



St Andrew's Academy

Family Updates Newsletter

Learning Together, Achieving Together

Friday 10th March 2023

Head Teacher's welcome

A very special mention and huge thank you for your support and team work in navigating the impact of the snow. I appreciate that closing the school at 1:00pm caused a change of plan for many and was extremely pleased that we were able to work together to get all staff and students off site and home safely. Closing the school at 1:00pm is not a decision taken lightly as good attendance is integral to consistency, structure and routine that all lead to accelerated progress.

I've been incredibly impressed with the attendance today and have had the opportunity to see some great learning and engagements throughout the school. Please celebrate and enjoy the fantastic efforts of our young people within this newsletter.

David Braybrooke

Head Teacher

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



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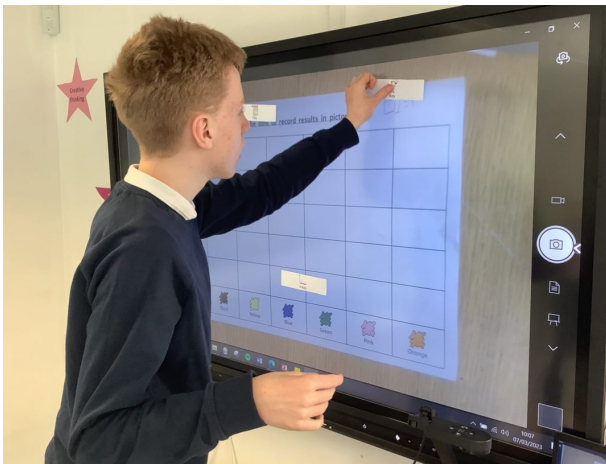
Take a look at our incredible week in Bute class...



This week, in our reading sessions, Fabi has been matching his words to pictures, ensuring that he understands their meaning.

We have continued to look at creating and reading pictograms in our maths sessions. This week, we labelled our vocabulary including our axis.

Finally, we had some lovely snow this week. Vinnie and Damir used the BBC weather website to identify the weather and say what time it was due to stop. Luckily, we all came inside for a warm cup of tea to heat ourselves up after time outside.



International Womens Day

On Wednesday, we celebrated International Women's Day. We learned about equality and how women's rights have changed throughout history.



Fair Isle class made some beautiful rosettes for some of our female members of staff to say thank you for everything they do.

Bute celebrated some of the achievements of women over the years including the incredible Lioness win last year. They engaged in very empathetic discussions about equality.

Orkney Class did some work on Florence Nightingale and described the work she did. They also listened to music written by female composers in their Music lesson.

Why not use the communication board and International Women's Day quiz on the following page to start these important conversations at home.

International Womens Day



Barra Class

This term, Barra class will be visiting a number of different external provisions that students may possibly access once they leave St Andrew's. This week the students went to visit the YMCA Café, they had the opportunity to look around the kitchens where students could attend a catering course. Students were really enthusiastic whilst visiting and interviewed one of the workers and tutors to ask lots of questions to gain as much information as they could.





Red Nose Day 2023

Friday 17th March is Red Nose Day! Students are invited to dress up as their favourite Mr Men character (this year's theme), something red or non-uniform. On the day, there shall be lots fun activities that the students will be involved in within the day. There shall be a key stage disco in the afternoon too! The Salt and Pepper café are holding a red nose day themed menu. We are doing a red raffle made up of items that are made up of items that are all red! The raffle tickets are £1 per strip; please send your money in with your child if you would like to be in with a chance to win!

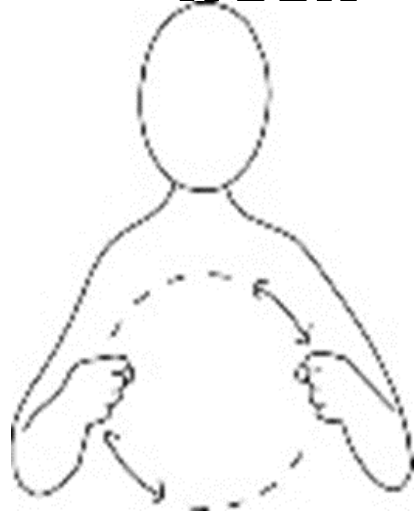


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Sign of the week



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RECYCLING BINS

We would like to say a huge thank you to Agiito Ltd, a local company who donated a large amount of recycling bins for us to use around school.

We are very grateful for the donation and our students are putting them to good use in the classrooms.



Orkney Class

Orkney class have been learning about different foods and what foods we should eat to keep our bodies healthy



In Food technology we made fruit salad. Our students did really well learning about food hygiene and we all helped to cut up the fruit. Later we enjoyed our fruit salad as a little treat!



UpRising Inclusive Choir

FREE

Face-to-face and virtual rehearsals so that you can join in however is best for you!

Face to Face: Once every half-term on a Saturday 3.00 - 4.30pm, Alfreton Park School, Derbyshire, DE55 7AL

Virtual Rehearsals: Fortnightly, Wednesdays 5.00 - 6.00pm on Zoom.

All our sessions are **FREE** and welcome people up to age 25 and their families.

The choir celebrates that everyone has their own way of sharing their voice. You can make sounds or movements, use instruments or soundmakers.



derbyshiremusic hub.org.uk/inclusive



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

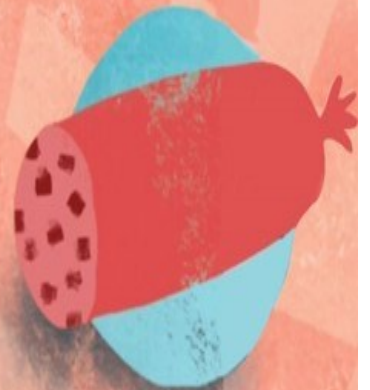
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