



St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

2nd February 2024

Spring Term

Head Teacher's Welcome



At St Andrew's Academy, enabling our young people's mental health and wellbeing to be self managed effectively and holistically is paramount to our curriculum design and timetable. Next week is National Children's Mental Health Week and we have made it a focal point of our calendar to provide a week-long's package of strategies, knowledge and understanding around how to self manage your mental health and why that's important. The staff really have planned an incredibly innovative week, with a videographer procured to capture the excellence! As soon as the video is edited, I'll make it available. However, in the meantime, please do check in with your people each day next week and ask the question, 'What have you learned today that will help you maintain excellent mental health and wellbeing?'

Huge thanks to those of you who are joining the Friends of St Andrew's Academy 'Annual Spring Clean' on the last Sunday of half term (please see info below). Just to reiterate, you are welcome to come and stay for any amount of time that works for you and you are not expected to complete any tasks should you not wish to do so. The event really is an opportunity to come into school, meet the wonderful people that give their heart and soul to our young people and connect, converse and enjoy each others company.

Have a wonderful weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Friends of St Andrew's Academy



At St Andrew's, we're very proud of you, our community, and we're keen to connect and collaborate to improve outcomes for all. With that in mind, we are hosting the first ' St Andrew's Annual Spring clean' and we invite you all to drop by to socialise and support St Andrew's in any way possible. On Sunday 25th February (the last Sunday of half term) the school site will be open 10am-2pm for our community to come together and complete site maintenance tasks such as litter pick, leaf clearance and general tidy up. Hot food will be served on the day at very competitive rates and all are welcome. You're welcome to drop by for a few minutes, to arrive and leave at any time you wish. You are welcome to come along to just chat with no expectation of completing any tasks or job.

The intent of the event is to get us together and support each other in any way possible. If the site is cleaner and we make some money on food then that's a bonus, the aim is host an informal event where you can meet people and feel part of the special community that is St Andrew's Academy.

Please sign up by clicking here: [Sign up to become a Friend of St Andrew's Academy!](#)

David Braybrooke



The Glens

This term Skye Class are learning about China. This week, the students have created some beautiful Cherry Blossom Trees during their art lesson. They have used lots of different tools and techniques and experimented with colours. They used a paintbrush to draw the tree and used the bottom of a plastic bottle to create the blossom. The students all worked really hard, listened to the instructions and have all worked on their independent and empathy skills.





Fair Isle class have been very busy with all their learning activities and have lots to share this week! In Science we have been learning about personal hygiene, and we did a practical experiment with petri dishes; to show where the germs are on our hands. We also practiced our hand washing skills.

In music we have continued our learning about Chinese instruments. We tried some cymbals this week, and matched our key vocabulary to it.

In PSHE we have been building our friendships in class and thinking about how when people are unkind, and how we can be a good friend.







Key Stage 4

In our Work related learning sessions some of the students in KS4 have started a new enterprise, running both an on-site cafe for other students as well as a coffee delivery service for the staff. The students have been using their functional literacy and numeracy skills, following instructions to make food items to sell, learning to use the coffee machine appropriately and taking money/ card payments from customers. Students have been building their knowledge of safety procedures around the cooking equipment as well as recognising correct cleaning equipment and how to use it safely.

This enterprise has been a success so far and the students are enjoying gaining more life skills and independence.







Highlands



This week in the Highlands we have been preparing for Chinese New Year! We have been using our creative thinking skills to make our very own dragon heads and we enjoyed sampling some Chinese food, such as, spring rolls and noodles. For our team challenge this week we did the chopstick challenge! Students used their fine motor skills to move prawn crackers from one plate to another, just using chopsticks. Our students focused extremely well and had lots of fun doing it!







Campus

Some of our Campus students were travel training on the bus to town. They walked to the Museum of Making and went to see the LEGO exhibition, which featured a scale model of the Peak District. The students had fun making their own LEGO sculptures. It was a really nice experience and it's free. Make sure you check it out.









Campus students have been casting their votes in this year's Derby City Council Youth Mayor election. Our students watched the candidates' video messages before casting their votes in privacy.



1 - Hi , Please check with class staff for next weeks exciting activity's. We are super excited for a brilliant World Mental Health week. Our voice really matters, we have took on the choices made my our students to create a wonderful enchanting week.



We have a lovely young lady aged 16 who would really like some work experience in Animal Care. I am reaching out to all our wonderful families to ask if they have any links or contacts that may be able to help me to arrange a placement for her. Please contact Tracy.corden@sas.set.org if you can help.

Residential Department



A great week in residential, students have been extremely helpful in the kitchen preparing tea, creative in arts projects, active in our sports and fitness sessions, and had fun relaxing playing bingo, board and computer games.

Next week Chinese New Year celebrations.



2 - Meal preparation at teatime. Cheese toasties always go down a treat in residential.



3 - Showing great safety skills in the kitchen when opening the soup tins and using the oven.



4 - Water splat cat game got all players soaking wet.



5 - Students reading this weeks new library books with their own self decorated bookmarks.



6 - A final Thursday night in residential for a student who is switching nights. It finished with his favourite activity, a computer game battle against the staff team. As usual he won.

Broomfield Hall Open Evening

Broomfield college welcomes you to their open evening.

Location: Broomfield Hall

Address: Broomfield Hall, Morley, Ilkeston DE7 6DN

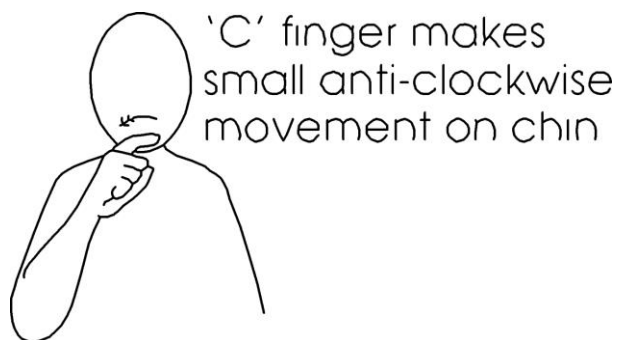
Date: 14-02-2024

Time: 5pm - 7pm

You can register at the link below:

[Click here to register](#)

Makaton Sign of the Week



7 - Sign of the week this week is :

Chocolate

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