

# Hawk Class

Hawk Class has had a fantastic start to the Spring term, filled with fun and meaningful learning.

A particular highlight has been the launch of our in-housework experience at the Salvation Army, where pupils have gained valuable experiences and built confidence in a real working environment.

We have also had lots of fun celebrating Easter and Eid, enjoying a special Mothers and Others Day bingo, and recognising our Jack Petchey award winner—what a fantastic achievement!

It has been wonderful to see such positive engagement with these opportunities, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and progress Hawk Class has made this term.



## Communication and interaction

In our English lessons this term, Hawk Class have been focusing on authors and exploring a range of engaging stories. We have particularly enjoyed reading books by David Walliams and Julia Donaldson, which have inspired lots of discussion and creativity in class.

Pupils have been developing their literacy skills through activities such as writing character descriptions, completing book reviews, sequencing events, and re-telling stories in their own words. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they talk about and write about the books we have read.

Alongside this, we have continued to work on our phonics and reading using our Rhino Readers scheme, helping pupils to build fluency and strengthen their understanding of sounds and words.



## Cognition and Learning

In Maths this term, Hawk Class have been focusing on time and measurement. Pupils have been exploring different ways to measure and compare length, as well as developing their understanding of time.

One of our favourite activities was measuring each other using bricks. The class made predictions about who might be the tallest and the shortest before checking their measurements. It was lots of fun and a great way to practise our measuring and comparing skills while working together.



In ICT Pupils had a fantastic time exploring coding using various programmes one of the classes favourites was rodo codo.



## **ASDAN**

Hawk Class have been busy running mini enterprise projects this term as part of their ASDAN Personal and Social Development qualification for this academic year.

As part of this, the class worked together to organise and host a Valentine's Disco for their peers on the main site. Pupils took responsibility for different roles including providing music, preparing sweets, crisps and drinks, and helping to organise the event.

They also arranged for the Laughter Specialist to join the celebration, which made the event even more special. Hawk Class decorated the hall with homemade decorations and balloons, creating a fun and welcoming atmosphere for everyone who attended. It was a fantastic example of teamwork, organisation and creativity, and the pupils were very proud of the successful event they hosted.



## Independence, social and emotional development

During our community time this term, Hawk Class have begun their in-housework experience at the Salvation Army. This has given pupils the opportunity to gain real-life experience while developing new skills in a supportive environment.

Back in school, we have also opened our Home Management Room, which has been a great space for students to begin practising important life skills. So far, pupils have been learning how to make up a bed and how to iron, showing great enthusiasm and pride in their growing independence.



## Events

Hawk Class have also enjoyed some fantastic trips this term. We joined the whole college for a trip to Cineworld to watch *How to Train Your Dragon*, which was lots of fun and a great experience to share together.

