

# Family Updates Newsletter

Learning Together, Achieving Together

#### St Andrew's Academy

#### Friday 31st March 2023

## Head Teacher's welcome

Despite a relatively short 5 week half term, all at St Andrew's Academy have been able to continue to achieve impressive outcomes and further develop a love of learning. This half term, our school development plan has had a focus on the effective, inclusive and innovative teaching of Mathematics. Donna, the maths lead, alongside the Senior Leadership team, have had the pleasure of spending considerable time talking to all staff and pupils regarding all elements of maths provision. It was a genuine pleasure to see high quality engagement and accelerated learning taking place in every classroom. Our recent acquisition of iPads allows pupils a device each during the lesson to digitally engage within Mathematical concepts and has motivated and further nurture a love of the subject.

This Easter holiday is very well earned by all in the school community and I very much hope the Easter bunny richly rewards you all.

Wishing you a safe and restful weekend

David Braybrooke Head of School

#### **Important Dates**

Last Day of Spring Term - Friday 31st March

Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April

**INSET Day -** Monday 17th April

Return to School—Tuesday 18th April



#### Duke of Edinburgh

#### Our Duke of Edinburgh students have completed the challenge to cycle 300 miles over 2 days, using exercise bikes in the school hall!



It has been amazing to see so many of our students taking part in the challenge and thoroughly enjoying themselves and cheering on their class mates.

# Well done to all of you on your amazing achievements!

#### **Duke of Edinburgh**

A lovely thank you letter from one of our students!

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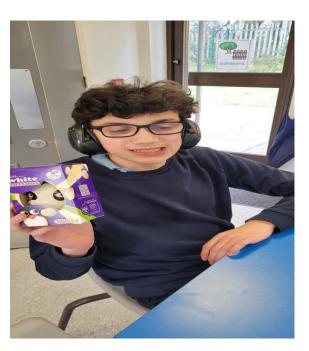
#### Easter Eggs

#### EASTER EGG DONATION

We had a special delivery this week, from Aramark - based at Derby University. They delivered 100 Easter eggs to be distributed to our students!

The eggs were donated by the Aramark team and their family and friends. They were then delivered to our school and some local charities.









#### Bute

In Bute, we have been working on our photography skills including distinguishing between portrait and landscape. We have learned about how lighting and angles can affect the quality of our photos. We had a Kahoot to consolidate this learning and then tried to take our own photos.



We have continued to develop our fine motor skills through some dough disco. We have chosen our music and put the exercises to our favourite tracks.





#### **Lewis Class**

This half term as part of our English lessons we have been writing and reading instructions. As a class, during our food prep lessons the students showed an interest in making their own Subway style sandwiches. We investigated the current options that Subway have to offer and then came up with our own menu, the students have all independently been able to write and follow the instructions to create their own Subway meal deal.

In Maths, we have been looking at different ways of collecting data, at the start of our meal prep lessons we ask relevant questions and put our data in the form of a tally chart.

The students have worked so hard and each week have become more independent with their kitchen skills and some students have tried different foods for the first time.

> A lovely way to link different subjects together. Watch out Subway, Lewis Class are coming for you!



#### **Easter Holiday Club**



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THE RETURN OF HAPPY AND HEALTHY





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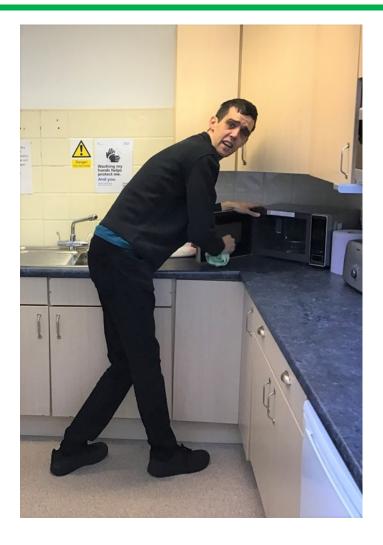
### LUBS JOIN US THIS EASTER AT:

Derby -Normanton Park Community Centre, Normanton Park, Warwick Avenue, Derby, DE23 8DA Monday 3rd April 10-2pm Tuesday 4th April 10-2pm Wednesday 5th April 10-2pm Monday 10th April 2:30-6:30pm

#### **Booking Information:**

Pre Booking Essential. Book online or contact our bookings team T: 0330 1332642 E: bookings@endorphins.uk Web: endorphins.uk

#### Thank you Matt!



This is Matt who comes into school twice a week to help out in some of our class-rooms.

Matt is also very helpful in the staffroom, helping us to keep it clean and tidy each week.

Thank you Matt for all your hard work!







Key Stage 3 This term our topic has been all about China - the students have really enjoyed learning about China, trying different foods and using water coloured paints to produce some fantastic art work. Lewis Class also wrote numbers in Mandarin. The students and staff are so proud of what they have achieved.













# FREEDOM FOUNDATION PRESENTS



## SONGWRITING SINGING STREETDANCE







# RELEASE



## SALT & PEPPER CAFÉ

Run by our fabulous FE students Open Wednesday and Friday 10.00 till 11:30am Find us at Taddington Road Church Hall Chaddesden DE21 4JU Voluntary contributions welcomed For more information contact Tracy Corden on: Tcorden@standrews.derby.sch.uk

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