

St Andrew's Academy

Family update newsletter

Autumn Term

8th December 2023



Head Teacher's Welcome



Wow! What an impact the Evidence for Learning (EfL) app is having on the exchange of information about pupil learning and curriculum progression. I've had the pleasure of analysing the exchange of picture from class to home and from home back to class to bridge the gap in transferring knowledge and skills between the two settings. It's also provided an additional platform to celebrate achievement and further shine a light on the pride taken by our young people with their learning. If you would like any support in accessing the app, please do contact your class team who are happy to help at any time.

EfL forms one of many ways we, as a school, can communicate with you, as our school community. The Trust Parent survey is still live and will be closing very soon. If you haven't already had a chance to provide you valuable feedback on St Andrew's, please click on the link below and share your thoughts to enable us to build on our current success.

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

Have a wonderful restful weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Key Stage 3



Bara class have been using different textures to make a collage Farm landscape scene. They used their communication boards to describe the different feel of the materials.

The Glens

On Tuesday some of our students in Shetland class had a go at tree planting in the field area by campus. Students worked on their road safety skills, walking there and back. They followed instructions to choose a tree, use a spade and then plant the tree. Staff are really proud of their achievements. Thank you Dan and the D of E team for giving us this opportunity.



In Fair Isle class we have been busy getting started with our Christmas preparations. We are excited to film our video for the Christmas Carol production! Students used their fine motor skills to place decorations on the tree, and took it in turns to choose decorations. We worked as a team to help build and decorate our tree, and are very pleased with the results!





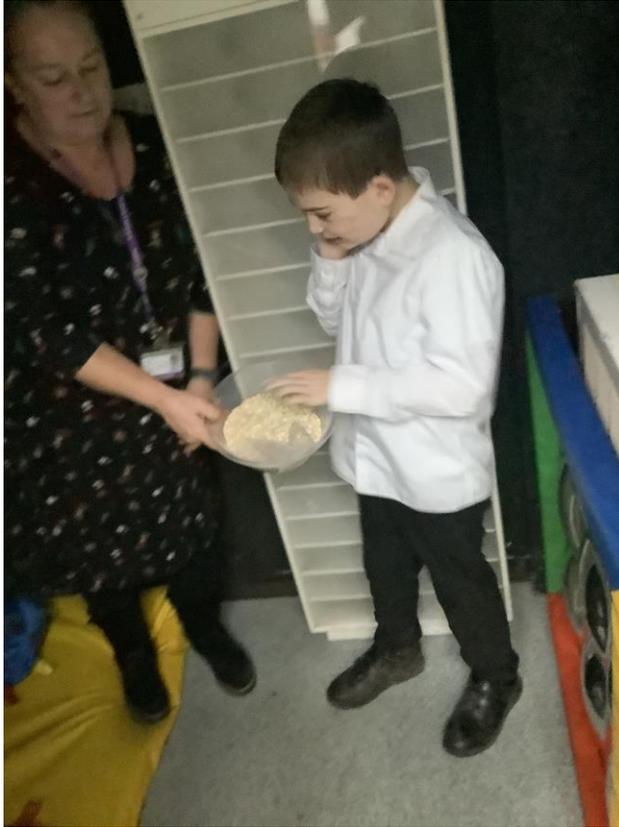


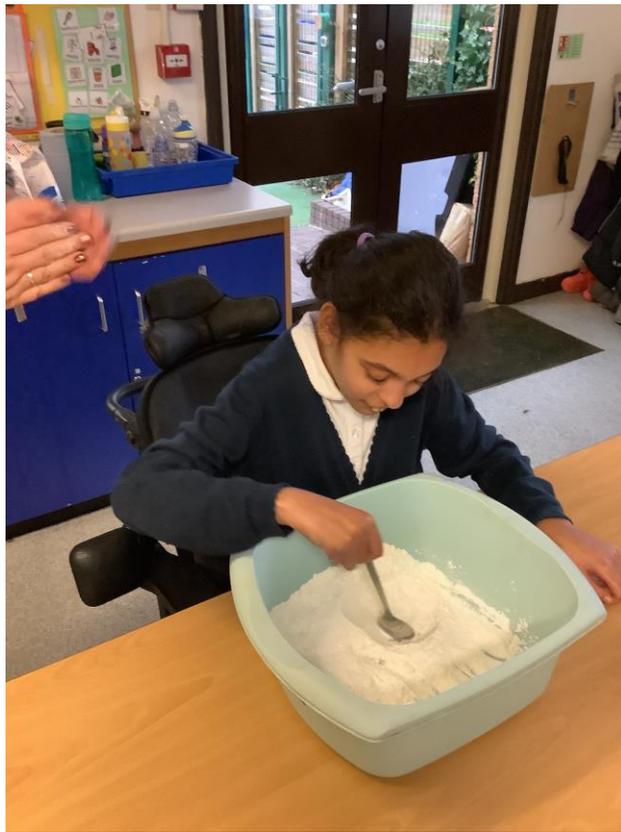


In Mull class music lessons students have been learning some 1930's dances as part of our WW2 topic. They have had great fun following the video and working with staff to copy the dance steps!



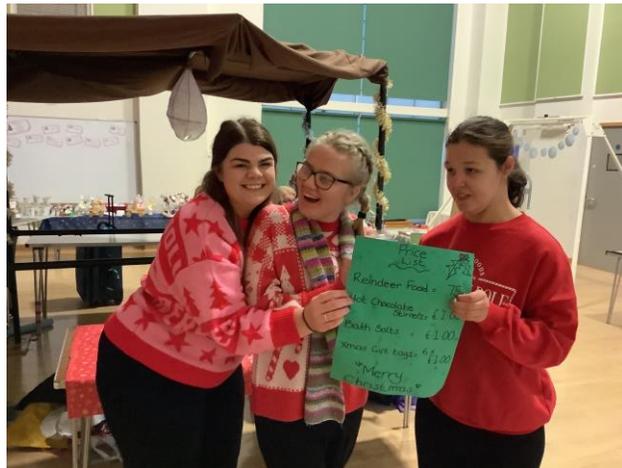
Over the past couple of week Skye Class have been making reindeer food, chocolate stirrers, bath salts and gift tags for enterprise. The students have been working towards their numeracy targets when measuring the ingredients.







Two of our students from Skye class went to Ivy House for their Christmas Fayre and had great fun selling our produce and getting into the Christmas spirit.



Key Stage 4



In KS4 this week we have been volunteering as part of our Duke of Edinburgh Award. Students and staff joined in with a local government scheme, Trees for Derby, to plant as many trees as they could in the local park.





The Highlands



Christmas has come to the Highlands! We began our week with putting up the Christmas tree and preparing a super special festive music video to conclude our theme for this term, film and tv.

In our RE lesson we made christingles! We have been learning about the history of the christingle service at church and the special meaning behind each part of the christingle.





Key Stage 5

Christmas has come early to Campus! Today two groups joined together to make festive snowy cabins using biscuits, icing sugar, sweets and sprinkles. The challenge of the session being who's cabin will stay up the longest and what shape does the cabin make. The students festive cabins were able to stay together much longer than the staffs! The students had great fun making their treats and lots of laughing took place. After the lesson had finished the students all sat together at break time to enjoy eating their festive treats.













Residential Department

The Christmas countdown has officially begun in residential. A busy week of decorating trees, Christmas crafts and a cinema trip, more photos to come next week. 🎅 🌲 ❄️



1 - Before starting to decorate our three residential Christmas trees, we drew inspiration from how others were decorated in the local community. Here is the wonderful effort by Derby County.



2 - Christmas time brings two friends from different key stages back together again for a catch up.

My journey to Derby Youth Mayor

I was presented with a great opportunity to apply for Youth Mayor. I have been attending Voices in Action which is a youth council for young people aged 11 to 19 years old representing their school.

I visited the museum of making where the voices in action was held. We discussed the white ribbon campaign and how to implement it in schools.

I also went to the Council House for the next Voices in action meeting where we discussed training for School nurses. We said school nurses need to be more visible in schools.

I have met some great people while being part of the Voices in action and made some good friends.

This built my confidence to apply for Youth Mayor.

I met with the current Youth Mayor Muhammed Muntasir and Deputy Youth Mayor Harman Kaur. They gave me a lot of ideas on what I can put in my speech.

I got to work writing my speech. My three areas of focus were:

1. Making derby more accessible for wheelchair users
2. Having accessible sporting activities for wheelchair users
3. Having funded activities for SEND young people in the holidays.

I felt very nervous delivering my speech but I was proud once I had completed it. I have enjoyed the process and good luck to all candidates.







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

caterlink
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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PRESENTS

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FREE EVENT


BOOK HERE

**SEND
RELEASE**

SONGWRITING SINGING STREETDANCE

 **FREEDOM FOUNDATION**

SUPPORTED BY

Derby City Council  **déda**
Community Action  Department for Education

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
0115 993 2370
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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:

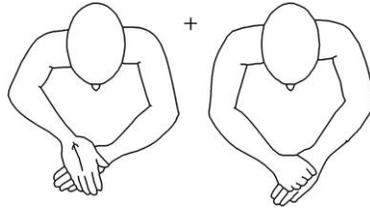
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The deadline is Friday 15th December

Many thanks.

Makaton Sign of the Week

Slide right hand
over back of left
hand towards body,
then close right
hand and place on
back of left hand



3 - It's Christmas! Have a look at the Makaton website to see the 'Countdown to Christmas'. There are lots of video's and signs celebrating the festive season.

Follow the link...

[Home \(makaton.org\)](http://makaton.org)

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