

St Andrew's Academy

Family update newsletter

Autumn Term

24th November 2023



Head Teacher's Welcome



Our core purpose is to enable young people to become content, fulfilled citizens in society through improved independence, effectively accessing the world around them with purpose and independent. A key component of our curriculum offer throughout the entire school is to educate pupil off site, providing real life opportunities and purposeful experiences to prepare our young people for adulthood. Last year, we had 1 9-seater people carrier to contribute to public transport and expensive private hire to enable young people to learn off the school site. Today, we still have that 1 9 seat people carrier, we also have 2 X 9-seater electric people carriers and a 17-seater minibus. This investment has made a significant impact on further opening up the world and widening pupil horizons.

We remain fully committed to a constant reflection and evolution of our curriculum offer to further excite and engage our young people. Please do check in with your young person to find out where they have been and what they have learning to find out more.

Have a wonderful weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Key Stage 3

Lewis Class: Goal ball is a type of sport played with blindfolds, you have to catch the ball and roll it back. It was really fun, fantastic! We have learnt the rules, which meant no peeking! We had to listen for the ball, as we couldn't see. We showed empathy to those who are blind (written by Lewis class students).

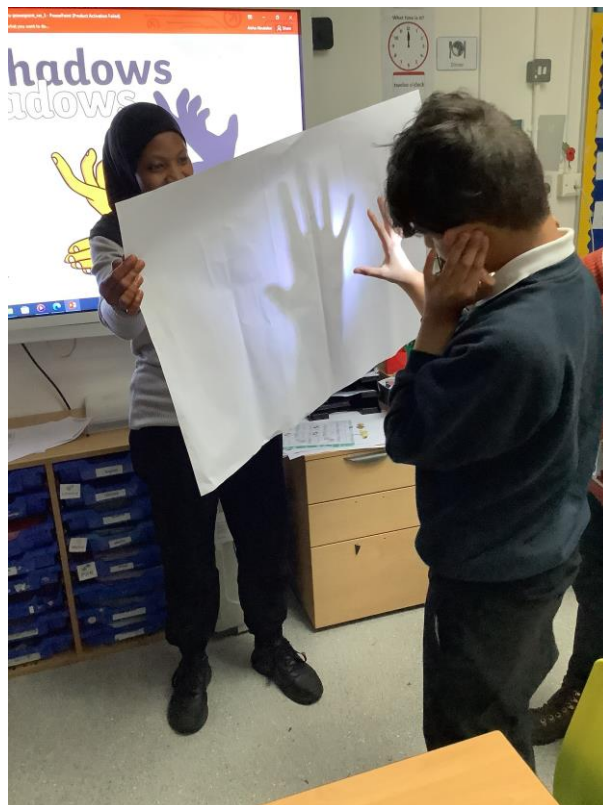
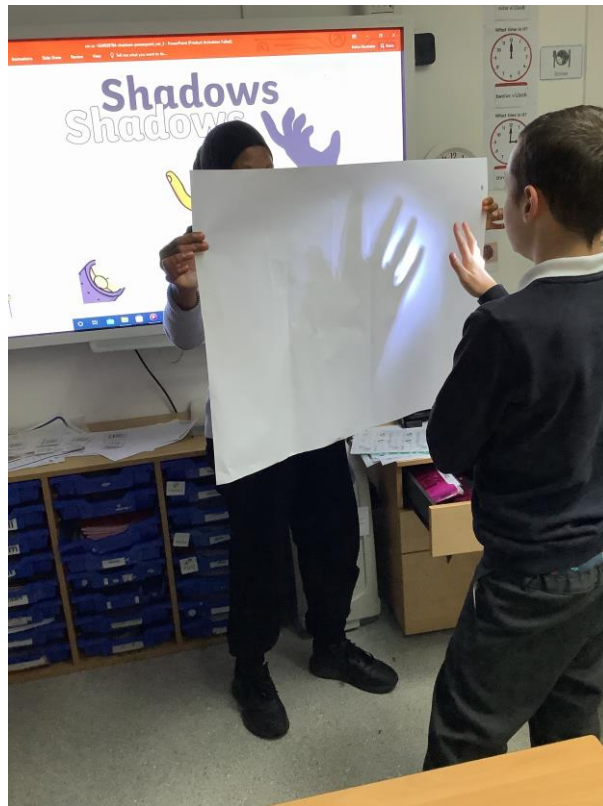




The Glens

Fair Isle Class-We have been learning about light in our science topic . Students engaged in an experiment to create shadows using hands and objects. We are having a lot of fun working on our experiments!

Music Therapy- Students engage in music therapy sessions with music therapist once a week. This gives them the opportunity to build on turn taking skills, choose instruments to play, and listen to others music as a group.

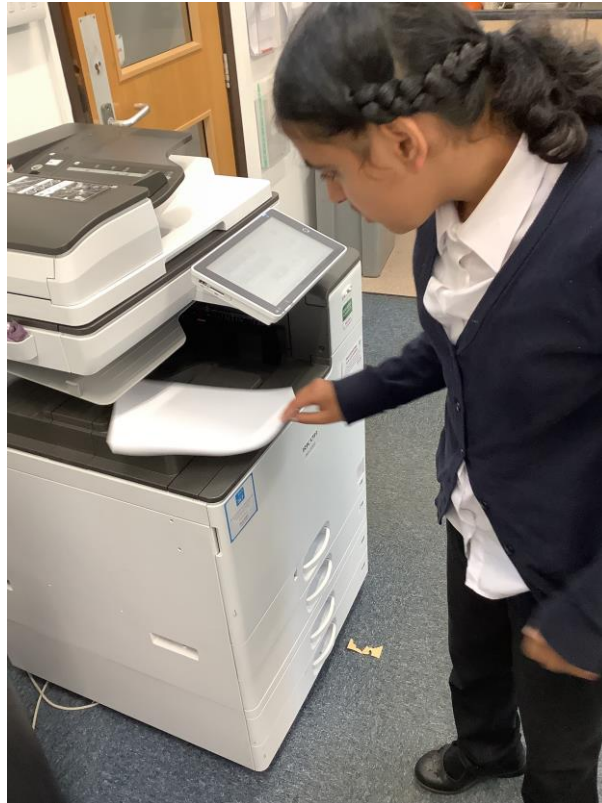




This half term, Skye Class have been enjoying their food technology lessons. They have been making beans on toast; putting the bread in the toaster with adult support and buttering their own toast. The students have been using their empathy and self awareness skills.



In Mull class students have been learning about different technologies in school. We have focussed on taking photos and printing them out. Students have then written about these photos in their learning for life writing books, linking their ICT and writing activities together.



Students in Shetland have been learning to use a symbol shopping list. They have been using these out in the community, as well as working on transitioning skills and road safety.

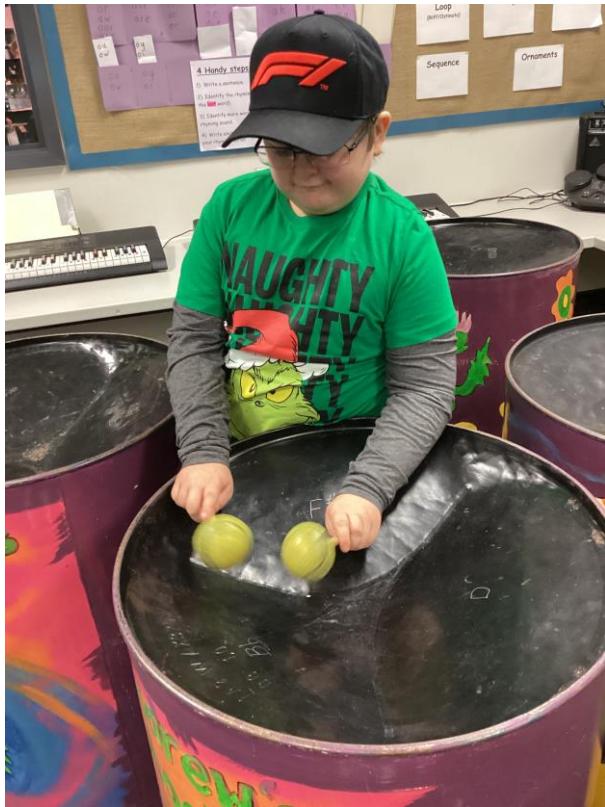
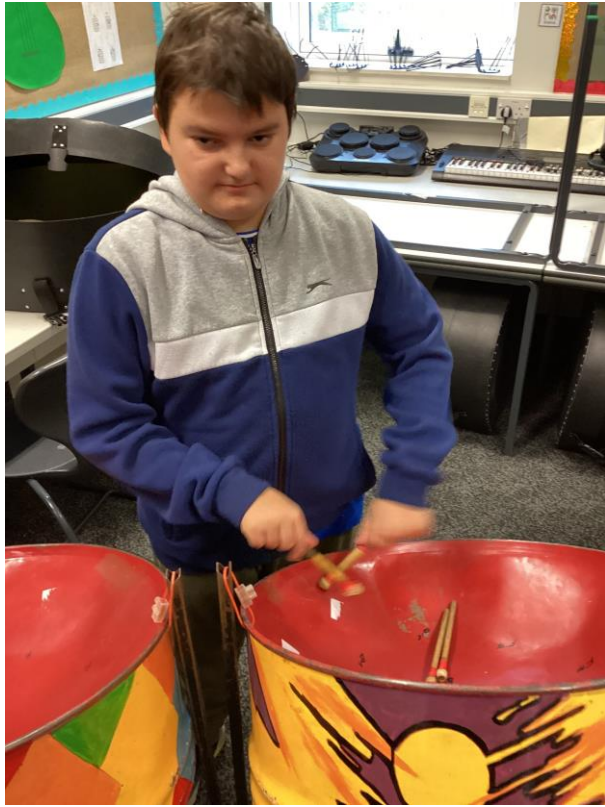


Key Stage 4

Some of the students in KS4 have been visiting St Martins each week to learn the steel band. We will be doing a performance next week for KS3 students at St Martins.









In Stronsay we have been using some of the new gym equipment and have been taking part in spin classes on Monday morning. This week was great! We were all used to the bikes and we were all singing and dancing whilst working on our fitness. It was a lot fun.





Key Stage 5

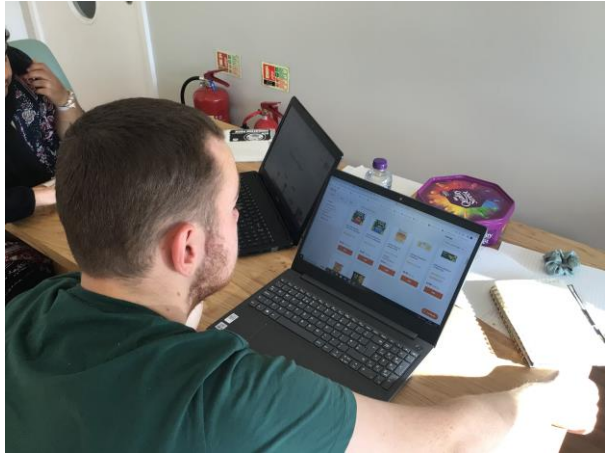
A group of students from Campus have been attending the Heart of the Park Cafe in Derby Arboretum Park every Monday since half term. The students have worked really hard with Julie, the cafe manager, to practice a variety of skills required to successfully run a cafe. They have spent time each week learning to follow different recipes and are learning how to safely use kitchen and cafe equipment. The students were really excited to welcome their first customers this week. They worked together to make a latte and cappuccino using the coffee machine and followed food safety rules when serving biscuits on the side.

The cafe is now open Monday to Friday 8:00am - 3:30pm for hot drinks with breakfast and lunch menus coming soon. Please support this fantastic new venture.











*Heart of the
park cafe*
Arboretum park

*Now
Open!*

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St Andrew's Academy

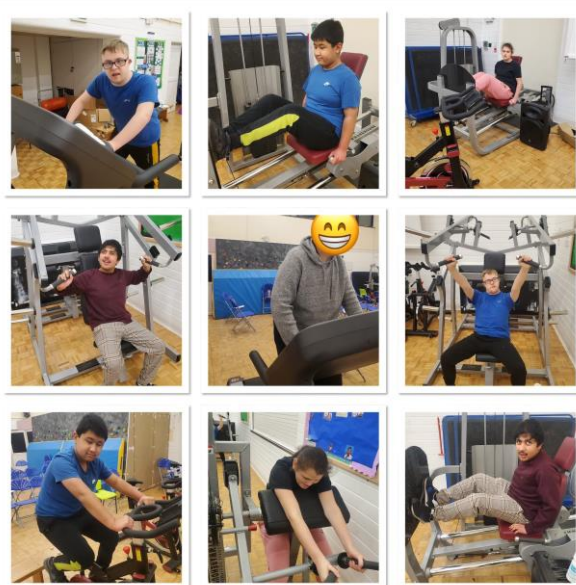
HORIZONS 6TH FORM

Shaw Education Trust

Residential Department



1 - A small group on Thursdays have started transport training. Together they checked bus times before leaving, all sat well waiting for the bus to arrive, used their own Gold Card bus pass, and thoroughly enjoyed the trip into Derby City Centre.



2 - At Start of the week the group were able to use the new school gym for the first time for a whole body fitness session. After listening well to the safety demonstration, students worked hard learning the correct techniques for each piece of equipment.



3 - At the East Midlands All Inclusive Choir they recorded the song we have been practising for the past term. A new song was introduced to the group with the theme of Sparkling, with new signs and words to learn and sparkling attire to match.

Movember

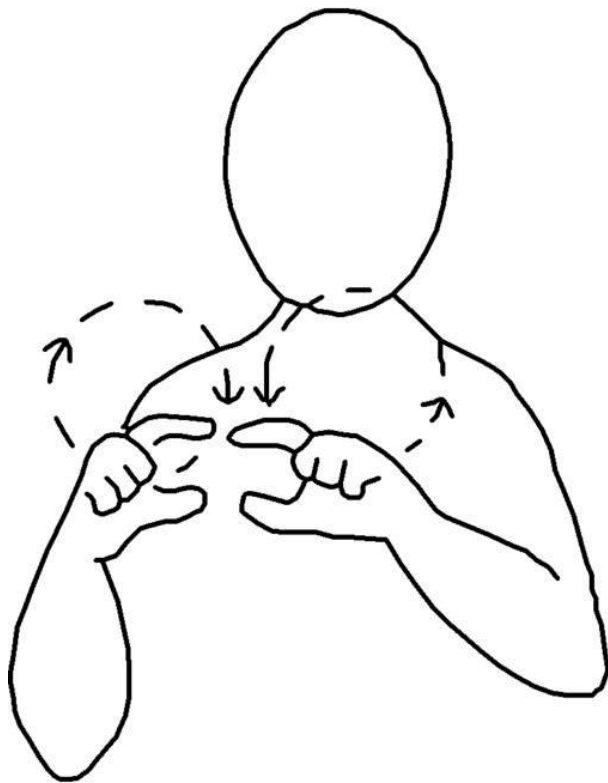
Message from Richard:

Hi All, if you've notice the dodgy Moustache I've been donning, I'm raising money for Movember. If anyone can support with donating that'll be grand!

<https://movember.com/m/15062598?mc=1>

Thank you in advance

Makaton Sign of the Week



4 - This week's sign of the week is **Computer**

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