



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

13th December 2024



This week has seen the culmination of our planning for the seasonal festivities and learning opportunities. The exceptional Christmas market from KS5 and the outstanding performances from KS3 and KS4 showcased the talent and skills our young people are blessed with perfectly. It's been a genuine pleasure to be able to witness the hard work and dedication that each pupil has contributed to their shared goals and endeavours.

A huge thanks to anyone who has been able to access any of the school activities during and after the school day. We highly value consistent invites and interactions with our school community to collaborate on meeting the needs of all who attend. We're working hard to put together a series of open events in 2025 and look forward to sharing them with you in the New Year.

Have a wonderful weekend,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Key Stage 3

This week, our Key Stage 3 students put on a fantastic performance of *The Grinch*. They worked hard to bring the story to life with singing, dancing, and acting, and their efforts paid off in a brilliant show!

Students also helped behind the scenes, creating props and scenery to set the stage. From painting Whoville houses to decorating the Grinch's lair, their creativity shone through.

We're so proud of all the students for their teamwork and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support them—it was a great way to kick off the festive season!







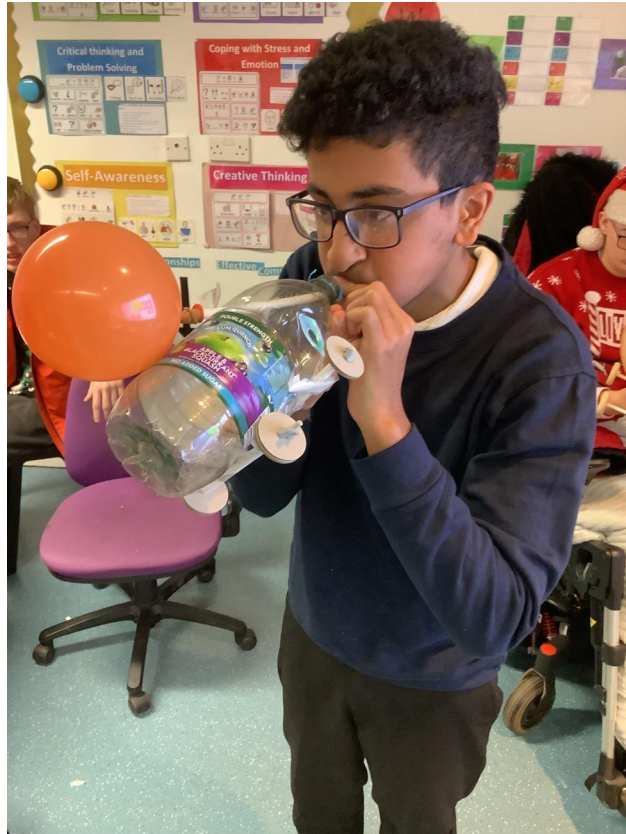


The Glens

Mull class have been enjoying some festive activities, including a group artwork piece. Students enjoyed getting messy with the green paint for our Christmas wreath, and using their fine motor skills to peel off the stickers for our decorations. Students have also taken part in group music sessions, working together to keep all the snowballs on top of our parachute in our sleigh ride game! Some fantastic dance skills! Have a restful weekend everyone.



Key Stage 4





As part of their team challenge this week, Stronsay Class had the challenge of doing a race - using only plastic bottles and a balloon. This was part of their learning about 'forces' in science. Students had to use their decision making and creative thinking skills, alongside effective communication to decide in their teams what the design for their 'race car' would be.

The Highlands



This week in the Highlands we have been concluding our learning about instructions. This term we have been learning about different types of instructions as well as sequencing and writing our own instructions. Iona class have been focusing on sequencing and following a recipe for making lemon drizzle cake and Taransay have been focusing on writing instructions for brushing your teeth. The students have done so well applying their functional maths and literacy skills!







Key Stage 5



As a result of our wonderful Christmas fair, the creativity and enterprise skills have inspired a young lady to run her own business. One of the purple room students has been busy making things at home to sell to staff and peers. Faye has worked hard making chains, bracelets and key rings. They are beautiful we think you will all agree?





1 - These beautiful bracelets have been carefully designed and beautifully made.



2 - Making opens is a great fine motor skill too, she is hoping Santa brings her more craft things.

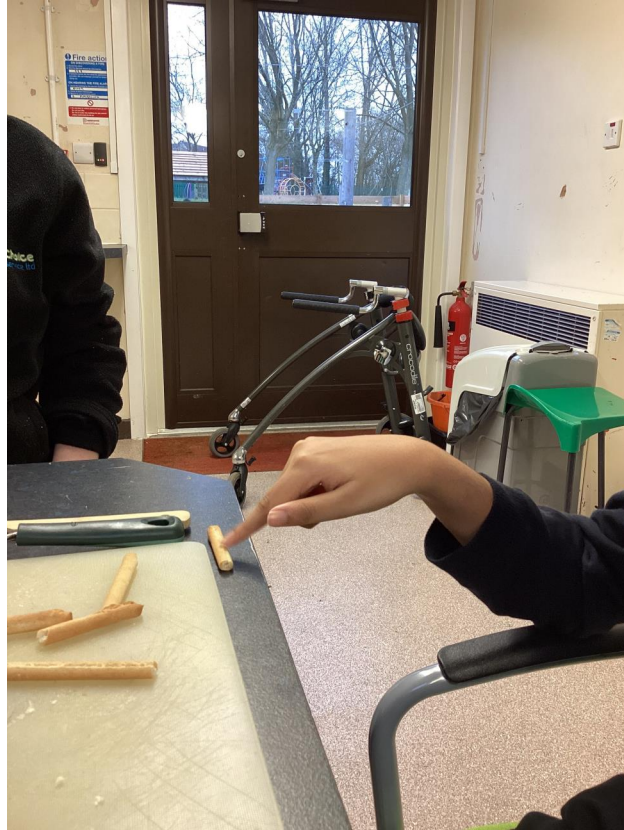
Occupational Therapy



The feeding group helps students to experience a range of different foods through play and sensory experiences. Students are encouraged to explore a range of textures, smells and tastes without pressure.







Extra Curricular

SEN UTD Ladies football Team in partnership with St Andrew's Academy

SEN Ladies started with participating in a mixed in-house fixture in May with the men's team with our very own Rebekah Brown playing a lead role in organizing the initiative.

They have gone on to play a further 5 ladies fixtures and a second in-house fixture. SEN UTD ladies have won all 5 of their games, racking up an incredible 38 goals in 5 games. They have managed to recruit 29 players including 2 St Andrews staff members as well as players from Ivy house and St Giles. They have recently launched the SEN Ladies kit sponsored by LEAD IT Services. With some amazing match photography and kit launching video from ALT (Amy Taft) they have filled their social media pages.

They have used their fixtures to raise money towards special educational settings and are ending 2024 having raised £1,460.28 excluding match fees from just the ladies team which is an incredible amount! Their first fixture of 2025 has already been booked with an opposition for January.













In our Art After School Club the students have worked on making there very own Craft Hampers





Residential Department



A great festive week in residential. We were kindly invited to the screening of 'Nativity' at the afterschool Film Night. Two students helped by manning the snack shop and served visiting parents using the school card machine.

Other activities have included a return of Christmas themed Inclusive choir, blasting out many Christmas hits and classic carols. The karate group enjoyed their penultimate session, watching a masterclass demonstration by the Sensei John Johnston.



3 - Roll up Roll up, we have some great deals on popcorn today.



Coffee Morning

St Andrew's Coffee Morning on Friday 20th December will have a qualified solicitor coming to talk about Deputy court ordership, Trust Funds, Wills, Power of Attorney and more. Come join us for a very informative Coffee Morning. A Q&A session will be available at the end of the session.

Date: Friday 20th December 2024
Time: 10am to 12pm

St Andrews Coffee Morning

Information regarding:

- Deputy court order ship
- Trust Funds
- Wills
- Power of Attorney

Lizzie who is a qualified Solicitor will be coming to talk regarding various legal topics

For all parent/carers
Topic: Talk from a Solicitor
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