

28th June 2024

INTRODUCTION

Hello All,

The sun has been shining this week, and so have the students at The Fusion Academy.

We hope the sunny weather continues into next week, as we have our transition days and school trips to look forward to.

On Wednesday, our KS3 and KS4 students will be heading to Alton Towers, as we welcome our new KS2 students through our doors. When we're at Alton Towers, the students will be able to use their devices, however, we ask that you support them in making sensible decisions with their phones.

On Thursday, KS2 will be headed to Ninja Warrior for their school trip, and we know they're excited about showing off their excellent climbing and traversal skills.

Friday will see KS3 and KS4 transition into their new classes and groups for the next academic year. We know change in routine brings its own anxieties and worries, so we'll keep parents posted of any concerns that are raised during the day.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you to Fusion Fest in the last week of term. Preparations are well underway, and we're hoping for it to be slightly sunnier this year than it was last year!

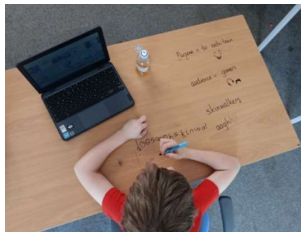
Have a great weekend,

Katie & Tunde

JUNO - Annabelle

This week has been a hot one! Juno class has joined forces with Genesis next door a lot this week to either share in lots of water play and outdoor games, or to enjoy the cooler calmness of the classrooms for Lego and games. It has been lovely seeing the students integrate well with one another, and it truly shows the progress that they have made over the last 10 months.

Last week was Art Week and the young people got to try out new skills, meet new professionals and experience new activities that were happening around the school. They were so open to some of the new challenges and experiences, and we watched in awe as they embraced each activity. Juno particularly enjoyed the cake baking task, the circus activities and designing our classroom door. They creatively chose 'Inside Out 2' and we won the certificate for being the most personal design!

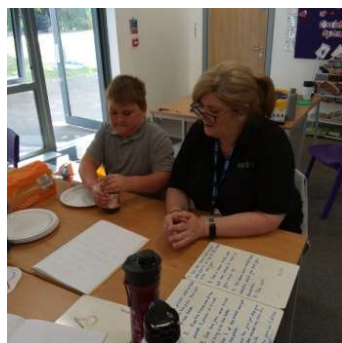


GENESIS - Aimee W

Wow, what a hot week! We have made the most of the hot weather by enjoying lots of water play to keep us cool. It was amazing to see the interactions with children from different classes and it really highlighted the progress that everyone has made throughout the year. The students were fantastic at meeting our expectations and respecting the boundaries we put in place to keep everyone safe.

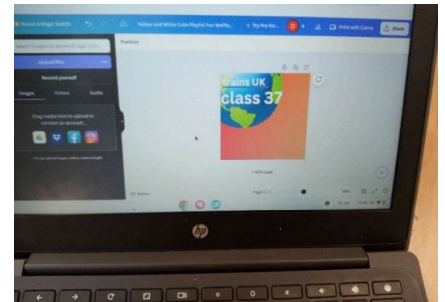
In English, we have looked at the features of instructions before using our checklist to create our own jam sandwich instructions. The aim was to make them as clear and detailed as possible as they were going to be followed EXACTLY by staff. Jan was great at following the instructions and some of the sandwiches ended up looking a bit funny.

We have also enjoyed completing our work outside in a shaded area to keep cool, playing sardines in the forest (this is a new favourite game) and learning about our shared interests in PSHE.



GATEWAY - Christina

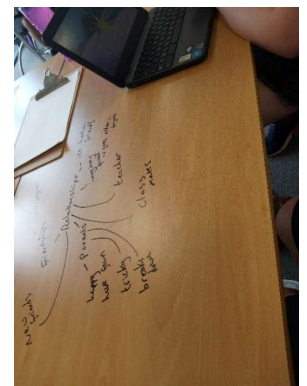
This week has been a fantastic week! We have been using our investigation skills in Science to explore how the body transports nutrients from the digestive system. We have also been investigating which part of the blood transports these nutrients to the rest of the body. Our class has been able to use their scientific skills to make predictions and conclusions.



In RSE, we have been learning about different types of relationships and how these change over time. Students have been using the events from 'Inside Out' to explore what could break relationships, but also how to rebuild them.

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In English, our class has been demonstrating their creative skills by creating diary entries. They have been exploring how to include emotive language to show feelings. Some students have been able to create a diary entry from an object's perspective and include emotion in this.



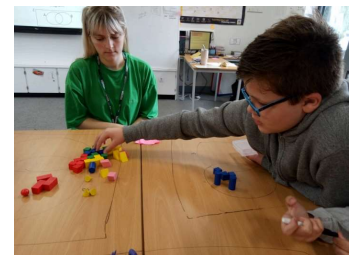
In Maths, we have been solving time problems linked to real life situations. Students have been able to show their understanding of reading timetables and calculating durations.

In Computing, we have been exploring how to design and create a webpage. Students have been able to use applications to make creative designs for a product of their choice.

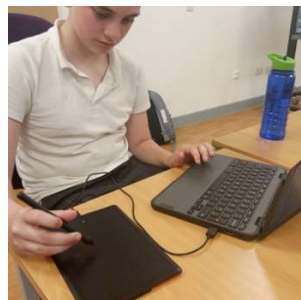
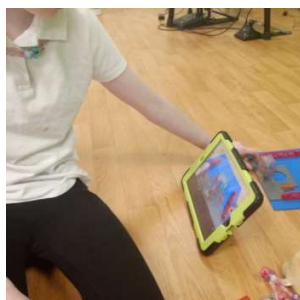
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CALIPSO - Sam S

We have had a great start to this week after Arts Week. We have some photos to share from the end of Arts Week as well. Sports day was a success and thank you to Simon for organising it. We had lots of fun in all of the races. The weather has been great and we have continued to work hard in lessons. In English, we have been creating story settings using interesting and vivid adjectives. We have continued to develop our knowledge of probability in Maths. We have also reviewed



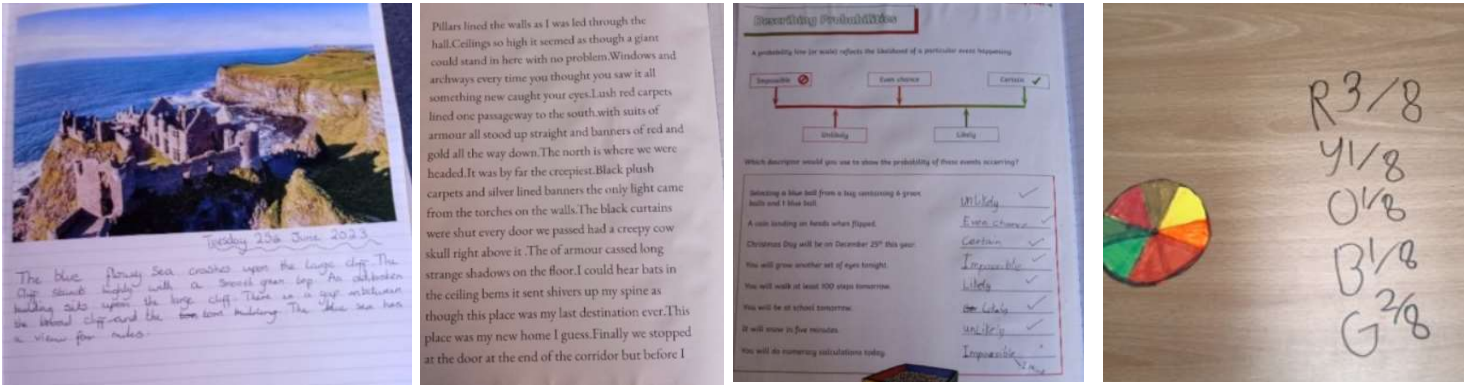
our knowledge of blood vessels in Science and have learnt about the purpose of the capillaries. We enjoyed recapping the



story of creation in RE and reflecting on our perspectives about the theory of the 'big bang' as well.

RANGER - Susie and Vicki

After the excitement of Arts Week, Ranger class has settled back into lessons. We have continued with probability in Maths and students have been making spinners and working out the probability of each colour. We then extended this to thinking about probability on a scale. In English, we had some beautiful pieces of writing based on the importance of the setting of a story and the language used to describe the setting. During Science, we learned about light waves and how tricks of the light can make objects disappear and turn writing the wrong way around!



VIKING - Hilary

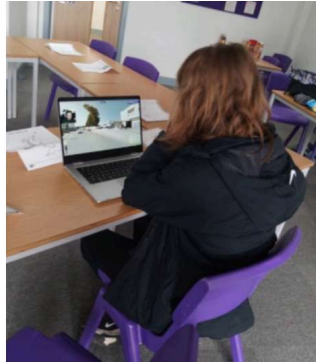


We couldn't resist sharing these photos of Viking students participating in the Yarn Bomb activity last week during Arts Week. They all really enjoyed themselves and worked hard to complete their wool squares.

Meanwhile, this week, we are back to work in the classroom and have been finding out all about light waves and sound waves in Science. In Maths, we have been learning about the language of probability; and, in English we have been having lots of fun subverting traditional stories - The 3 Little Pigs story will never be the same again!

ACE - Zak

After the fun of Sports day and Arts Week last week, we have still managed to have fun despite returning to follow our normal timetable. Well done to Bradley who made burgers on Tuesday, they were very tasty and refreshing: the perfect food for the warm weather! We have also continued looking at reading maps in Geography and have now started to find coordinates too across the globe, especially in Japan! In Science, we have learned how soundwaves work and the different parts of the ear and their functions.



MARINER - Simon

In Mariner, we have enjoyed the weather with games, outdoor activities and ice creams. The students have all engaged really well in class and have done really well to manage in the heat. We also engaged in a few card games and social activities; as well as, having some really positive conversations about the new classes next year.



AQUARIUS - Katie



Following on from Arts Week last week, we have managed to settle back to probability in Maths; we have had a mixture of things going on from placing items into Venn diagrams, reading from Venn diagrams, writing out various Sample Spaces and also starting to understand how to construct and interpret different types of probability tables like frequency trees, tree diagrams and two-way tables.

All of the students have been really proactive with the resources we've had to hand and also done well to recall their basic facts of multiplication with fractions and decimals which is used a lot with probability.

Within Aquarius, we are starting to wrap up the books for Fusion Fest for our "Blind Date with a Book" again, with students researching the books for information to write on the fronts - **if anybody has any wrap of any type that they can donate, it will be greatly received.**

NEW HORIZONS - Jenni

New Horizons are looking forward to some of the exciting things we have coming up. These include a trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon, Alton Towers and Fusion Fest. Theo is looking forward to sharing his pancake making skills with you all and Zane has been having fun preparing a game wheel. We are hoping that both will add lots of money to the fundraising goal.

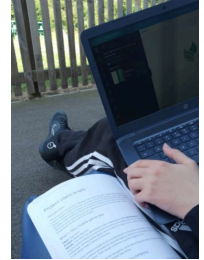
We have also been reflecting on the year we have had together and thinking about the exciting times ahead - whether that is in a new class or a new school.



SWIFT - Sam R

The Swift tutor group is brimming with excitement as they prepare for their end-of-year trip to Alton Towers. The students have been enthusiastically researching the different rides and attractions, eagerly planning their adventure-filled day at the park. The anticipation is palpable as they discuss the thrilling roller coasters and enchanting themed areas they can't wait to explore.

This week, the soaring temperatures led us to take our learning outdoors. In Computing, we set up our classroom outside, allowing students to work on their client briefs and create digital artefacts in the fresh air. The change of scenery sparked creativity and made for a refreshing learning experience.



In PE, we found a shaded area outside to play badminton. The students enjoyed the game while staying cool, demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship. We also experienced Parkour, where students tried as many ways as possible to get around an obstacle course.

With the end of the school year in sight, the Swift tutor group is making the most of every moment, combining fun, learning, and anticipation for their exciting trip to Alton Towers.

STARDUST - Sam P

It has been a busy week for Stardust students this week. They have enjoyed the glorious sunshine at the start of the week, sitting out on the grass and attempting Sam's challenge to find a four leaf clover! On Thursday, those in Pathway 1 went on a trip to Leicester to visit De Montfort University and had spent some time developing their independence in the city centre. They were lucky enough to have a second day out on Friday where they had the chance to explore Stratford-upon-Avon on a scavenger hunt before a very insightful tour of Shakespeare's Schoolroom and Guildhall.



In English this week, we have returned to looking at illusions - specifically how these are used in branding and marketing to influence consumers. Later in the week, they had a go at creating their own brands and logos using mythical allusions.



Next week we are looking forward to more exciting adventures including the trip to Alton Towers and transition day.

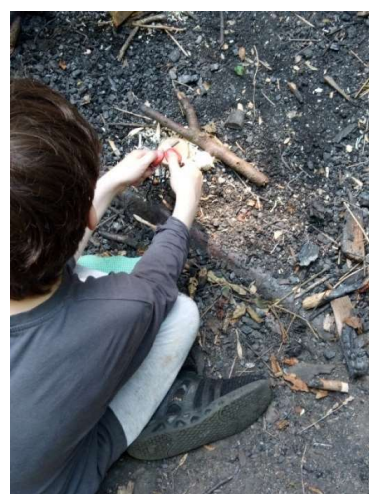
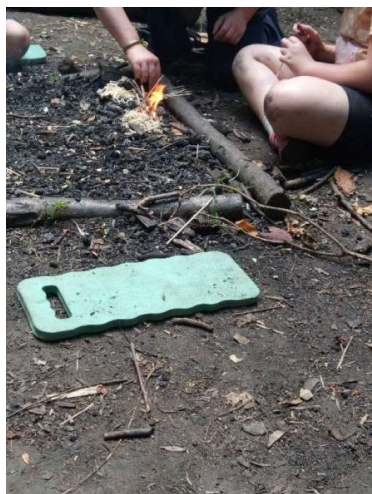
SCIENCE - Nic and Tom

This week has seen Pathway 1 students studying the last topic of the Chemistry syllabus.

Pathway 2 students have started looking at waves, in particular sound or light waves. With the two year pathway, they will be completing GCSE Science Synergy which is a mix of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

FOREST SCHOOL - Karen and Penny

It certainly has been a hot week and it has been nice to cool down in the forest. The students in Key Stage 4 have been completing a little maintenance of the forest. They had noticed that some of the branches had fallen or needed a little attention. In Lower School, we have been practising our fire lighting skills and how to create a pyramid lay. The students were extremely resilient as they needed to practise using the flint and steel prior to lighting the fire.



OTHER NEWS



The Fusion Academy Celebrating Achievements

Sam and his darts skills



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 term, Hannah our careers advisor, will be collating useful information to send out to our families. Our summer one has been sent out earlier this 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. 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.

- ★ [BeyondAutism/ResourceHub](#)
- ★ [NHS/Support Directory](#)
- ★ [Be Real with how you feel \(16+\)](#)



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>

Fusion Fest 2024

VIP Invite

Please join us on Thursday 11th July

1pm - 3pm

at the Fusion Academy

For an afternoon of Enjoyment

&

Fundraising
All money raised will go to
FUSION
ACADEMY

Food & Drink
Stalls and
Activities

Raffle Prizes
Ice Cream
Van

Students Uniform

- ★ Grey or white polo T-shirt (white polo available with school logo)
- ★ Grey jumper/ sweatshirt, cardigan or zipped hoody (available with school logo)
- ★ Black or dark grey trousers (smart joggers allowed for students with sensory needs)
- ★ Dark shoes or dark, smart trainers
- ★ Black or grey shorts/ knee length skirts can be worn in summer



Please note that from the new academic year (2024 - 2025), our KS2 pupils (School Years 3 - 6) will now wear the same uniform colours as the rest of the school.

Please note, there is no expectation for you to replace the jade green uniforms and your child can continue to wear these uniforms until you are ready to replace.

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/1FAIpQLSepVvYYOLKLyOh2u7Qf0OFTnqBAi142eBSqj0QAVKdFi2VKGQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



The poster features a colorful background with a purple top section, a pink middle section, and an orange bottom section. It includes the Leicestershire SEND Hub logo, a central text box with event details, two circular photos (one of a boy and girl, one of hands holding coffee), and contact information.

Leicestershire SEND Hub

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
24th May, 14th June, 28th June

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

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

Children of all ages welcome



BARWELL BY THE SEA

SATURDAY 13TH JULY 2024



Relaxed Tennis
Inclusive, Autism-friendly Tennis Sessions -
Spaces Available!

A tennis session for children and young people aged 8-16 who prefer an inclusive, non-pressurized environment. The session is suitable for beginners, as well as those who have played before.

Friday 12th April then every Friday during term time

Time: **7pm to 8pm**

Venue: **Sport in Desford**
The Flying Fields
~~Beckett~~ Lane
Desford
Leicester
LE9 9JU

Free taster session then £5 a session, pay in advance for a block of sessions. All equipment is provided.

To find out more contact Coach Matt at:
mchilvers138@gmail.com



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Music Makers



Cosmopolitan Arts, Parkside House
72 Friday Street, LE1 3BW

Saturdays
11:00am - 12:30pm
During Term time only

An exciting creative group for Students aged 8 + using Loop Stations, VR & a variety of instruments

To register & find out more visit www.bit.ly/LM-Wes22 or email lmpay@leics.gov.uk



You may qualify for **FREE** membership. Visit our website for further details. www.leicestershiremusic.org



Diary Dates

- ★ Fusion Fest: Thursday 11th July at 1pm - 3pm
- ★ School Closes for Summer Break: Friday 12th July 2024 at 3.30pm

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