



St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

28th March 2024

Spring Term

Head Teacher's Welcome



Today, our pupils have enjoyed a whole school Maths day to address some common misconceptions and shared learning goals. Donna, the maths lead, used a series of diagnostic tools to gather information of areas of development within mathematics that the young people share. One of those areas was positional language, Positional language tells you where something is, often in relation to other objects. For example, the cake is underneath the lid of the box.

A vast range of learning activities, scenarios, games and activities that require and promote positional language were set up across the school for pupils to access throughout the day. This is a really engaging and motivational way to address whole school shared learning goals alongside social skills and developing communication. I had the pleasure of joining in and witnessing firsthand the enjoyment and learning from all.

As we complete the second term of the year, I have some staffing changes to share with you all. Some of you may have had the opportunity to meet and work alongside Alistair Crawford. Alistair had a unique role at St Andrew's and supported the staff with their training needs. Those of you who have a long-standing connection with St Andrew's will know Alistair from his time here as a teacher and Senior leader. He also spent sometime as Deputy Head at Bennerley Fields. Alistair is moving onto pastures new with a national Trust and we thank him for his excellent input and wish him all the very best.

I know you'll all be very familiar with our exceptional Assistant Head and SENCo Sam Summerrell. Sam joined us 3 years ago and engineered the annual review process to be some of the very best SEND practice nationwide. Sam's commitment to serving the St Andrew's community is second to

none and it is with great pleasure that I can share that Sam will return after Easter as the new Deputy Head. For the remainder of this year, nothing will change in terms of Sam's input within the annual review process. From September, Sam will play a more strategic role with named key staff chairing a larger share of the annual reviews. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Sam on her new role and I look forward to Sam's exceptional knowledge and experience playing a larger role across the brilliant offer at St Andrew's.

Summer Term is shaping up to be incredibly exciting for our learners with trips, residentials and expeditions enriching the curriculum offer more than ever. I'd like to personally thank you all for your continued superb support and collaboration with our shared goal of excellence for your young person.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter and we can't wait to welcome you back on Tuesday 16th April following the school closure on Monday 15th April for INSET.

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

The Glens

Fair Isle and Mull classes have had a great week to celebrate all things Easter! They have been busy preparing their cake for the Bake Off competition, as part of the fun maths day on Thursday. Students have been focusing on positional language and ordinal numbers, with lots of fun activities to help them secure this knowledge and celebrate Easter as well. Here are a few photos of some of our students working hard behind the scenes making their cake!







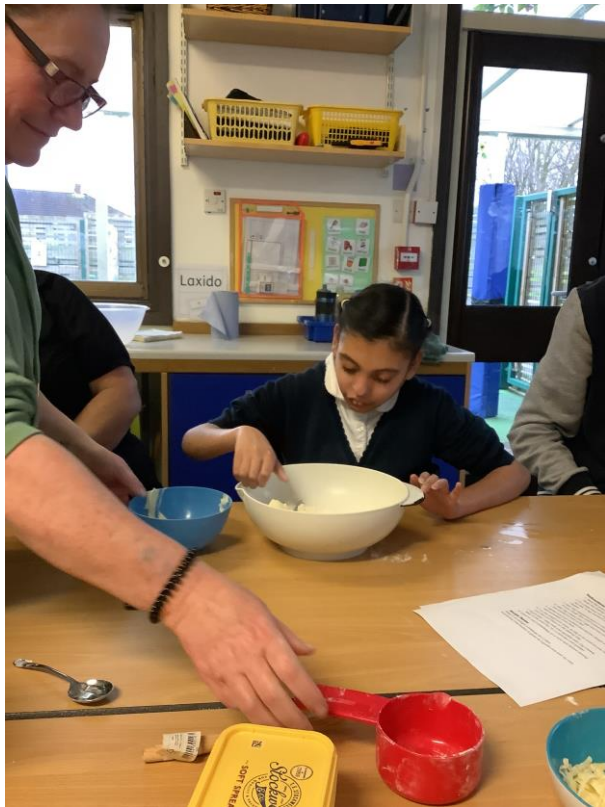


What a way to end the Spring Term by having lots of fun making Easter craft and enjoying different activities. The students have made Easter crowns and cards and have thoroughly enjoyed making a whole class cake as part of the School bake off competition.

On Thursday, as part of Maths Day, the students all participated in a variety of Maths activities. They had so much fun attending an Attention Autism egg splat (which linked very well to our class cake), egg rolling competition and an egg and spoon race.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy eating lots of chocolate :)







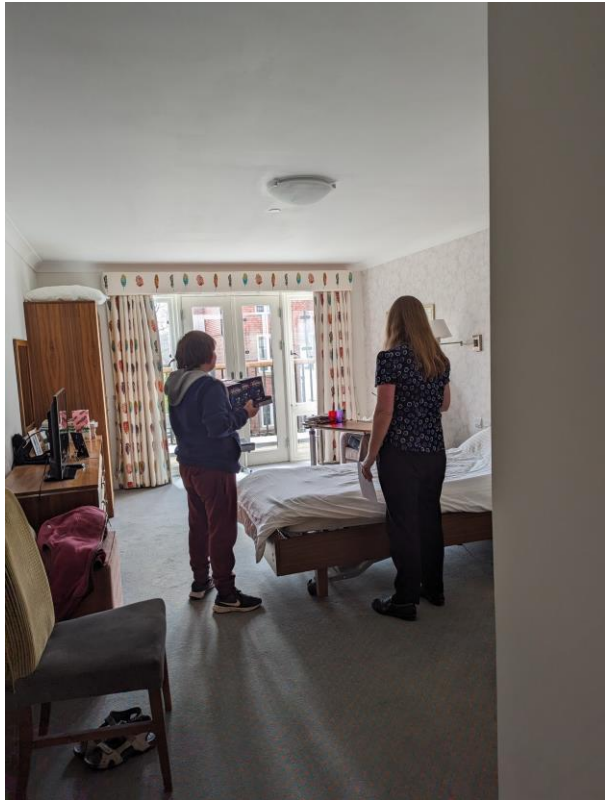


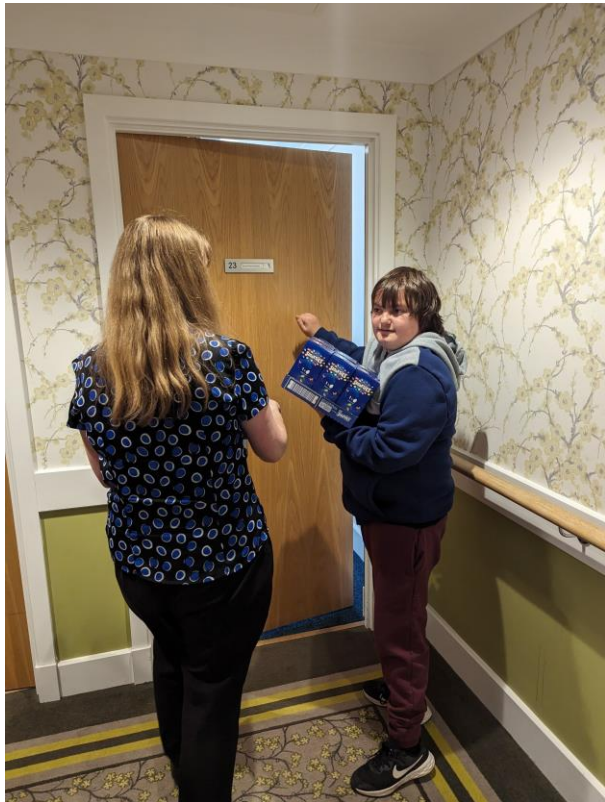


Key Stage 4

Students who have been volunteering at the care home as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award delivered Easter eggs to all the residents this week. We loved making people smile with a small gesture. We met one resident who will be 101 this year and the students decided she needed 2 Easter eggs!









It was the final week of KS4 enterprise this week. We have been making staff lunches as our project since December. We have made soups, lasagnes, macaroni cheese, pork cobs, roast potatoes, pulled pork, a Christmas cob special... lots of tasty treats for the amazing St Andrew's staff. The project has helped us develop our independence skills, safety in the kitchen and food hygiene skills, fine motor skills, functional english and maths skills (reading recipes, weighing, measuring, following instructions etc.) and we have tasted and tried lots of new foods, herbs and spices. We wanted to say thank you to the staff for all their support so we made a free buffet for them to enjoy with lots of homemade goodies, showcasing all our skills.





Highlands



We have had a fantastic time celebrating Easter in the Highlands! We began our week by learning about the religious reasons why we celebrate Easter. Students have enjoyed using their fine motor skills to make various different Easter crafts such as cards, handprint rabbits and paper chicks! Critical thinking skills were used for an afternoon egg hunt and functional maths skills were used on Thursday to celebrate Maths day by making an Easter cake where students had to sequence a recipe and weigh ingredients.

Students have also made sock bunnies for Easter and some of our kids with the cake for the competition.

Overall a very fun filled week! Happy Easter from the Highlands :)









EVENT POSTPONED - FE College Campus Information Session . New Date - Monday 22nd April 2024



Please note that this event will now take place on Monday 22nd April.

4.00pm – 4.30pm: Campus Tour and ‘Meet the Staff’.

4.30pm – 5.00pm: Curriculum Offer Presentation.

This is an open invitation to all young people and their families who will be progressing into FE in September 2024 to come and meet the FE team, see the campus building and find out some more information about the FE curriculum offer your young person will be following next year.

You will receive an information form for your young person to complete. This information will help to inform student groupings and timetables for the new academic year.

Please could these forms be returned by May 24th 2024.



1 - We welcomed Steven from Portland College Mansfield to talk about the future offers.

Students asked questions about Portlands offer. Portland will be offering us the opportunity to visit their campus and tour.

Please email campus@sas.set.org to register your interest in attending this event.



2 - We watched a video about the facilities at Portland. We were very impressed with the offer.



3 - We learnt about the range of activities, including their farm, art course and theatre.

A massive thanks for this assembly and information. We look forwards to working together in the future.

Please contact Steven Ferrari - Dean for a tour with you and your students to see the potential amazing placement post 19, contact him on stevenferraridean@portland.ac.uk to make a appointment.

Transport Information

The window for transport applications opens on 1st April. So, all post-16 students that are receipt of transport or PTB (Personal Transport Budget) must apply each year. Anyone under 16 already receiving transport doesn't need to apply, unless they are moving schools or don't currently receive transport and would like to. It's best to add in as much supporting evidence as possible as it is not a statutory requirement to provide transport.

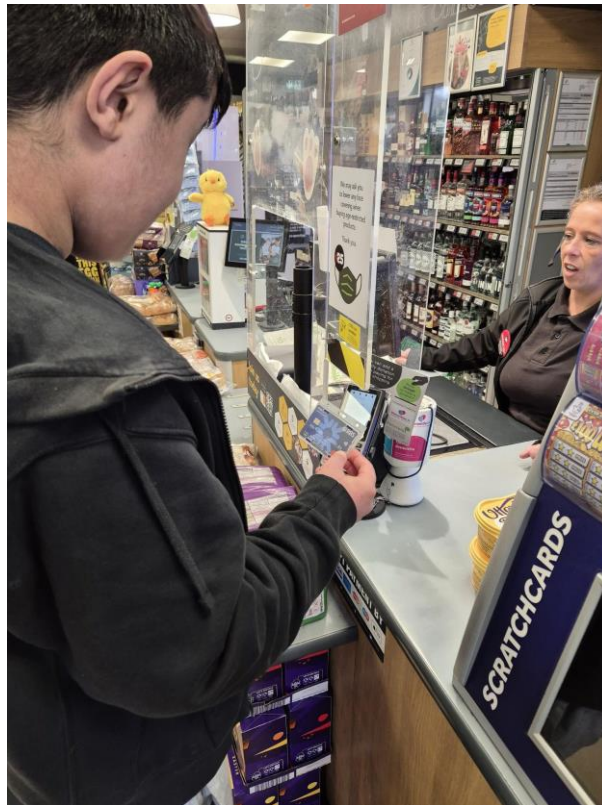
Follow the link to apply <https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/derbys-send-local-offer/home-to-school-travel/home-to-school-travel-assistance/#>

Residential Department



A busy final week in residential before the Easter holidays. The Monday/Tuesday group highlight was a visit to the local cinema. Wednesday/Thursday night students took part in East Midlands online choir session, sports, and learnt key life skills, budgeting, list making, road safety while shopping at the local CO-OP.

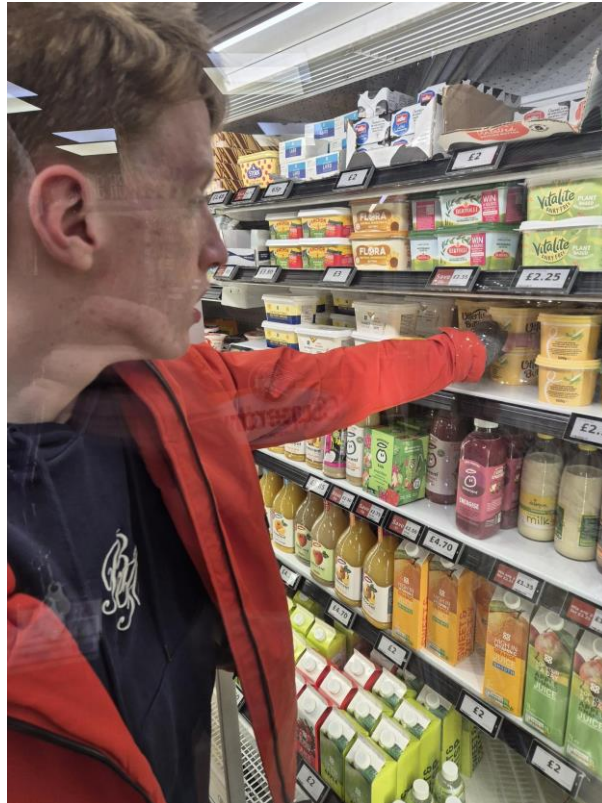
Happy Easter to all



4 - Paying for the essential items for tea using the card terminal.



5 - Buying a magazine using ca+sh as an alternative payment method.



6 - Finding and selecting items from the shopping list.



7 - All enjoyed the end of term trip to watch the new Ghostbusters movie at Odeon cinema.

Performing Arts Opportunities

The National Open Youth Orchestra are performing at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday 2nd June 2024, 3-4pm. Each student at St Andrew's Academy has been offered 2 free tickets. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jenny, the Music lead at school, or put a note in your young person's home-school diary.

"The National Open Youth Orchestra (NOYO) is a pioneering inclusive orchestra where brilliant 11-25 year-old disabled and non-disabled musicians rehearse and perform together. It promotes inclusion by performing exciting music written and arranged for a diverse group of musicians and instruments.

It also works with venues to produce accessible concerts." For more information about the National Open Youth Orchestra, visit [Welcome - National Open Youth Orchestra \(noyo.org.uk\)](http://Welcome - National Open Youth Orchestra (noyo.org.uk) .) .



EAST MIDLANDS INCLUSIVE CHOIR



everyone has their own voice to share!

It's FREE and welcomes anyone up to age 25 and their families

With online and in-person rehearsals you can make music your own way!
sing, move, dance, sign, make sounds with an instrument or soundmaker.

Online rehearsals

Once per fortnight during term time
Via Zoom – a link will be sent to those who sign up

Next in-person rehearsal



FIND OUT MORE + SIGN UP
mehem.org/inclusive





SEND HUB Creative Workshops

FREE weekly workshops in dance and movement, drama, music and percussion



Open to learning disabled, neurodivergent and Autistic young people aged 13-18 who are keen to develop their skills

Every Thursday from 29th Feb 2024

Come and see if this is for you on our

Taster sessions:

7th March

14th March

4.30 - 6pm

Workshops are all FREE, funded by the CANVAS project



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Where?

Our Hubbub home and new SEND inclusive hub at Deda



19 Chapel Street
Derby DE1 3GU

Booking essential



01332 374 665



info@hubbubtheatre.org

Additional Information

**COME JOIN US ON
12TH APRIL**



**6.30PM - 10.30PM
FOR OUR 16 PLUS
SEN DISCO WITH
AEROBICS TO START**

**Alfreton Town Supporters Club
North St, Alfreton DE55 7FZ**



**£5 entry
parents/carers free**



**please contact andrea 07733060448
for more info or to book.**



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Blackwell community centre
woburn close blackwell alfeton
DE55 5HH

SENDisco
with sensory play
activities
APRIL 19th
5PM -7PM
AGED 4 -19 YRS

£5 SEN CHILD ,£3 SIBLINGS
PARENTS/CARERS TO SUPERVISE

drinks and tuck shop -cash or paypal
please visit facebook/instagram;SENDisco
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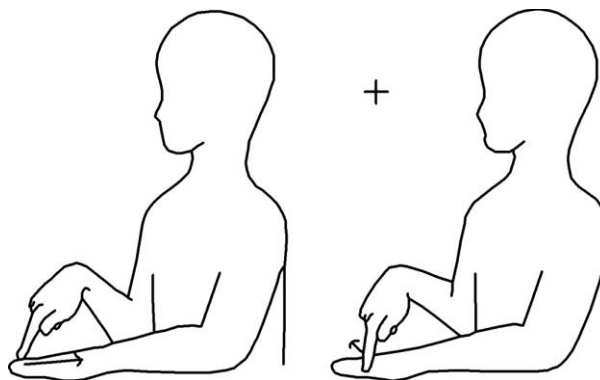






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Makaton Sign of the Week



8 - This weeks' sign is Easter

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