students: Information to follow on how to book your slot after the May Half Term Break.

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