



# St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

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*21st June 2024*

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## Head Teacher's Welcome



We have been the very fortunate beneficiaries of the kindness and hard work of the Toyota Charitable Trust. This has seen 300 volunteer hours across this week and a budget of £2,500 to create a Tuck shop, refurb sports facilities and seating areas, relay paths and supply a number of resources. Their input this week has been transformational and has included help from our students too! There are a few finishing touches to complete first thing on Monday so I will put a significant amount of information and pictures into next weeks newsletter to share the fantastic outcomes and resources provided.

Whilst the project itself has left a legacy of superb resources, a real strength and pleasure from hosting the team is the community feel and collaboration with another organisation. This has provoked a curiosity of other collaborations or new projects that can be done in conjunction with other charitable arms of organisations. Do you work at, or know someone who does, an organisation that supports site projects or offers work placements for young people with additional needs? We have been supported in the past by British Gas and HSBC to great effect. If this is something you feel you could support us with, please do contact the school and speak to any team member to explore future opportunities.

I look forward to sharing and celebrating our students and Toyota's incredible achievements next week.

Have a great weekend,

**David Braybrooke**

**Headteacher**

### Key Stage 3

In Orkney class we have been looking at safe strangers and how some professionals help us in our PSHE lessons. Today we had a visit from the Fire Service they spoke to students what equipment they carry and how they help keep themselves safe when helping us in emergencies, the students got to explore the fire engine.





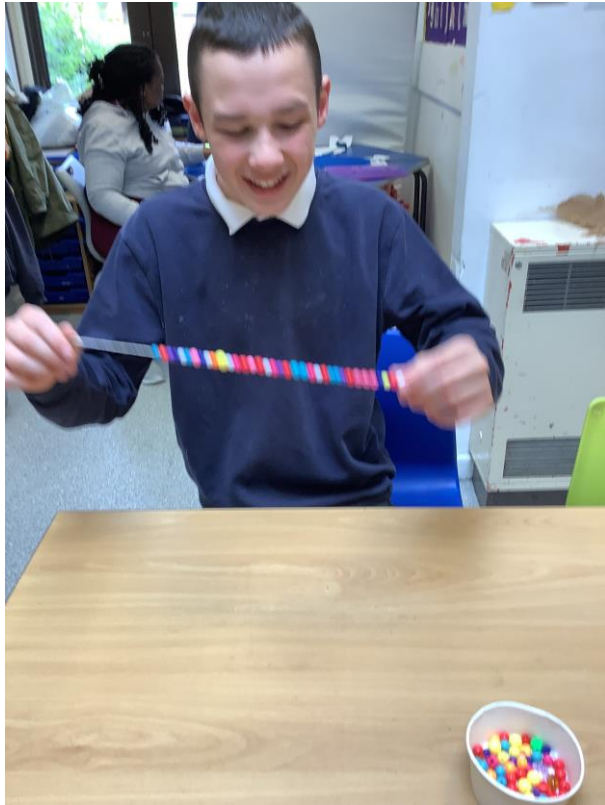


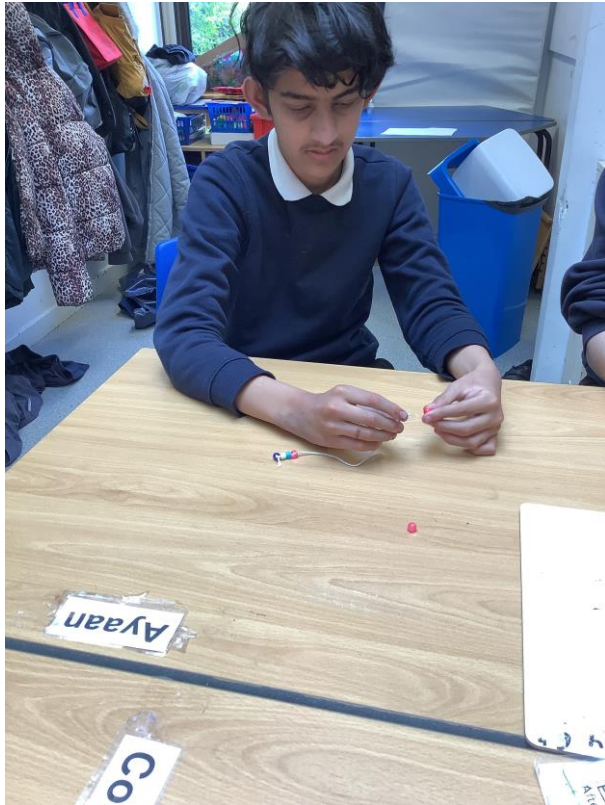


## The Glens

Skye class had a fabulous time at lea green for our end of year trip. They enjoyed exploring the equipment, jumping in the ball pit and sliding down the wavy slide! It was the perfect opportunity for us to spend time with our peers and staff from Mull and Fair Isle, it was lovely for us all to be together having fun!

Fair Isle class have been using their art lessons to prepare for Enterprise week. The students have been making bracelets, bag charms and keyrings, using lots of different beads and thread. The students have worked on their fine motor skills and really focussed on threading the small pieces together. What hard work, well done everyone!









## Key Stage 4

Canna class really enjoyed their first end of year trip to Splash Landings waterpark at Alton Towers. Students had an amazing day getting wet and wild, splashing and shooting staff with water guns, sliding down the water slides in rubber rings and floating around the lazy river. All of the students were brilliantly behaved and even some of the students who were anxious at first have asked if they can go again!















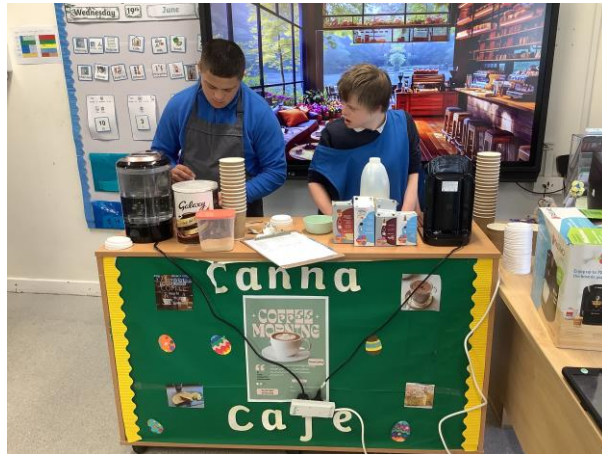




Students in Key Stage 4 have been running a cafe in school delivering takeaway coffees and cake to staff and running a cafe for year 7 and Glens students. 2 students are now confident in delivering the coffees and taking payments. We love welcoming the year 7s in and we serve them hot drinks, toast and biscuits. Students are really gaining in confidence and can take the money, use the coffee machine and serve drinks independently!









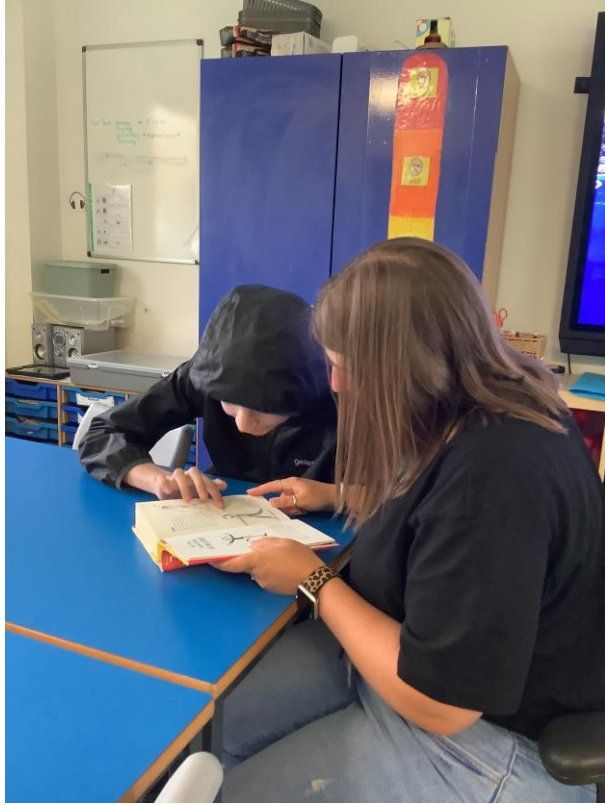




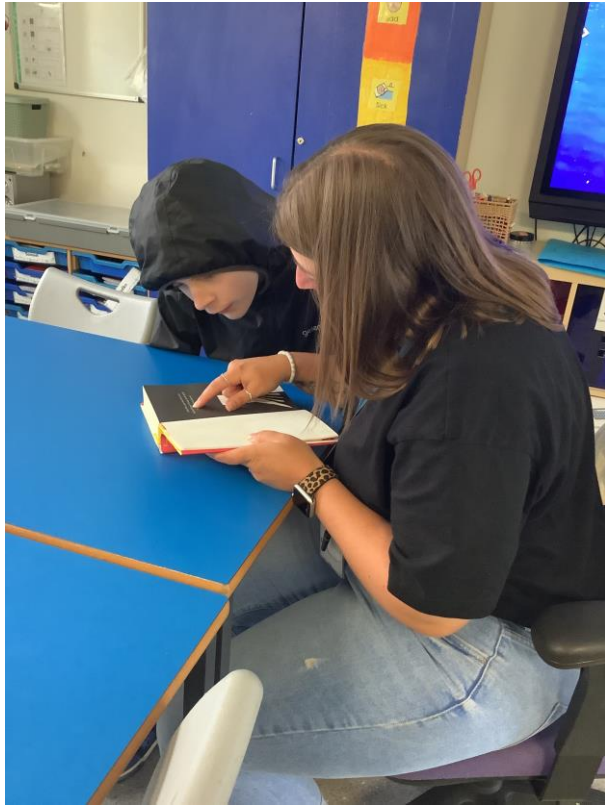


## Highlands

Iona's book this term is *Gangsta Granny Strikes Again* for our fantasy and adventure topic! Our students have really enjoyed the story and have really developed their language and communication skills. Students have excelled at answering different questions about their book of the term term, really consolidating their reading comprehension. Our Adventure topic has also been continued through our food tech lessons where we are travelling around the world to experience different cultures. This week we are in Spain where we have made delights such as paella and churros. This has helped us establish some lovely independent living skills.







Taransay has continued practising their See and Learn. Students have been strengthening their vocabulary through matching and selecting different words and pictures. In PSHE students have been developing their self-awareness learning for life skill by discussing their likes and dislikes.





Iona and Taransay class have joined forces this week to help complete an outdoor expressive arts project. We have been using our creative skills to develop an idea for a colourful recycled art display on our classes shared outside space. Students have using recycled bottles, water and food colouring to create a beautiful mosaic!



## Key Stage 5

### Nottingham Canal Boat Trip

7 of our wonderful students spent the day on a canal boat. We started with a tour of the boat and set off in the glorious sunshine feeding some ducks along the way! Some students worked the locks

while the other students made our lunch and then we all enjoyed a picnic together. On the way back, all the students had the opportunity to steer the boat. Aye aye captain!

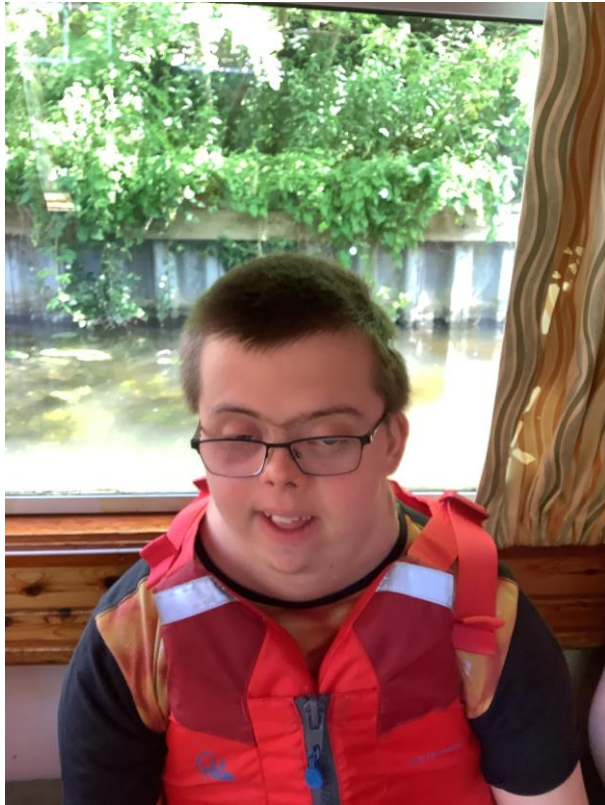
We had a fantastic day and a wonderful experience learning about travelling on canal boats.











## Residential Department



A busy in residential saw a return of the fantastic East Midlands Inclusive online choir. On Thursday a group attended DEDA Dance while the group at residential enjoyed a football themed evening, with crafts, baking and watching Denmark vs England. Other activities have included a cricket match, music, crafts, board games, after school clubs, meal preparation and gardening.





1 - Come On England 🇬🇧🇬🇧🇬🇧



2 - England biscuits at the ready.



*3 - A music themed evening with electric drums.*



*4 - Preparing the salad for tea.*



*5 - Relaxing with Lego, constructing a new Minecraft token design.*

## Student Voice



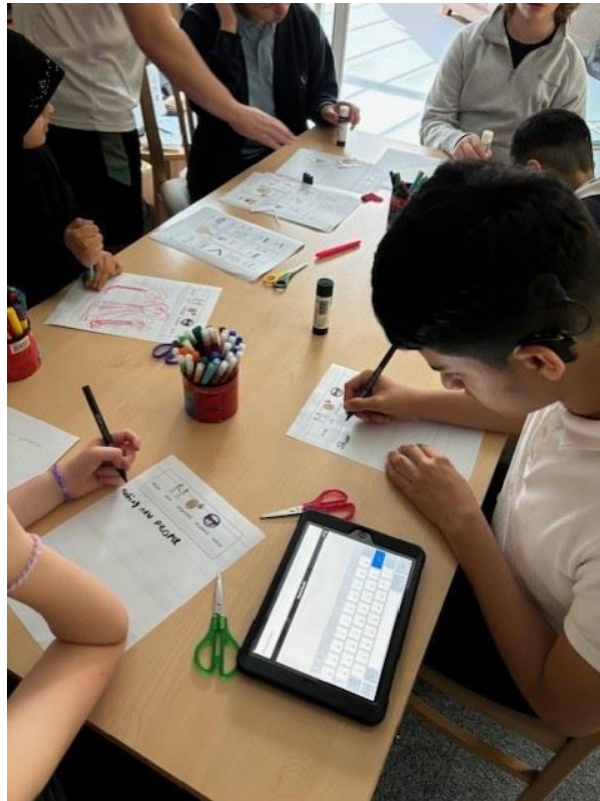
This student Voice we looked at what we have enjoyed about attending the sessions, the students said they enjoy meeting other students from different classes, enjoyed sharing ideas, talking about what after school clubs they would like to do and telling their class what ideas they shared.

We also started to look at how we can develop Student Voice next year.

The students said, having the sessions longer and more often, meeting different classes to show what we are doing.

All the students worked hard and came up with great ideas.

We are all excited for the future of Student Voice.







## Extra-Curricular Activities

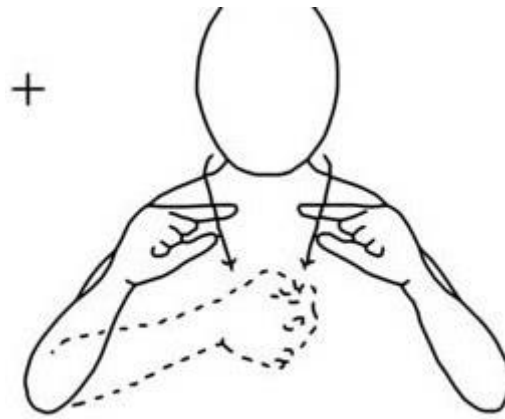
In our extra curricular creative arts after school club the students have been working on making their own scratch art. All students did there own designs. The students work is being showcased in our school art gallery.







## Makaton Sign of the Week



6 - This weeks' sign is **Medal**

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