



St Andrew's Academy Family update newsletter

1st March 2024

Spring Term

Head Teacher's Welcome



We hope you enjoyed a fabulous half term and are rested and ready for the upcoming Spring Term 2. It's the shortest half term of the year, breaking up on Thursday 28th March for Easter. However, at St Andrew's Academy, we've been eeking out every opportunity to maximise learning time and work on our shared goals. A great example of this was our hugely successful first Friends of St Andrew's Academy (FOSA) day. Families and staff spent the last day of half term working together to give our site a real spring clean. A skip was filled with leaves and litter and all vehicles were shiny and clean. I'm incredibly grateful to everyone who was able to support. Please see the section in the newsletter to see the fun and achievements from the day. This is something we'll be looking to repeat periodically so please keep you eye out for future events.

As some of you may know, we welcomed Ofsted into our Residential this week to complete their annual Residential Care Inspection. Paul and the team were able to showcase the many strengths and excellent outcomes of our young people and the inspectors were blown away with quality and brilliance shared throughout their 3 days. Whilst I am unable to publish the judgements due to the factual accuracy and finalisation process, I can share that I am, as always, exceptionally proud of the team and young people and look forward to sharing the report on completion.

Have a wonderful weekend,

David Braybrooke

Headteacher

Friends of St Andrew's Academy Event



A huge thanks to every single person who turned up last Sunday to help out at our very first “Friends of St Andrews” event! It was a massive success and we loved getting together to meet our wider school community and to get lots of jobs around school completed!

We had a wonderful group of people, including staff, parents and students who helped out on Sunday and it really was a special day with everyone working together towards the same aim. To our car washers, litter pickers, leaf sweepers and display makers, we couldn't have done it without you! We rewarded ourselves with tasty pork and stuffing cobs (and Quorn!) and lots of cups of tea!

Our school site now looks wonderful and our ever growing fleet of vehicles is sparkling and smelling amazing! We look forward to our future “Friends of St Andrews” events and hope that many more of you can join next time! Keep an eye out for the signing up sheet so you don't miss out!





















Key Stage 3

Orkney Class visited the Eyam Museum this week, the students have been learning all about the plague in our Humanities and English lessons. The students really enjoyed exploring the museum and taking a walk around the historical village. Luckily we all escaped without catching the plague.







The Glens

In Science Skye Class 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.







Fair Isle class have continued their work on personal hygiene, combining their PSHE and Science learning journeys. This week they visited their salon in class and looked at what products to use for personal hygiene routines, and how to use them. Students all had a great time at their salon pamper session and enjoyed experiencing the different products!





Mull class have been exploring the culinary world of China in their food technology lessons. The students enjoyed tasting different flavours like soy sauce in their noodles. They worked on their fine motor skills to chop ingredients, and all had a go at eating their noodles with chopsticks as well!







Key Stage 4





Students in Stronsay class took part in their weekly team challenge. This week the focus was on effective communication. Students had two tasks. They had to build the tallest tower blindfolded, following the instructions of where the blocks were from their peers and for the second task they

had to work together to put the coloured blocks into correctly coloured piles using the nets and blindfolds! It involved giving instruction, following instructions, understanding positional language and coping with our stress and emotion!

Highlands

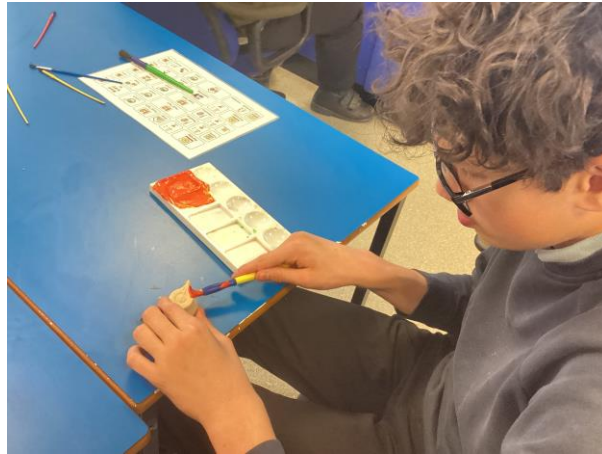


This week in the Highlands we have been celebrating St David's day! All our classes have been learning about Wales and what the country does to celebrate this event. Our students have been using their functional maths and communication skills to make different welsh foods such as welsh rarebit and vegetable cawl.

Taransay has been using their wonderful literacy skills to match letters to spell out "St David's day". Meanwhile Iona class have been using their creative thinking to make Daffodils out of recycled resources. Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus!







Campus

Campus students have restarted work with Derby Parks Volunteers following the half term break. This week, we have been working hard to keep public land near Kedleston Rd. safe for the public.





1 - The perfect gift for Mother's Day! Homemade bath bombs made by our campus students as part of their Enterprise project! Available on our online shop! Get yours before the sell out :)

FE College Campus Information Session

Monday 25th March 2024



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 2025.

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

Residential Department



Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day. The theme this year is poverty and the cost of living crisis. Therefore, we are asking students to bring in a tin or packet to donate to the food bank which school shall deliver. On the day students can wear items that are red if they wish. we shall be decorating biscuits and participating in fun craft activities thru out the day.



Transport Information

There are a number of dates booked for parents to discuss the post-16 travel assistance policy in more detail and to answer questions:

- Friday 15 March 2024, 1.30pm-2.30pm
- Wednesday 20 March 2024, 5-6pm

This is a meeting aimed at parents of current year 11 students, with a focus on post-16 travel assistance.

SEND HUB Creative Workshops



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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
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Where?

Our Hubbub home
and new SEND inclusive hub
at Deda



19 Chapel Street
Derby DE1 3GU

Booking essential



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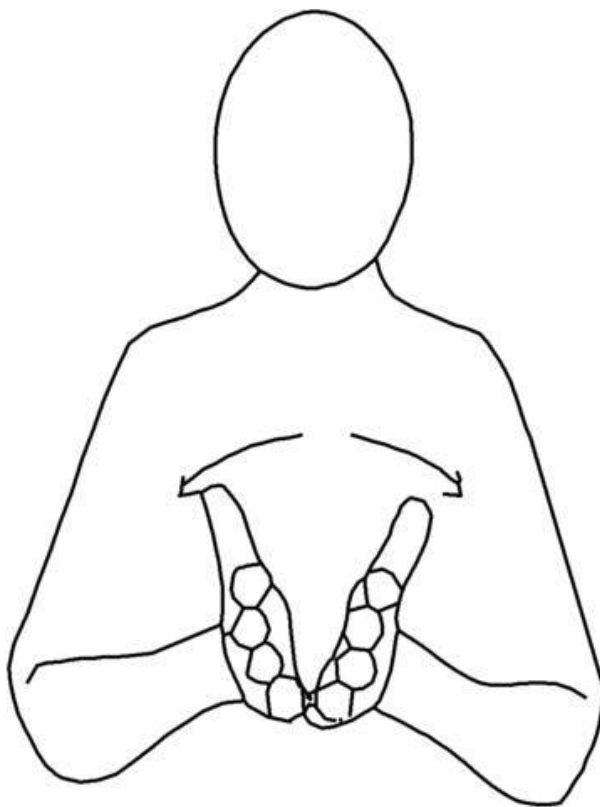
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