



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

22nd November 2024



It will take more than a cold snap to slow St Andrew's! Overcoming adversity and pulling together in the best interests of our school community is what we do best. This was once again underlined this week with our staff and student attendance against some adverse weather conditions. We fully understand, respect and support everyone's unique set of personal circumstances and encourage everyone to risk assess their own scenario and make a decision for themselves. My responsibility lies with ensuring the site is safe to welcome the school and I'm incredibly grateful to the staff who came early to clear path ways and prepare for the day to allow the safe running of the school. For those pupils who it was appropriate for and wished to take part, breaks in learning were punctuated with fun in the snow and experiencing all of the cultural capital that can be found in the rarity of this seasonal weather.

Sadly, due to the outside temperature and snow coverage, the outdoor Ed evening was postponed. We are working as a team to propose a new date and will release details shortly. As always, please don't wait for a formal invite to connect with St Andrew's. You are most welcome to meet with the class team or any other member of the St Andrew's team at any point to

discuss anything that is of interest to you. Please engage with us on an ongoing basis via the Evidence for Learning app as well.

I hope you have an excellent weekend,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Key Stage 3

Barra class enjoyed playing Table Cricket this week. We had two teams and each student took turns fielding and batting. They communicated with each other really well and helped their friends. There was some great teamwork going on and the students said it was fun!

Some of Barra class also went out to enjoy the snow. We had to make the most of this rare opportunity with our friends.







The Glens

This week in the Glens:

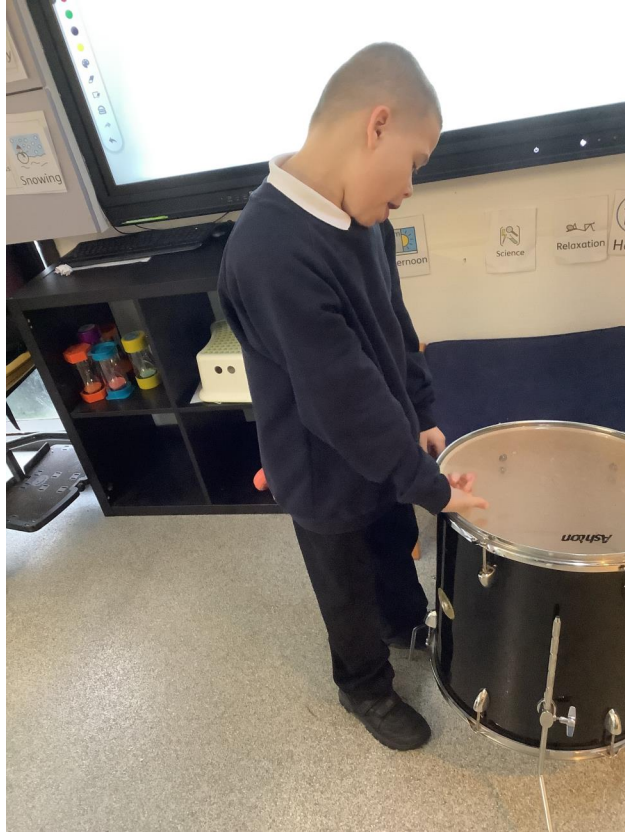
Fair Isle students have been working on their shopping skills out in the community. They have been practising their money and numeracy skills in a functional setting. In PSHE they have been thinking about things they like and dislike.

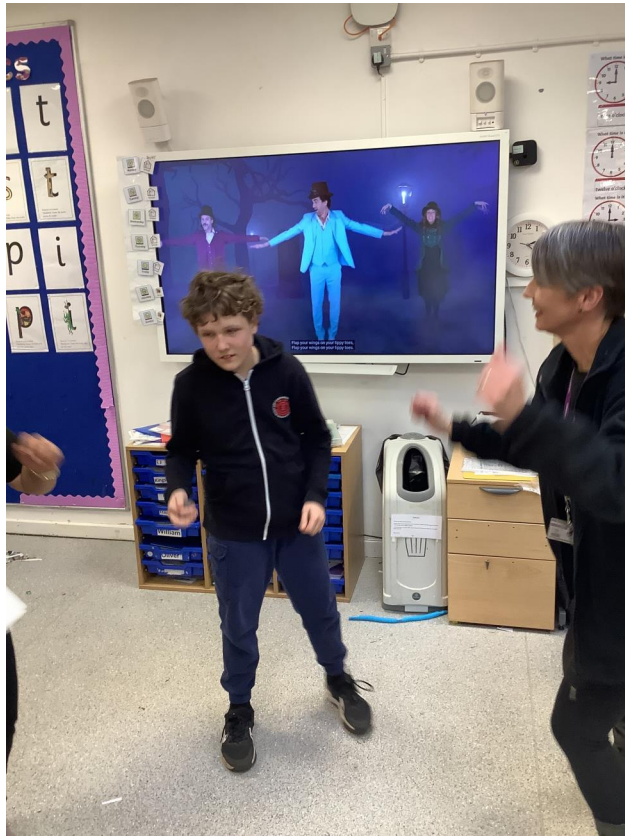
Mull students have been working on their emotional health targets this week, and using a communication board to say how they are feeling, and what makes them calm and happy. Students have been mark-making using materials with different textures to create patterns.

Skye class have been working on the senses in their science lessons. This week they have been thinking about sound, and exploring lots of different sounds and instruments. Students particularly enjoyed the big drum and feeling the vibrations.

And of course students enjoyed some time in the snow!









Key Stage 4

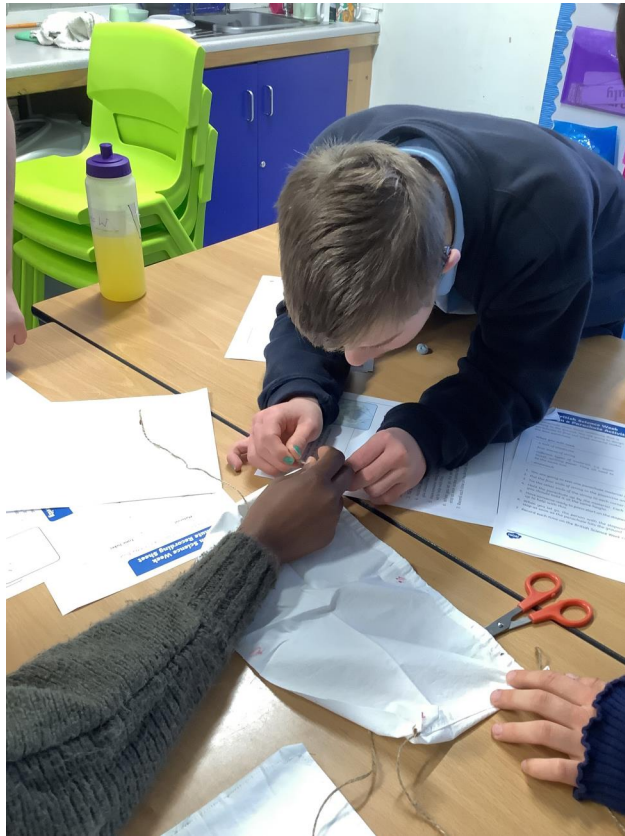
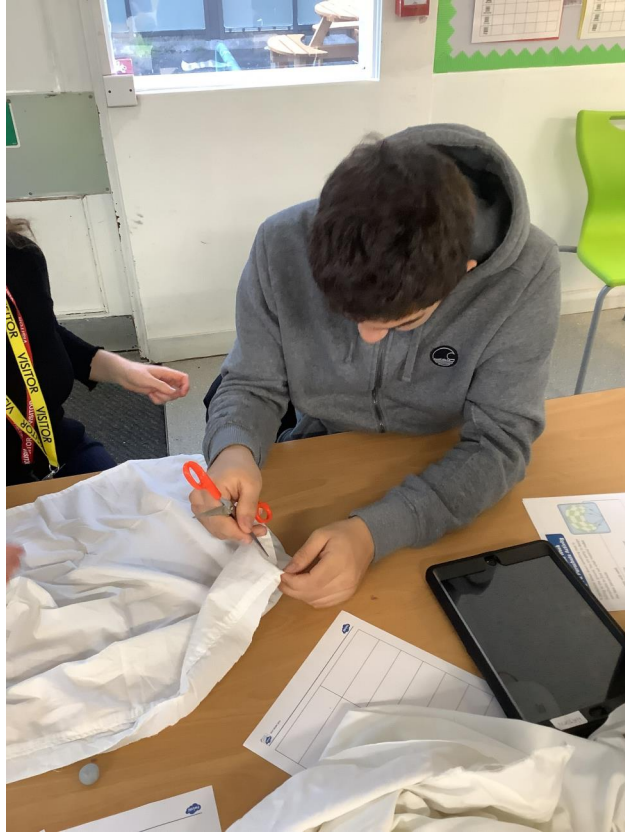
Canna class have been following seated yoga routines as a regulation tool in the afternoon before beginning lessons. We have been talking about our favourite ways to relax and focus.

In science this week we discussed air resistance, and the students had to test different materials that could be used as a parachute. Working as teams they had to measure how long each of the parachutes took to reach the floor. They worked out that the longer it took the slower the parachute would land and the best materials were newspaper and tin foil!





Paper (T2) - 1.36
Wrapping Paper (T1) - 1.83
Newspaper (T3) - 1.93
Blue fabric (Lizzie) - 0.76
Flannel (Lizzie) - 1.21
Paper (Lizzie) - 0.88
Tin foil (Lizzie) - 2.36



The Highlands



Unfortunately the Outdoor Ed evening was cancelled due to the weather, but the Highlands still made the most of the snow and enjoyed some lovely outdoor sessions this week. Taransay, Iona and Jura enjoyed spending time all together drinking hot chocolate, making a fire and toasting marshmallows!













Key Stage 5

Occupational Therapy

A group of Campus students access the sensory integration equipment on a Wednesday morning. They also engage in a core strengthening programme.

This week was based around activities on a scooter board. They had lots of fun racing around the corridors on their stomachs or going backwards picking up different items while being careful not to bump into the wall or another person!





Residential Department





1 - Residential students were in for a surprise, by waking up to this unspoiled winter wonderland this week.



2 - Fully kitted out ready for Impact Adaptive Karate program. This weeks session focused on putting all the previously learnt moves into a series of attack combinations. The students love coming and learning new skills, so a big thankyou to the fantastic sensei John Johnston.

Student Voice



At St Andrew's, it's important to us that all of our pupils are able to have their voice heard and contribute their thoughts, wishes and feelings to the effective running of our school. In order to be fully inclusive, pupil input through Pupil Voice activities are presented in many ways.

This week the Student Voice team attended Send Ambassadors where they discussed Apprenticeships and Training, how to make it accessible and raise awareness on what is available. The students discussed having more event where they could have a look at what is available, having people come in to school to tell them about what is on offer.





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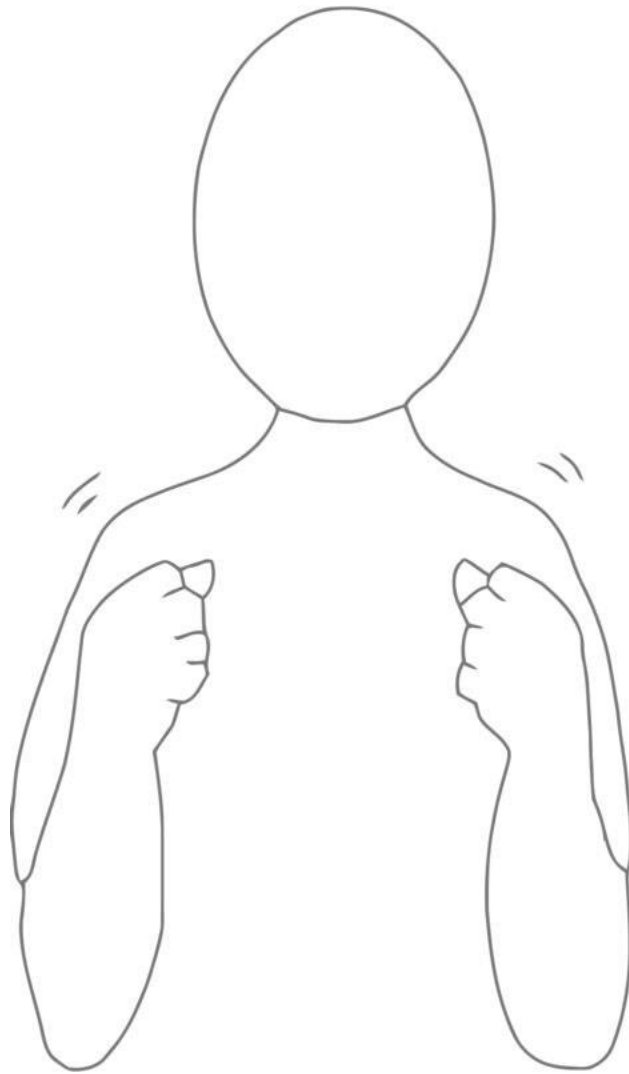
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3 - Come join us at St Andrew's Coffee Morning on the 29th November. The team from Family Hub will be attending to talk about the service they provide and answer any question.

Makaton - Sign of the week



4 - Our Sign this week is 'Winter'

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