



St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

16th February 2024

Spring Term

Head Teacher's Welcome



What a superb end to a really successful half term! Seeing the young people dressed as Super Heroes has been great fun but it has also been a great way to start the conversation and understanding of what diabetes is and what it's like to live with the condition. There a number of people within the staff and student population and wider St Andrew's community that live with the impact of both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and learning about our differences allows our young people to connect and understand each others needs and how to be good friends. The money raised will be paid directly into World Diabetes Day to support their continued research and support of the diabetic community. The raffle is now closed but you can still donate using the link below. (Please scroll to the bottom of the page).

[Click here to donate!](#)

A huge thanks to those of you who have confirmed you will be joining our Friends of St Andrew's 'Annual Big Spring clean' on Sunday 25th February between 10:00am- 2:00pm. As shared previously, you'd be most welcome to arrive and depart in the 4 hours window and there's no expectation for any jobs to be completed. Tools and tasks will be provided for anyone who wishes to support in that way. Alternatively, you're welcome to come along to just chat and connect with the school community. We will be selling hot food and drinks on the day or feel free to bring your own snacks. The link below will still be live right up until the day so register your interest using the link below. It would be great to see as many people as possible.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Have a wonderful half term,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Increase to School Dinners Price

We would like to inform you that the price of school dinners will be increasing on Monday 26th February 2024, from £2.30 to £2.60 per day (£13.00 per week). Our catering supplier has reluctantly made this decision due to rising costs.

May we also take this opportunity to remind you to keep your ParentPay accounts topped up with dinner money. If you are expecting your child to have dinners every day during the week ahead, please ensure that your account is in credit by £13 at the beginning of the week. If your child does not attend school for whatever reason, you will not be charged for a dinner on those days and £2.60 for each day, will be carried forward to the following week.

If you notice any errors or believe you have been charged incorrectly for dinners, please do not hesitate to contact me, so that this can be corrected.

If you believe that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please click on the following link to download a form and hand into the school office: [Free School Meals Application Form](#)

Many thanks,

Tracey Watts

Admin Assistant

The Glens

Skye class have had another busy week with all their learning activities. The students have been working really hard on their individual reading targets during our see and learn sessions. In Science the students are learning about hygiene; this week they focussed on brushing their teeth. They all took it in turns to brush the big teeth, they listened and followed the steps on the correct way to brush their teeth, they then put their skills into practice and brushed their own teeth with some support. Along with all their brilliant learning, we made sure we made some time and had fun making Valentine's cards for someone special at home.

We hope you all have a wonderful February half term :)









Fair Isle class have had fun continuing their science experiments, looking at germs and thinking about good hygiene. We took our petri dishes and looked at them through a microscope and magnifying glass. We could see how the yucky germs have grown! Students were really interested in using the science equipment and looking at things up close.

Fair Isle class wishes everyone a happy half term week, enjoy your break!





Key Stage 4

Students in Stronsay have enjoyed celebrating and learning about Chinese New Year this week. We learnt about the year of the dragon and some Chinese traditions. Students made their own Chinese banquet, practicing their knife skills and developing confidence in using the hob. Students tried using chopsticks and had fortune cookies. We had a go at coming up with our own fortunes as well which was a lot of fun. We listened to traditional music and enjoyed our feast!







Highlands



This week the students in the Highlands have been celebrating Pancake day and Valentines Day! We have been practicing flipping pancakes in our team challenge where we have competed to see how many flips we can do in a minute, one of our students got to 18! We have also used our functional maths skills to sequence our own pancake recipe and used our communication skills to discuss what toppings we enjoy.

For Valentine's Day we got creative and made our own Valentines cards to give to our loved ones. Laura also treated each class with her Valentines Day attention autism session which included making flour hearts. We are very impressed with our student's focus during this weeks celebrations.











Campus





We felt the LOVE this week at Campus and we made hearts shaped pizzas and cards.

This was a great fine motor activity that students completed on Valentine's Day, they enjoyed their pizzas at break time.



1 - A Project Search assembly showing a Supported internship available at Derby Royal. These internships are available to all year 13 pupils here at St Andrews . It's a great way to learn work skills in a busy environment such as Derby Royal.

Campus
ANNOUNCEMENT

**Homemade
Bath
bombs**

NOW AVAILABLE ON THE ST
ANDREW'S SHOP

Bath bombs £2.00
Love Potion £1.00

Our bath bombs and love potions are now ready to order! All home made by our amazing students and packaged with homemade recycled paper! These are now available to order on the St Andrew's shop.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=11434>

Residential Department



A busy last week of term in residential, we have enjoyed a final end of term treat trip out to MFA Bowling in Ilkeston, continued with fitness, relaxation sessions and had a flipping delicious time on Shrove Tuesday. Happy Half Term Everyone.



2 - Strike a pose.



3 - Finding the right weight bowling ball.



4 - Attempting to spin the bowling ball.

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To Start a New Game
Contact Control Desk

SLIPPERY LANE

5 - A close game that went down to the wire.



6 - Perfect aiming all game without hitting the barriers.



7 - Great teamwork shown to complete the balancing fitness challenge.



8 - Relaxation session, with self care masks and music.



9 - Making the perfect pancakes while staying safe in the kitchen.

CANVAS project

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SEND HUB Creative Open Day

Wednesday 21st February 2024
10.30am - 2.30pm

Workshops are all FREE, funded by the CANVAS project

Come along and find out about this exciting NEW opportunity for learning disabled, neurodivergent and Autistic young people aged 13-18 to develop their creative skills in:

dance and movement drama music and percussion

Where?
Our Hubhub home and new SEND inclusive hub at Deda
19 Chapel Street
Derby DE1 3GU

Booking essential
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Logos: VIVA, Arts Council England

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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

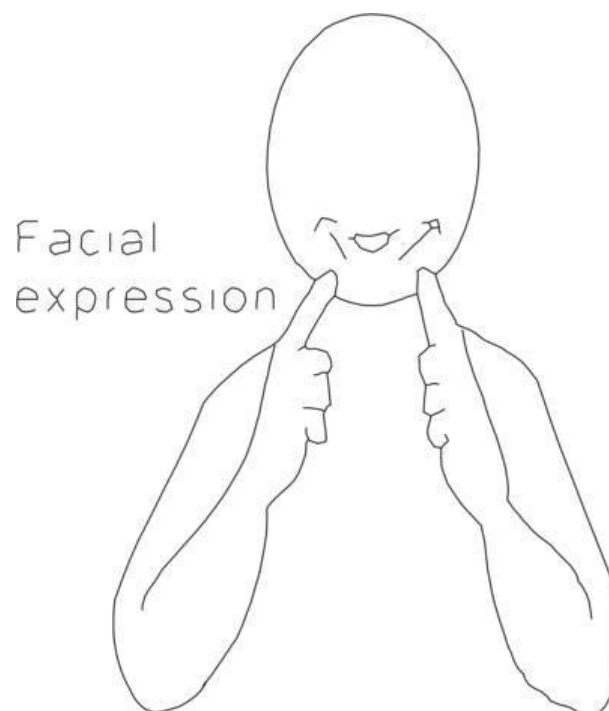
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Makaton Sign of the Week



10 - This week's sign of the week is :

Smile

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