



St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

Autumn Term 2

15th November 2024

Head Teacher's Welcome



Our hope is that you get a strong sense of community, collaboration and togetherness from these newsletters and your St Andrew's experience. **You are invited to St Andrew's Academy main site Tuesday 19th November 4p- 6pm** to connect with our school community for our Outdoor Education showcase event.

At St Andrew's, we value the learning opportunities and impact of having an exceptional outdoor education learning offer running throughout our curriculum for all learners at every level. Our offer is specifically designed to be fully inclusive, with a wide range of learning opportunities, underpinned by our internal assessment system as well as the Duke of Edinburgh programme.

We would love to showcase some of the learning opportunities that our pupils enjoy on a weekly basis, with the aim of further understanding life at St Andrew's as well as a great opportunity to connect, network and be together.

This even is totally free of charge, with a wide range of camp style food and drink on offer to enjoy. Please see full details on the event flyer in this news letter and in our main reception.

Parking is very tight on site so we recommend parking on the road or at our 6th form site on Fieldsway Drive, a short walk from the school. Staff will greet you at the main gates and direct you to the various stations located across the site for you to enjoy.

As always, if you can't make this event, don't worry! Our aim is to provide frequent touch points throughout the calendar so we can showcase all areas of our provision and the hard work of our superb students.

We're looking forward to welcoming as many people as possible!

Our students have had a busy time engaging with Children in Need today and many thanks to those who have donated to our fundraiser. Please click on the link below if you still wish to make a donation:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sue-turner-1731320664134?newPage=true>

Have a great weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Outdoor Education Showcase Event - Tuesday 19th November 2024



We are excited to invite you and all the family along to our Outdoor Education Showcase Event on Tuesday 19th November 2024. The event will take place from 4pm until 6pm.

There will be hot drinks, food, a campfire and activities for all the family to enjoy! Please come along with your child at these times to find out all about what St Andrew's can offer for Outdoor Education. We look forward to seeing you all!

For more information, please ask in the diaries or contact Dan via email - daniel.tranter@sas.set.org

Christmas Market 4th December 2024



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. The market will be an opportunity to buy different items that classes have been busy making and should be a lovely festive afternoon. The event will be totally cash free and will operate a token system. Tokens are 50p each and items on sale will be priced by the required number of tokens. Tokens can be purchased on the day using the card machines or in advance through our school shop. <http://st-andrews-academy.square.site/> Tokens bought in advance will be given to your young person's class team to take with them on the day.

We hope to share some photos of items that will be available for sale in the upcoming weeks so please watch this space!

Families can take their young person home directly from the Christmas Market but please ensure you have agreed this with class staff in advance and that a staff member is aware of this when you are leaving.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Bag2School Collection Friday 6th December

We are raising money with Bag2School



The following items can be accepted (in black bags please)

Adult Clothing Childrens Clothing Shoes (tied together)
Hats Belts Handbags Towels Curtains Bed Linen

No duvets or pillows please

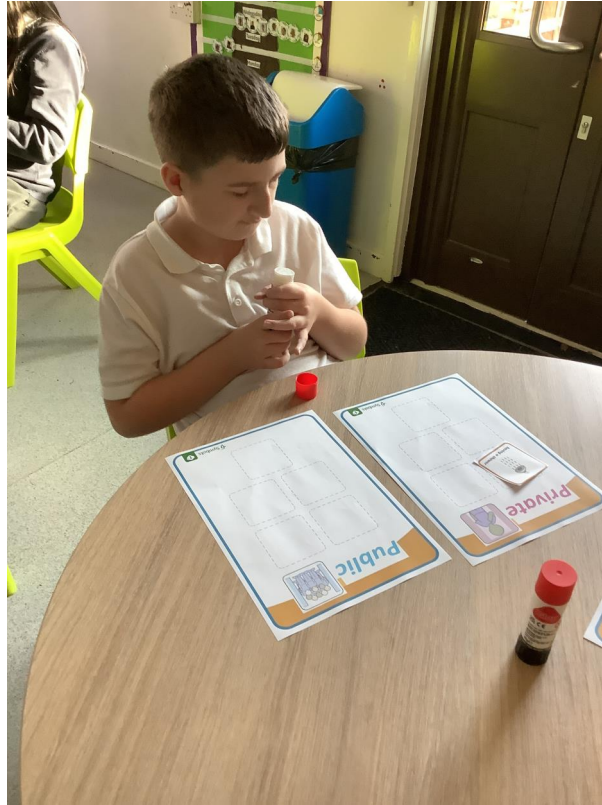
**Please bring bags in anytime up to Wednesday 4th
December**

Our next Bag2School Collection is scheduled for Friday 6th December. Bag2School is a charity scheme which helps to generate money for school through clothing donations. Last year the scheme generated over £150 for school which is amazing! Please could you have a look to see if you have any suitable items to donate and send these into school with your young person in a bag clearly labelled 'Bag2School'. Please see the attached leaflet for details on what items can be accepted. Further information about the scheme can be found at <https://bag2school.com/>

Thank you for your support!

Key Stage 3

In Barra, this week, we have been using our senses to explore the taste, touch and smell of lemons. The students worked hard following instructions closely to make a lemon drizzle cake. It smelled and tasted amazing!



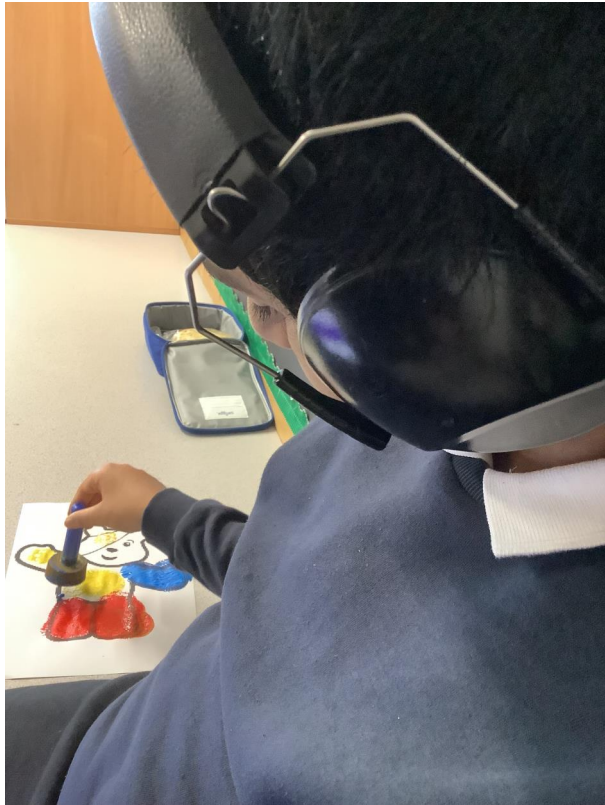




The Glens

Mull class have had another great week, ending with our Children In Need activity day. Students got crafty and enjoyed painting Pudsey pictures, and baking spotty biscuits. Some excellent bakers and artists in our class!

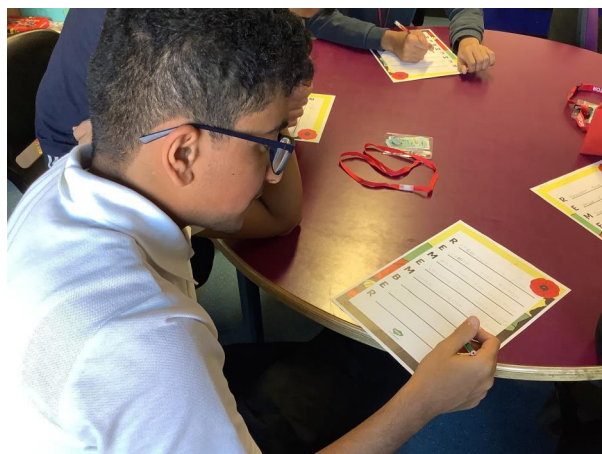
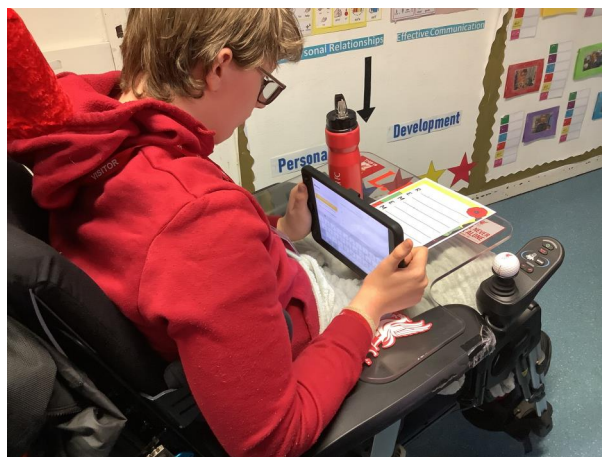
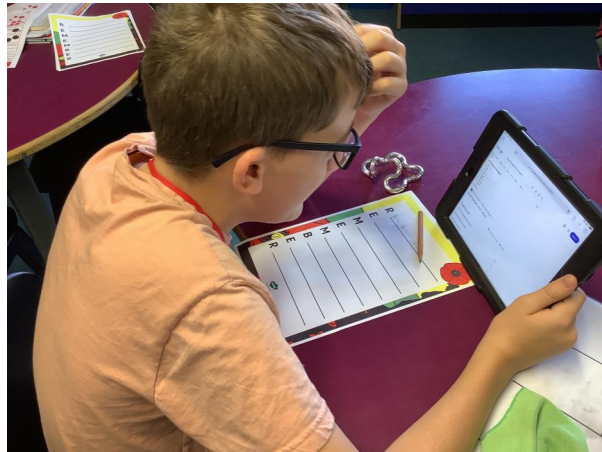




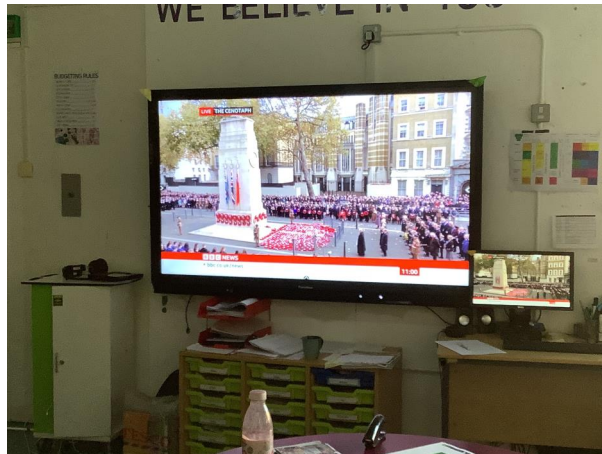


Key Stage 4

Students in Stronsay spent some time reflecting on Remembrance Day. We watched a Newsround episode about it and then had a discussion as a class on why we use that day to reflect. Students wrote some beautiful poems and shared them with their friends. We then made split pin poppies and at 11 o'clock we watched BBC News and observed the 2 minute silence. All the students used the Learning for Life skill of Empathy and showed great respect for what we were doing, especially during the two minutes silence. Afterwards we had a class discussion answering any questions the students had. We were so proud of everyone!





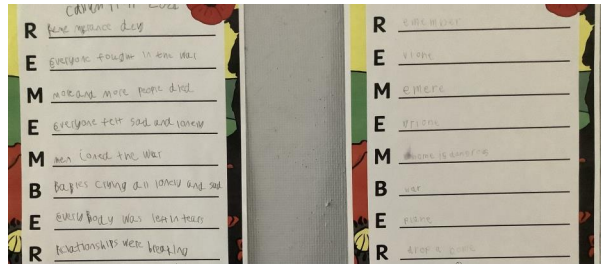


R emember us from war
 E veryone says thanks
 M ake sure the war ends.
 E veryone will help us soon
 M inute silence for 2 minutes
 B ombs are dangerous.
 E veryone will help the soldiers
 R emember us soldiers

R ed poppies
 E veryday was hard
 M omday it started
 E veryone thinks I work
 M en died in the war
 B ombs blowing up
 E xplosions everywhere
 R elationships were

R emember the war
 E veryone is quiet
 M inute of silence.
 E very year
 M en we died
 B ombs exploded
 E very the horror
 R emember

R emember the war
 E veryone is quiet
 M en fighting
 E very year
 M en keep families safe
 B ombs fighting
 E veryone crying
 R emember the soldiers



Highlands



This week the Highlands have been getting involved with Children in Need! Students have been learning all about what Children in Need does in the UK and how important it is to help others and be kind. Taransay class have taken inspiration from Paddy McGuinness's charity bike ride and have been cycling everyday on the exercise bike!



Iona and Taransay class have used Pudsey Bear's jam tart recipe to host their own Children in Need Bake Off! Each class had a go at using their functional English and Maths skills to read the recipe and make their own jam tarts. The classes then judged each other's finished products. Iona came out as the winner with their gluten free jam tarts!





Key Stage 5

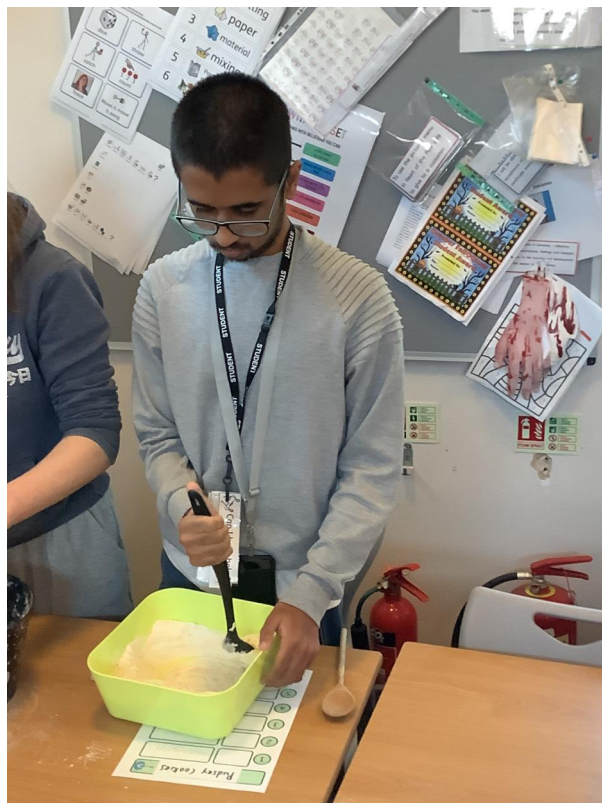


This week we have gone Pudsey Bear crazy as we prepare for Children in Need. The students in Purple room made over 150 cookies for the cafe, as well as for their friends and families.

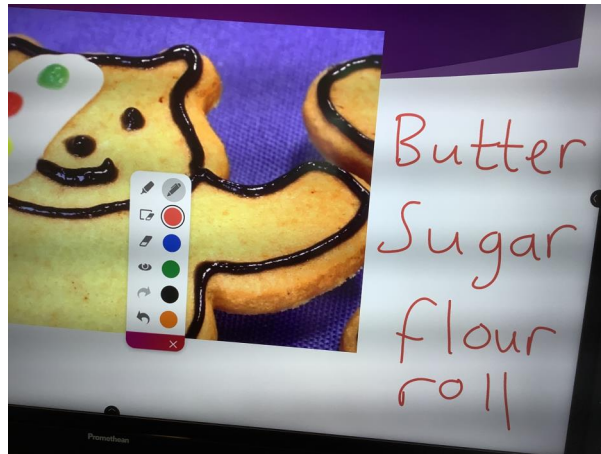
They worked non stop for 3 hours and showed great strength of character to going. We're sure they'll taste good!



1 - Theo's mixture was far too crumbly, so he used milk to stick it back together. The key Skillsbuilder topic this week is Staying Positive. It would have been easy to give up but we found a solution!



2 - Nahid's role was to mix the dough. He used his fine and gross motor skills to achieve a perfect mixture.



3 - Ben made over 70 cookies independently and was our superstar chef. We are so proud of him staying on task for over 3 hours. He gave Birds the Bakers a real run for their money!



4 - Ann Marie's job was to weigh and measure 15 lots of ingredients.



5 - Some of the bears worked well, some didn't. But we stayed positive and made some spotty biscuits to join Pudsey.



6 - Here are our masterpieces! Everyone was very proud of themselves.



Occupational Therapy



This week a group of students have been focusing on their fine motor skills. We followed a putty programme for strengthening our hands. We practised a range of finger/hand exercises with playdoh while listening to our favourite music.

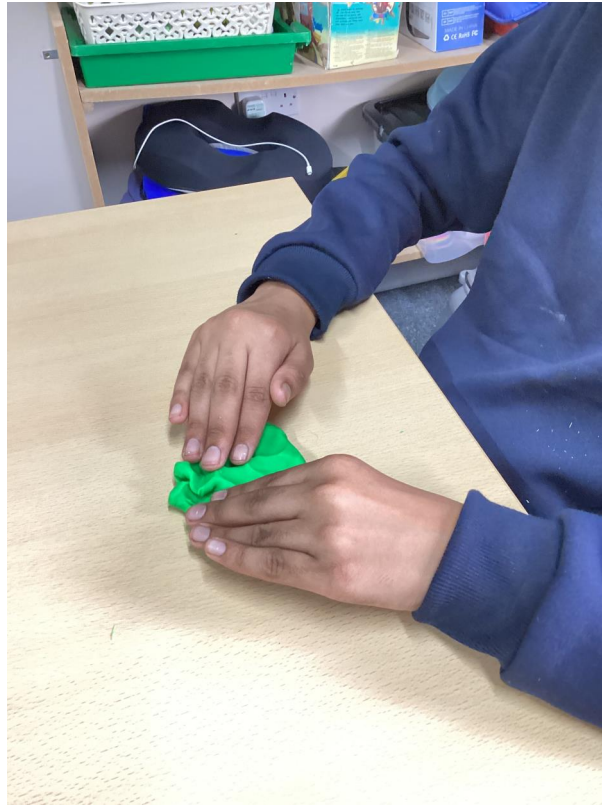
Other students use fine motor activities as part of their sensory diet, its a calm end where they have to focus and it helps regulate them for when they are engaging in class.



7 - Gross opposition = shaping the dough into a cone, using fingers and thumb, pinch the top of the cone and pull up, bringing the fingers and thumb together.



8 - Gross finger flexion = Place dough in palm of hand curl fingers to make a fist, then squeeze!!



9 - Gross finger extension = Make a flat disc of dough on the table. Keeping fingers straight, push outwards.





Residential Department



We've had a busy week of new offsite activities! Some of our students visited Derby Racecourse to see a group they were interested in attending and instead we were kindly invited to participate from the sidelines. All students had a fantastic time meeting new

friends, Derby County coaches and learning new skills. We will definitely be attending again in the future.



10 - First trials at the Derby County Disability Football sessions, held weekly at the Racecourse, Derby.



11 - Warming up and stretching the muscles before a stint as goalkeeper in the shootout.



12 - Post Match Interview " We loved the session and hope to come again "

Extra Curricular





Here some of our students enjoying table cricket in our inclusive Sports After School Club





This week Creative Arts After School Club done some Autumn themed art pieces

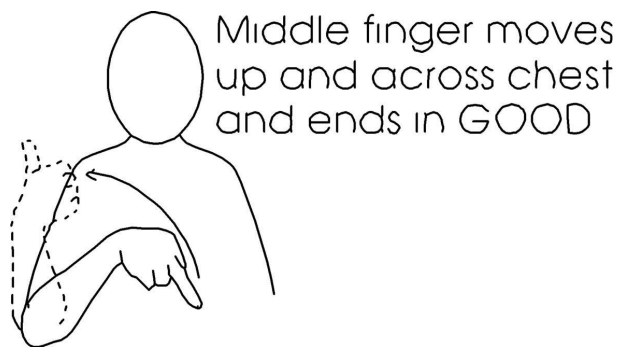






Our Outdoor Ed After School Club this week worked on clearing up or forest school area

Makaton Sign of the week



13 - This week's sign is **KIND**

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