



St Andrew's Academy
Family update newsletter

Head Teacher's Welcome



We're into the last half term of the year and the energy and enthusiasm at St Andrew's shows no sign of waning! With Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in full swing, sports tournaments being enjoyed and the pupil engagement in our knowledge rich curriculum offer for all to see, we're using every minute to improve outcomes for all.

As we move towards the end of the year, thoughts naturally move onto what September looks like. Who is their next teacher? What friends will be in their class? What does the curriculum look like? These are all questions we ask at this time of the year. All staff will be given information about their next class team today. However, we're unable to share with parents and pupils which class they will be in for another couple of weeks. There has been an unusually high, last minute influx of consultations requesting a place for September and we don't have finalised details of new starters, both into the school at Yr7 and all year groups. This means if we issue the class lists as they are, there will be some last minute changes should we admit more pupils. The very last thing we would do is to begin to transition classes when we know classes could change. Whole school transition day, where pupils spend the day with their new classes will be Friday July 19th.

I appreciate families and young people are keen to know. If the next couple weeks are creating any anxiety at all, we'd be very happy to discuss this personally on a case by case basis. Feel free to reach out to any member of the team who you feel most comfortable with.

As always, a huge thank you to you for all of your excellent collaboration and support,

Have a great weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

7th June 2024

New School Uniform!

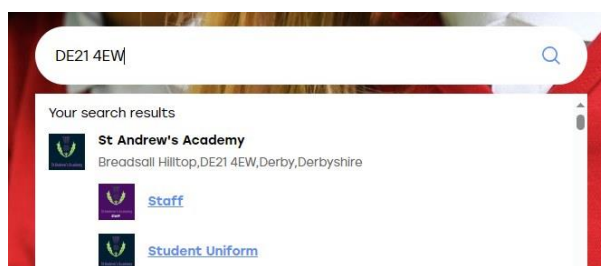
We have been working hard over the past few weeks to collaborate with a new uniform supplier. Whilst we do not make uniform mandatory for our students, we do still like to be able to offer this to families who find they do wish to purchase items of clothing from our uniform selection.

We are now set up with MyClothing.com where you can purchase items directly as and when required and they will be delivered to your home.

Please click the link here - [MyClothing.com](https://www.myclothing.com) and in the school search bar, either search for our postcode "DE21 4EW" or type in "St Andrew's Academy". Please make sure you only buy items for your child from the "Student Uniform" section, not the "Staff" section. This is as we wish to be able to clearly differentiate between staff and students colours.

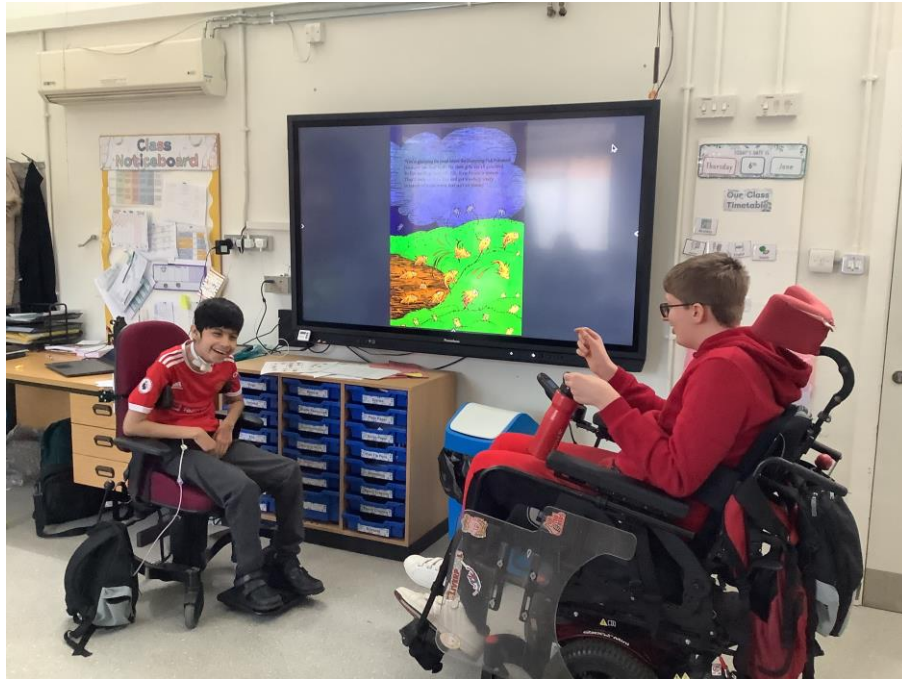
If you have any queries about your order or the clothing on offer, please contact the company directly on 0800 059 0594 or via email at support@myclothing.com.

Once more, just a reminder that uniform is not mandatory for our students and we are simply sharing this information so parents/carers are aware of our new uniform provider!



Key Stage 3

In Lewis class we have been working on the Lorax in our English lessons. We have been linking it to our topic this term, Enough for Everyone. With this we have been critically thinking about the effects of deforestation and pollution. We have been taking on the roles of the main characters: the Lorax and the Once-ler. We acted out the various conversations (arguments) they both have and the class, they all showed how angry the Lorax was towards the greedy Once-ler who has been chopping down trees to make money. It has been great to see them take on the roles and enhance their understanding of the story!



As part of our Design Technology topic Bute class have been learning about upcycling old items and turning them into new items.

The students are creating Sock Monkeys from old socks. This week we had some help to sew our socks, creating the basic body shape and legs, then stuffing them. The students are really enjoying seeing their sock monkeys take shape week by week, whilst practising their Creative and fine motor skills, using a needle and thread.







The Glens



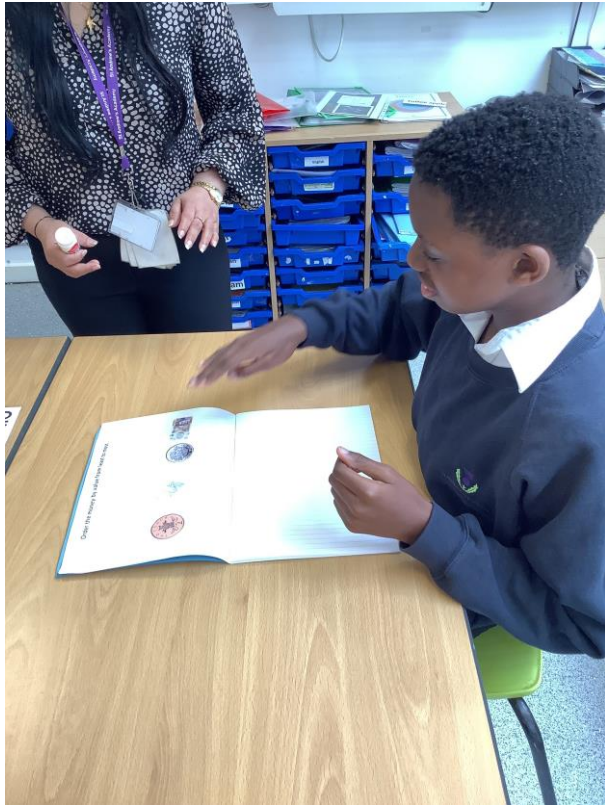
Mull this week have been exploring the topic of Science, more specifically electricity.

All the students took turns using a switch in class to be in control of different items that also relate to the senses. They felt the warmth of a hairdryer, the sound of a radio, the sight of a sensory light and the vibrations from a hand mixer :)





Fair Isle class have been working on their money skills in maths this term. This week they focussed on ordering coins by their value. Lots of hard work and great problem solving skills in class! Students have also been developing their social skills and sharing instruments, one student played a really nice tune. Fair Isle class also took part in the table cricket tournament. Students really enjoyed the chance to try a new sport with their peers across school. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event. What a busy week! Have a good weekend everyone!





Skye class have had a great first week back, they all took part in a table top cricket tournament on Monday and had the best time ever! We were all so proud of how well they transitioned into the hall, and all the students did brilliant turn taking when batting and bowling. They listened to the instructions and all had a go at a new skill.



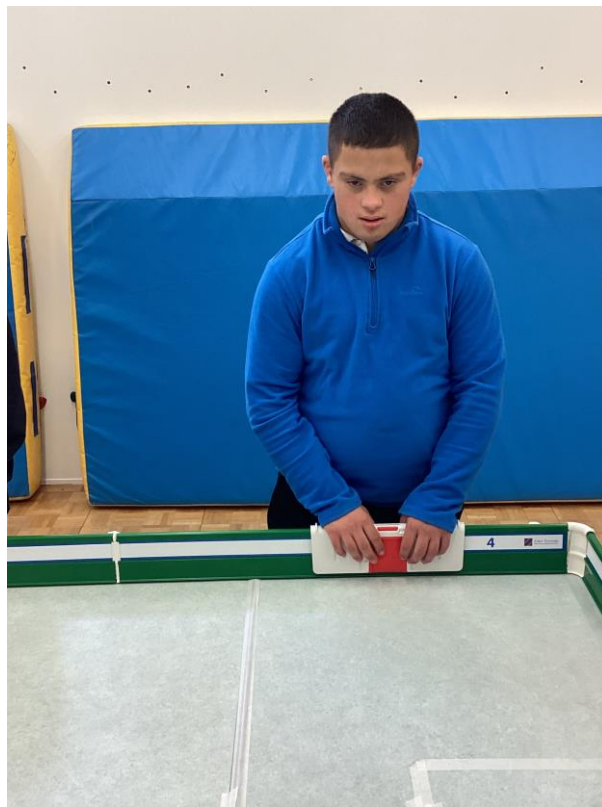




Key Stage 4

Today we had a visit from the Derbyshire cricket team coach, who had organized for students to take part in a table cricket competition. The students really engaged well with the session, they enjoyed trying different positions such as batting, bowling, and fielding.





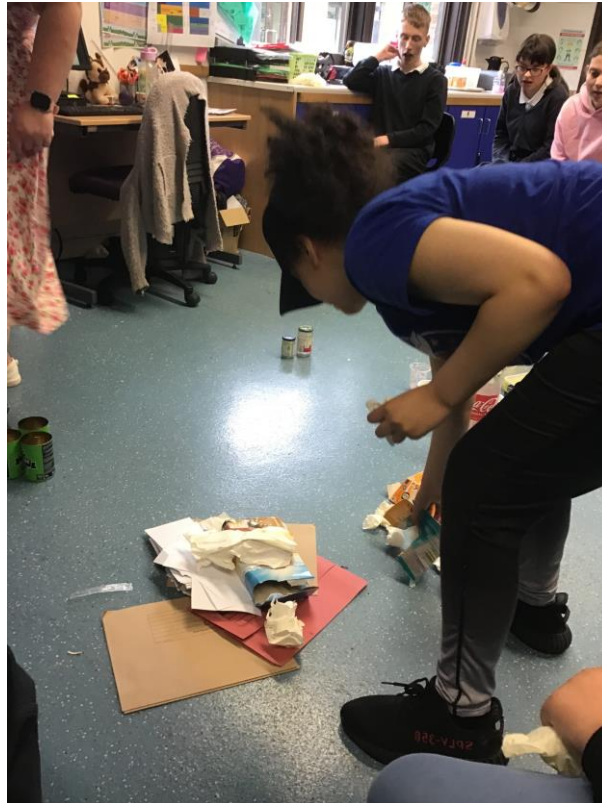
Students in Stronsay have been developing their understanding of recycling. We did a science experiment! We had bin bags on the back of our chairs for the day and students had to put all their rubbish (except food waste!) into the bags. After 24 hours we then collected all the rubbish in the middle of the classroom and sorted it into different materials. We looked at the information on the packaging making sure we could recognise the recycling symbol and read the key information

underneath it. We were surprised to see that a lot of the plastic food packaging was non recyclable and had to go into general waste! We could recycle a lot less than we thought. We collected the data in a bar graph and worked out the material we had the most of was plastic. We then discussed ways we can cut down on our use of plastic and discussed how UK is cutting down on the use of plastic (in shops etc.) n

It was an eye opening experiment!







Highlands

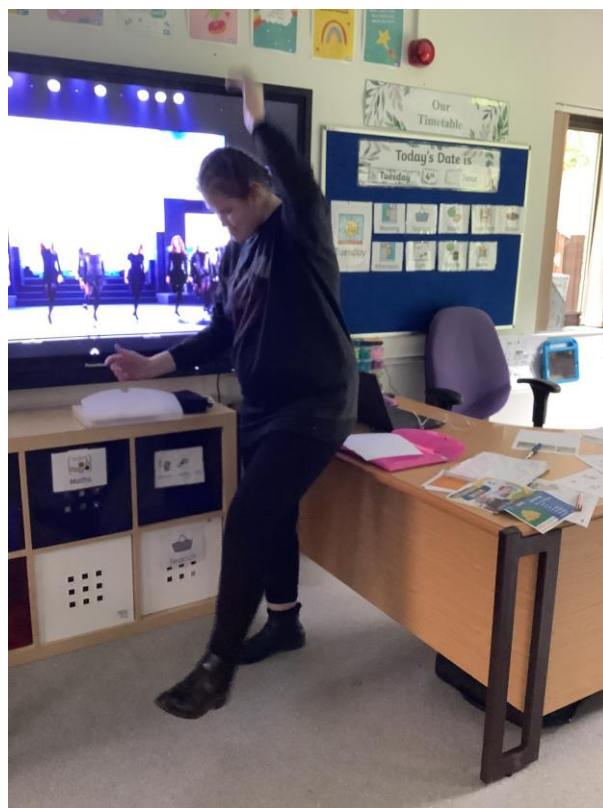
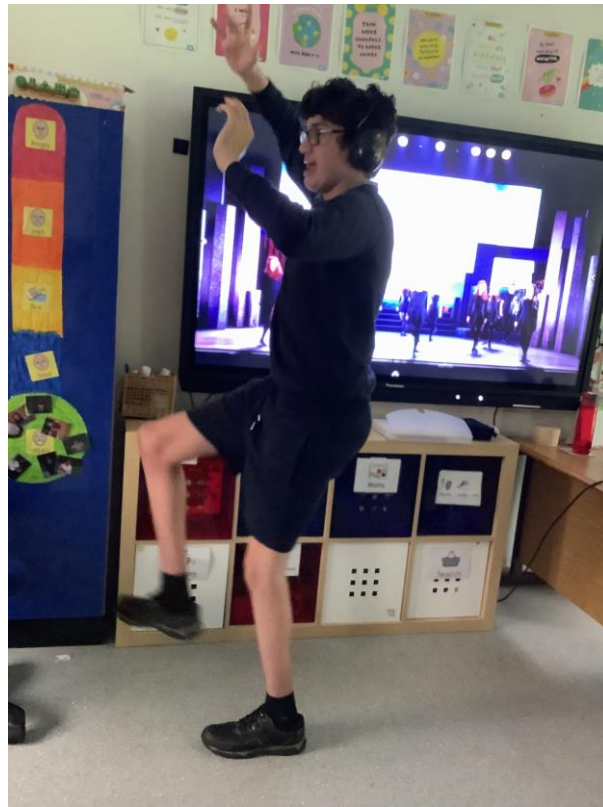
Jura Class have started their Marathon Training ready for the event on the 25th June. We have been working hard on the school treadmill and also going on walks around our local community to build up our fitness in readiness. We are doing this event to raise some money for sporting opportunities within St Andrews Academy. If you would like to donate and support our cause you can do so through the following link - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jura-class-marathon-challenge>

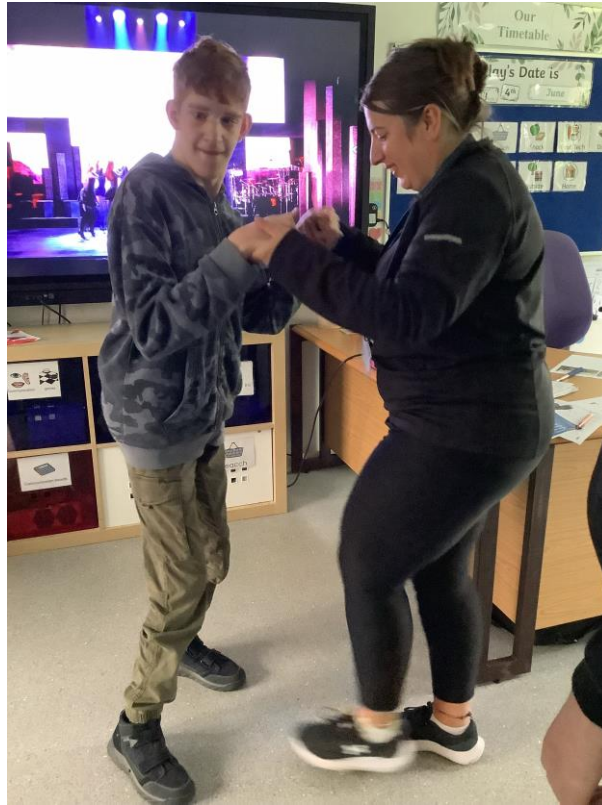




We have had a wonderful first week back in the Highlands! We have continued with our around the world adventure, as part of our community and the wider world module, where we have been learning all about Ireland. We have been using our functional numeracy skill of measuring mass by weighing ingredients for some traditional Irish cooking including beef stew and soda bread. For our

physical and sensory development we have had a go at Irish river dance, we certainly have some talented dancers in the Highlands!





In our expressive arts lessons we have focused on mosaic work by our featured artist Gaudi. We used different coloured glass pebbles to create our own animal mosaics, really consolidating those fine motor skills and developing our creative thinking.







Key Stage 5

Before half term break some of our FE Campus students went on an overnight residential trip to Shining Cliff Woods. On our first day we travelled to Matlock Bath where we all enjoyed spending some

money in the arcades playing a variety of different games followed by some fish, chips and ice cream. After a busy morning and afternoon we settled in to our hostel, unpacked our bags, played some games, had some food and had a camp fire where we enjoyed some s'mores! Before bed we had a pound session to help us









Residential Department



A bumper residential input this week. Just before the half term break we were once again kindly donated a special treat takeaway tea by the fantastic team at Gowara. All students loved the food and the break from cooking.

We also had a special visit from our local P.C.S.O Officers, for a Q&A session, and a chance to try on uniform and see how the patrol car works.

This week residential students have been back helping preparing their own food. From taking in, checking and packing away the shopping delivery, then preparing and cooking the food. This week favorites were chicken burgers and vegetable noodles.

Now summer has finally arrived, we were able to clear up our residential garden area.



1 - A wonderful treat courtesy of Gowara



2 - P.C.S.O Gregson showed the group all the different light and sound settings of the police car.



3 - The new recruits trying on the uniform.



4 - Keep out of trouble or its in the back seat for you.



5 - Checking off this week ASDA delivery from our favourite driver Eddie.



6 - Packing away all of this weeks food.



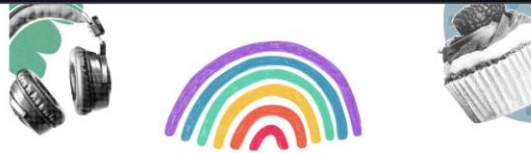
7 - Safely preparing the salad items. Great knife skills.



8 - Weeding, hedge cutting, pruning needed to keep the residential garden area tidy.

SEND and LGBT+ community

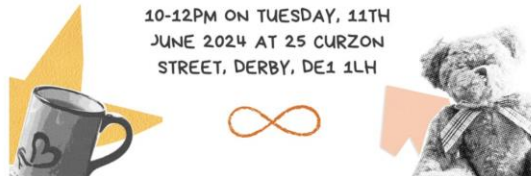
June is pride month, so we thought we'd share an LGBTQ+ event happening in derby for SEND families



FREE DROP-IN FOR
**NEURODIVERGENT &
SEND LGBT+ FAMILIES**

(diagnosed or undiagnosed)

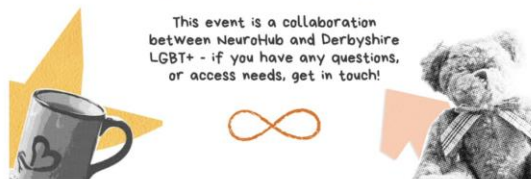
10-12PM ON TUESDAY, 11TH
JUNE 2024 AT 25 CURZON
STREET, DERBY, DE1 1LH



A space for parents, carers or relatives of those aged 0-25 who are neurodivergent/SEND to chat, offload, seek advice and find out about support available to them and their LGBT+ family.

Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

This event is a collaboration between NeuroHub and Derbyshire LGBT+ - if you have any questions, or access needs, get in touch!



The questions you bring with you might be related to being out and about, communication and interaction, education, work or play, sleeping, eating, toileting, crisis and behaviour, sensory processing, sexuality, gender identity or expression. You're also very welcome to simply use the space to connect with others.

This event is a collaboration with Neurohub - based in St. James's Centre – who support Parent, Carer's, Children and Adults up to the age of 25 years with Neurodivergent conditions either diagnosed or undiagnosed. You can get in touch with them via neurohub@stjamescentre.org or by 07561 856 320.

No booking needed – just drop in!

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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.

Park and Active Living Team at the Council are working with an artist to create a sculpture which will be a reflection piece on the impact of Covid. The piece will be installed at Nottingham Road Cemetery, Chaddesden.

Richard the artist wanted to get some inspirational ideas from the students. They looked at the work Richard has done in the past. Richard ask the students on how they would like the sculpture to look and to come up with some ideas. The students came up with some great ideas. They said it should be something people can sit on. They spoke about how they would like it to have flowers on it and hands to show how they clapped for the NHS.

We look forward to seeing the sculpture when it is ready.



9 - Hand tracing.



10 - Making sculpture out of clay.



11 - Richard showing the students his work.





Derby Voluntary Sector Award



Talha was nominated for the Youth Award for all his contributions for the SEND Ambassadors. Talha has been part of the SEND Ambassadors for the past 3 years.

SEND Ambassadors is a youth council for young people with special educational needs representing their school.

Where they attend monthly meetings to discuss a range of different topics that affect children and young people, share ideas and improve services for other children and young people who live in Derby, represent the views of young people at meetings and present ideas to senior decision makers.

Being part of the SEND Ambassadors Talha has grown in confidence, he is eager to join in and make a huge contribution.

Talha is an enthusiastic student keen to make a change. Talha is a model volunteer who has found a voice in supporting those around him.

Congratulation Talha on winning the Youth Award.







Occupational Therapy

The gross motor group this week, had lots of fun, and really tried hard. We started off with warm up dances and then moved onto different activities involving the gym ball and scooter board to engage and strengthen their core.



Makaton Sign of the Week

Move both
hands forward
in formation



*12 - This weeks sign of the week is **To Care for***

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