

St Andrew's Academy

Family update newsletter

Autumn Term

1st December 2023



Head Teacher's Welcome



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! As today marks the start of advent, I wanted to highlight some of the learning and exciting opportunities that our school community will be engaging with. Please see the post on ParentHub that details some upcoming festive events. I also wanted to share that we acknowledge and respect that not all pupils will prefer the less structured elements of the Christmas timetable and the sensory overload that Christmas can sometimes provide. We ensure that we communicate with all of our pupils and provide alternative learning experiences that support their learning needs and contribute to positive outcomes. Aside from those key events and associated preparation, we remain on timetable, with familiar routine and structure.

The Duke of Edinburgh programme for KS4 and KS5 continues throughout the build up to Christmas and I am very pleased to say that the school received national recognition through an award for our DofE manager Dan Tranter. Dan collected his award this week in London and was able to share the achievements and outcomes that young people at St Andrew's have benefitted from. Please see the link for more details <https://www.dofe.org/thisisyouth?shpath=/stories/life-changer>

Finally, please could I draw your attention to the Trust parent survey in this newsletter. Constructive dialogue, feedback and trusted communication is at the heart of who we are and what we do. We're

constantly enhancing our provision as a result of feedback from our school community and the survey forms an integral part of that.

Have a wonderful weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Key Stage 3

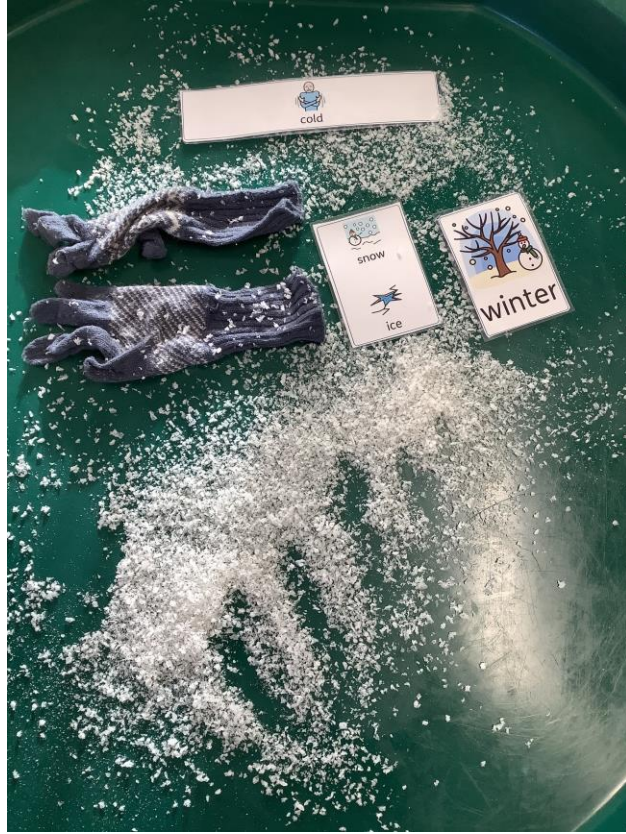
Everything is a learning opportunity! In Hoy class, we needed to get some lunch from the shop so every member of the class walked to the shop and independently chose something they wanted for a snack.

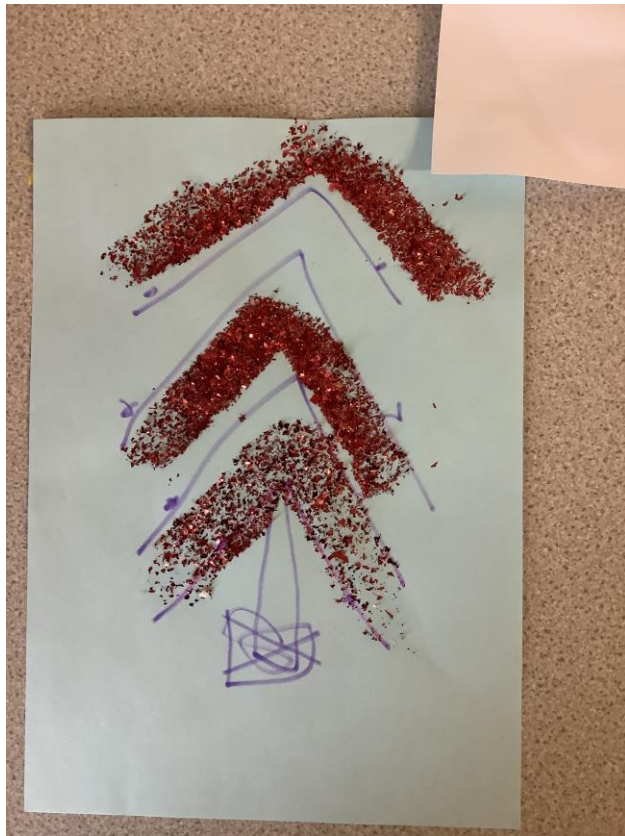




The Glens

In Shetland we have been focusing on the seasons in our science lessons. We have been looking at the seasons and their features. Our link to PSHE is making weather appropriate clothing choices. Students have enjoyed exploring different items of clothing. A particular favourite was our 'snow' in class and trying on some gloves!





1 - Some students in Shetland class have been creating Christmas cards to enter into our SET Christmas card competition. This student completed their entry independently and enjoyed using glitter to decorate! Staff are really proud of this achievement

Skye class have been working really hard towards their individual reading targets during our See and Learn sessions. Some of the students have been selecting and matching their own belongings to the same picture and some have been focussing on set one. They have all concentrated really well and worked on their empathy skills.





Residential Department

This week some of the students took part in special football training session delivered by class teacher Lizzie. They learnt close control dribbling skills, played a 4 aside match and finished with a penalty shootout against staff. ⚽

Getting in the Christmas spirit the group visited Sadler Gate Christmas Market in Derby City Centre. The students enjoyed the stalls, christmas lights, carol service and free tasters. 🎅🌲❄️









Christmas Jumper Day-Thursday 7th December, 2023



Staff and students will be supporting Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December. Please don't worry if your child does not have a Christmas jumper-anything festive is fine! If anyone would like to make a donation towards this very worthy cause, please see the link below:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/how-to-pay-in-your-fundraising>

Thank you!

Christmas Dinner



Christmas Menu

Tuesday 12th December 2023

Roast Turkey
with a chipolata
Or
Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf (vegan)
with vegan sausage
Served with
Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Carrots, Peas & Gravy

And
A Festive Cake

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feeding the imagination

SEND RELEASE Holiday Club

WHEN?

Christmas Holidays

2nd – 5th January

10-12.30pm

Where is it?

Déda,

19 Chapel St,

Derby,

DE1 3GU

Who's it for?

7-12 year olds with SEND needs

Release is four days of Fun, Games, Friendship building, Creative Activities such as Hip Hop, Song writing, Performance and much more!

This is a FREE HOLIDAY CLUB designed for young people with SEND needs who are eligible for free school meals. It is part of the widely recognised Holiday and Activity Fund scheme funded by Derby City Council

Children who are eligible for free school meal will take priority however anyone can book as we now have paid for places at a reduced cost 🤗

Benefits for the students:

The students will be encouraged to:

Express their emotions and creativity.

- Work as a team and build friendships.
- Develop skills in dance, singing and song writing.
- Develop a deeper understanding of the impact of social media, exploring positive healthy usage.
- Learn coping mechanisms to deal with anxiety and stress.
- Increase confidence.
- Complete the 4 days with a huge sense of achievement and pride.
- Free Food, yummy snacks and drinks each day.
- Experience of working with highly trained industry professional from the creative industry

Due to the nature of our SEND Release Holiday programme, facilitators are unable to administer medicine or personal care to students attending. You are welcome to remain onsite and recoup in the CUBE café whilst your child is in the session.



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FREE EVENT

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SEND RELEASE

SONGWRITING SINGING STREETDANCE

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Community Action

RELEASE

FOR CHILDREN AGES 7-12

VENUE
DÉDA
19 CHAPEL STREET
DERBY DE1 3GU

**2ND - 5TH
JANUARY**
10am - 12.30pm

**LUNCH
INCLUDED**

LIMITED SPACES
CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL 4 DAYS

**FUN, INCLUSIVE AND
CREATIVE SESSIONS**

THIS IS PROVISION FOR CHILDREN
IN DERBY CITY WITH SEND NEEDS

£10 PER DAY PAID OPTION AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN NOT ELIGIBLE
FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS OR A FUNDED REFERRAL PLACE

SUPPORT WORKERS WELCOME

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TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST GET IN TOUCH
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Parent Survey

Calling all parents and carers!

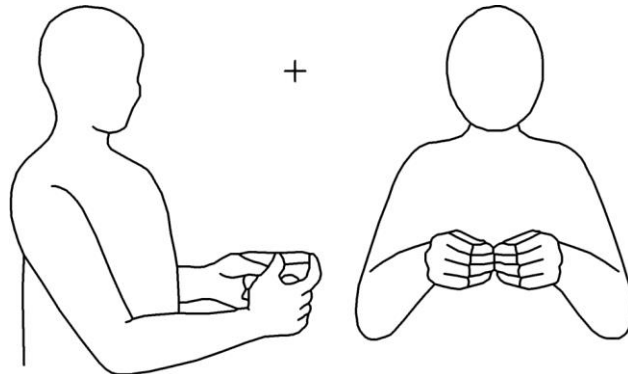
At St Andrew's, we pride ourselves on seeking feedback to continue improving our provision. As part of Shaw Education Trust, we invite you to complete the termly parent online survey. Please see link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parentalsurveyspecialterm12023>

The deadline is Friday 15th December

Many thanks.

Makaton Sign of the Week



Finger spell 'D' then 'B'

2 - This week's sign is December.

During December you can access lots of lovely Makaton video's and signs celebrating Christmas on the makaton website at [Home \(makaton.org\)](http://makaton.org)

Follow the link for the Makaton 'Countdown to Christmas'

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