



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

29th November 2024



In any community, honest and open feedback is essential for every member to get their needs met, evaluate practices and action improvement. At St Andrew's, we pride ourselves on a warm reception for all feedback, enabling challenging conversations to lead to the desired outcomes for all. As you know, we are part of the Shaw Education Trust who have 32 schools in every sector as far North as Bury and as far South as Birmingham. For Shaw to support St Andrew's in the best way possible, they are seeking completion of the below parental questionnaire. The feedback will enable services, support, funds and capacity to be precisely allocated as a result of your feedback. Equally, any praise and positivity will be celebrated and directed to those who have contributed.

<https://forms.office.com/e/tSSC8hdCS9>

Whilst this Trust level feedback is essential, the first contact should always be the class team to collaborate to your preferred outcomes. You can contact via telephone, email, home school diary or face to face visit. In addition, every member of our staff team is on standby to aid you any element of the school offer.

Have a wonderful weekend,

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

Pantomime Reminder

The Christmas Pantomime (Cinderella) is taking place on 18th December. A polite reminder to those whose child has been invited to please pay your outstanding balance on ParentPay, if you have not already done so. The price is £17. Thank you!

Christmas Market - Wednesday 4th December 1pm-3pm

We are excited to announce that St Andrew's Academy will be holding a Christmas Market on Wednesday 4th December at St Philips Church Hall between 1pm and 3pm.

St Philips Church Hall, Taddington Road, DE221 4JU

The market will be an opportunity to buy different items that classes have been busy making and should be a lovely festive afternoon. Tokens can be purchased on the day using the card machines or in advance through our school shop

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Tokens bought in advance will be given to your young person's class team to take with them on the day.



Key Stage 3

This past week, the students in Bute and Barra have been actively exploring the local community as part of their learning. We had the opportunity to visit Morrisons and the café, where we practiced important numeracy and literacy skills in real-life situations. For example, we worked on reading shopping lists, identifying items and handling money.

During these visits, we also focused on building independence by learning to access school transport and practicing road safety, including how to cross roads carefully and follow traffic rules. While out and about, we collected ingredients that we later used for science lessons and meal prep activities. These experiences have provided wonderful opportunities for hands-on learning, helping the students develop valuable life skills in a fun and engaging way.



The Glens

It's that time of the year again and at Fair Isle we have kicked off the season with our early Christmas tree decoration and cozy Christmas pyjamas day. Nothing says holiday spirit like getting together to spread the cheer!

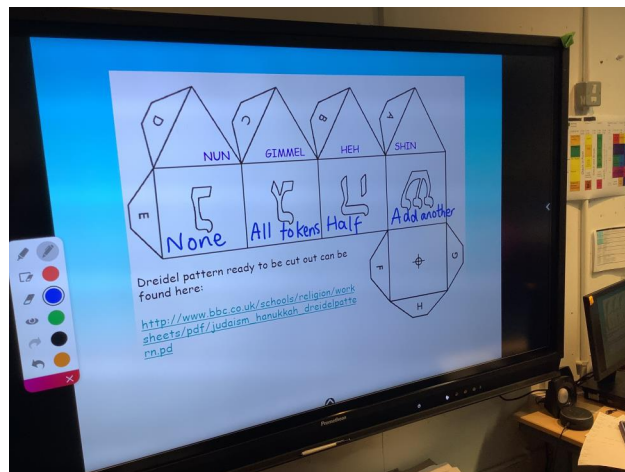
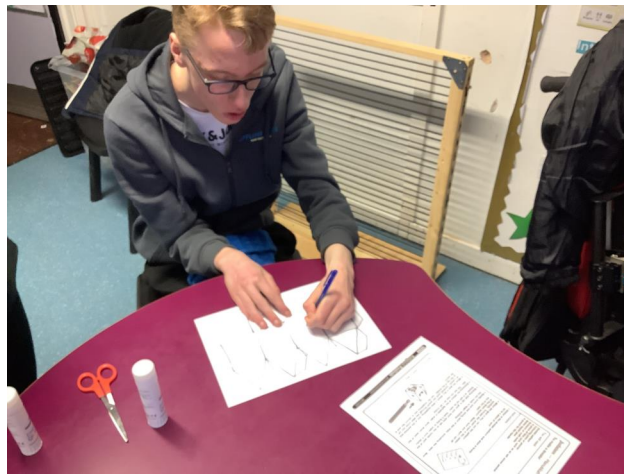


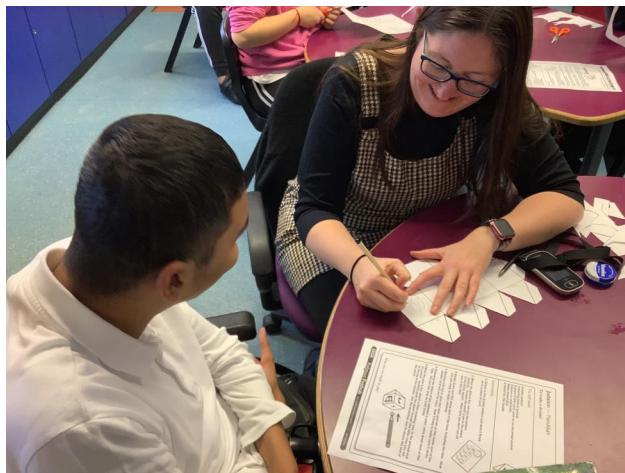
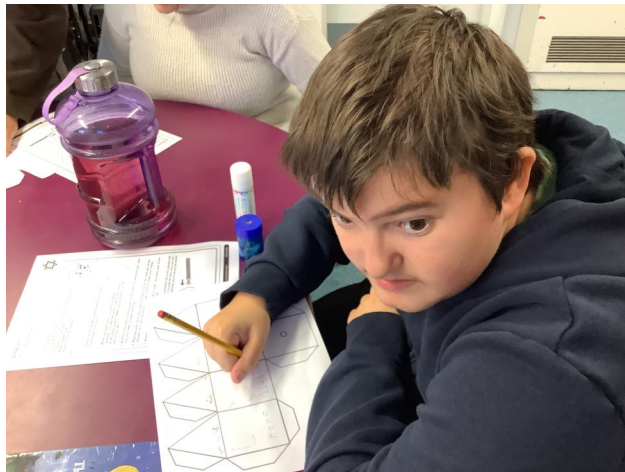
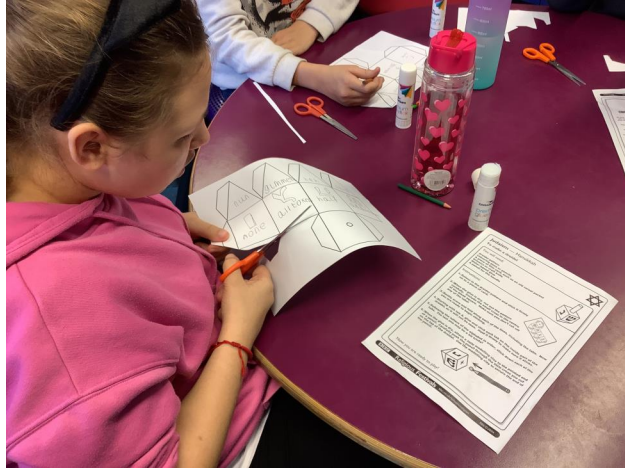


Key Stage 4

This week we have been learning about the celebration of Hanukkah in our RE lessons. Students have shown respect when learning about other cultures and their traditions and asked insightful questions to develop their understanding. We listened to the story of the Maccabees and discussed how lots of different religious festivals link to good winning over evil and. We made dreidels and learned how to play, we also made fried food linked to the oil that burned for eight days. We made latkes and fried dough balls then had them with cream cheese, as dairy and cheese are celebrated.

Students discussed their own religions and why people have celebrations bringing families together.















The Highlands



It isn't too early for Christmas in the Highlands! Students in Taransay, Jura and Iona have been working hard to plan and film a video for the KS4 Christmas production. We have made our own props, chosen our outfits and displayed some brilliant acting! The students have done very well consolidating their communication skills as all three classes have been working together to make this project the best it can be.





Key Stage 5

Students have been busy preparing for the Christmas Market. They have been creating a range of different festive treats to sell including some wonderful button decorations for your Christmas tree, gift tags, a variety of bath bombs and fizzing snow powders and some 'sew your own' eye mask kits. They are very excited about selling these at the Christmas Market next Wednesday!

Students are also busy sorting and delivering tokens across school for students to spend at the Market.







Occupational Therapy



The students who engage in the fine motor sessions have had a great week.

We have been working on hand strengthening, to help with handwriting. Some students have been practicing independent skills in the form of spreading and holding cutlery.

Students have also been combining gross motor with hand eye co-ordination activities to build up strength :)







Extra Curricular

In our all inclusive Sports Club the students have enjoyed playing blind football this gave our students a chance to work on their listening skills having to follow the ring of the bell in the ball. It also gave us the chance to think about sports we can play with visually impaired students.



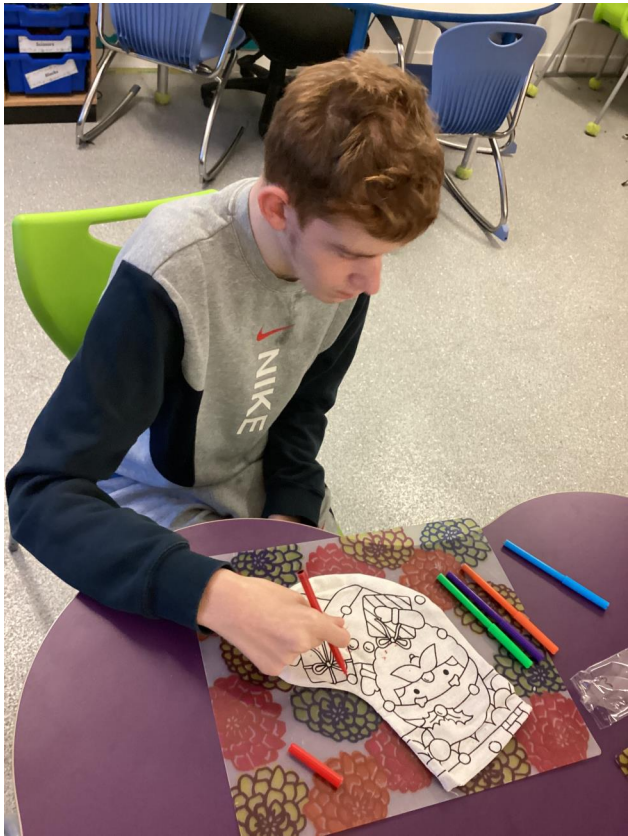




Art Club

Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Art Club as students begin to work on their Christmas art this week. We had craft stockings in this weeks' session and next week we will be making Christmas tree decorations and key rings.







Residential Department



A shorter week with the unfortunate temporary closure of residential, but great to be back open and fully operational.

As usual we attended our weekly Impact Adaptive Karate Program and Hubbub Theatre Group.

We look forward to welcoming back all residential students next week.



1 - At our weekly karate session, Vincent demonstrated to spectators a series of traditional karate movements.

Student Voice



Talha was invited to be part of the Youth Mayor process at the Derby Theatre and went to see 'A Christmas Carol', where he met other Youth Mayor candidates. He enjoyed making friends and chatting about all the great things he does at St Andrew's Academy. Talha enjoyed going to the theatre and is looking forward to giving his speech on Monday. Good luck to Talha.







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