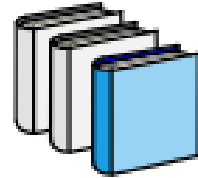




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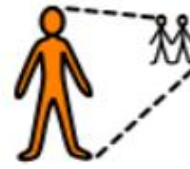
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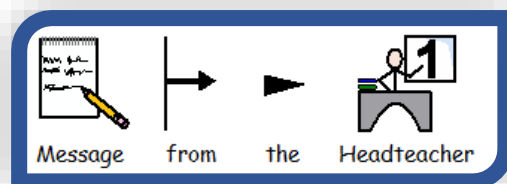


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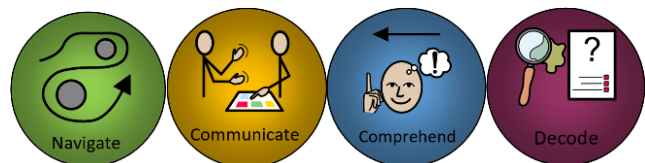
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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this half term's newsletter. This is also the last newsletter for this academic year as we will be moving to new classes on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June following a transition afternoon on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June and a full day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. You will have had information sent home to you about your child's new class and class team. We transition classes at this time of year so that the children do not have significant change on returning from a holiday, this also gives us an opportunity to transition in new starter pupils. This year we have 30 new children starting at the school.

We are working as a school with Peter Imray who is recognized nationally as a pioneer in the field of education for children with Significant Learning Difficulties (SLD). We are hopeful that we will become a regional hub school for the delivery of Equals curriculum approaches for pupils with SLD. In this capacity we will work to support other schools to develop their approaches. Informed by our work so far, we are moving to a 4 pathway model. Our new pathway is called Navigate. Here are our pathway logos:

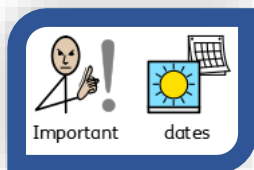


Miss Lacey has given birth to a baby girl and both are doing well. Miss Simpson has returned from maternity leave and we have a new teacher Mrs Freely who is joining our team after half term.

We are busy planning the summer BBQ for the end of the Summer Term. Please do send in donations for the raffle and tombola. We will also be asking for cake donations nearer the time.

I hope you all have a relaxing half term and enjoy the long-awaited warm weather.

Mrs Turner  
Headteacher



Last day of term	First day after half term	New class transition	Last day of term	First day after half term
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July (12pm finish)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept

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**We are planning to host our annual summer fair and BBQ on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30pm-5.30pm**

[Please click here and complete this form to get tickets for the summer fair and BBQ.](#)

There will be:

- Hook a duck, Face painting
- Bubble machine, Penalty shoot out, Bouncy castle and Horse rides
- BBQ stand, Drinks stand, Ice cream van, Cake stands
- Summer crafts, Human fruit machine, Lucky dip, Raffle, PTA STALL including a Tombola
- Wildflower planting to take home and a Second hand book stall
- Musical act and lots more!

The event will be a school fundraiser so make sure you come equipped with all your spare change!



**Please note:**

**Raffle**

**Rides**

**Cake**

**Stand**

**Face painting**

**bouncy castle**

**BBQ**

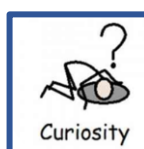
-No pupils will stay behind at the end of the day, all pupils must be collected/ transported home and return with parents

-Parents are responsible for their children on the day on the secure site

-We can offer transport to a limited number of families. This will be a first come, first serve basis

-Tickets will include a drink

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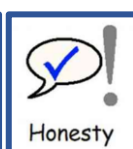
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### IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT

### DFE DEVICES GIVEN OUT IN THE PANDEMIC

This is an important message about the laptops and wireless routers that were provided through school on behalf of the Department for Education to support remote education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Laptops:** The laptops have specific DfE provided security software installed that **will cease working on 30 September 2021**. To continue working properly and safely the laptops will need to be reset to factory settings.

#### **Wi-Fi Routers:**

The Wi-Fi Routers that were provided **will no longer receive free data top ups from July 2021**. To continue to use them it will be necessary to reset them and you will need to purchase a new data SIM Card for the router.

**Huawei router:** This router must be reset before 16 July or it will no longer be able to be used after the data runs out, even with a replacement SIM card. Once reset the remaining data can continue to be used or you can purchase and install your own SIM card.

**TP-Link or D-Link router:** These routers can be reset at any time and you can insert a replacement SIM card to use with them. If these routers are reset they will stop getting data from the DfE immediately.

From 31 July all of the routers will no longer get data top ups from the DfE.

**If you have any questions or if you require information about how to reset devices please contact [ITSUPPORT@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:ITSUPPORT@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)**

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### Covid Testing Over Half Term

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout half term and the rest of the summer term. All staff and pupils taking part in the testing programme must:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

Families and households can also access [home test kits for adults](#). This includes all other adults in the household.

From Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, please report all positive COVID test results to school on 07930909976 to support contact tracing in the school community.

Brackenfield test [reporting link](#). Please send any questions to [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

***We appreciate your support as we continue to follow the Government guidance by sending children with any symptoms home to self-isolate. We have included our frequently asked questions as a reminder of the procedures.***

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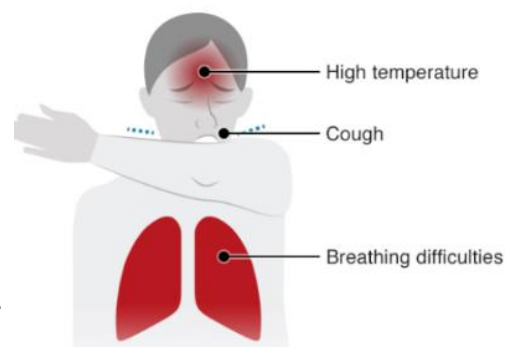
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### ***What are the Coronavirus symptoms?***

A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed. you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.



To protect others, do not go to places like a GP surgery, pharmacy, or hospital if you have any of these symptoms. Stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test.

### ***What happens if my child develops Coronavirus symptoms at home?***

You must keep your child off school if they develop Covid-19 symptoms. Your child must self-isolate for 10 days and the rest of your family should self-isolate for 10 days. You should also consider getting a test for your child or any family members with symptoms.

### ***What happens if my child develops Coronavirus symptoms at school?***

If your child develops symptoms at school, we will call you and ask you to collect your child. Your child will be unable to attend school for 10 days whilst they are self-isolate. In school, we will follow a strict process to ensure other pupils are safe and your child is kept safe and calm. We will provide home learning packs to support a school routine at home.

### ***What should I do if my child has symptoms?***

The Government advise anyone with COVID-19 symptoms gets a test.

### ***How do I book a test for my child?***

You can book a test through this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

### ***Does my child have to have a test?***

We appreciate this may be a distressing experience for your child and therefore understand if you do not do this. We will still require your child to follow the self-isolation rules and be off school for 10 days.

### ***When can my child return to school?***

Your child can return to school after 10 days of isolation or after a negative test result and no one else in your household is symptomatic. You MUST email [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) to inform the senior leadership team of the result before your child returns to school. You can also call or text 07930909976 with your child's name and test result.

If you have any questions, please email [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) and we will get back to you within 24 hours. If you want to speak to someone on the phone, please call the school office on 0115 9733710.

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### Children's Services Update

I'm Jacquie, the new Family support Worker here at Brackenfield and my working days are Wednesday and Friday.

I have worked for many years supporting families who have a child with special needs both in schools and with a couple of charities. I also have a brother who has additional needs so appreciate the importance of support and having someone there to help.

*Jacquie*

**Family support worker**

Email me: [earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)



### Parents and Carers Virtual Support Group



The group meets every other Wednesday night from 7:45pm to 8:45pm.

The groups are planned as: **23rd June: Toileting**    **28th July: Mental Health parents**    **11th August: Sleep**

If you would like to attend any of these please email [earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk). Fiona will send you a joining invite and details of how to log on. If you do not feel brave enough to have your camera and mic on at first that is fine, you can come along to listen, there is no pressure for anyone to talk if they do not want to. The group is friendly and supportive, there are parents with children in different classes, some of our parents have even met up with their children to have socially distance walks/playdates, so it is a great way to build connections.

If the time/day is not suitable, we are always looking at how we can build social connections for our parents/carers, so if the day or time is not ideal, please let us know your thoughts so we can look at what works best for most parents/carers.

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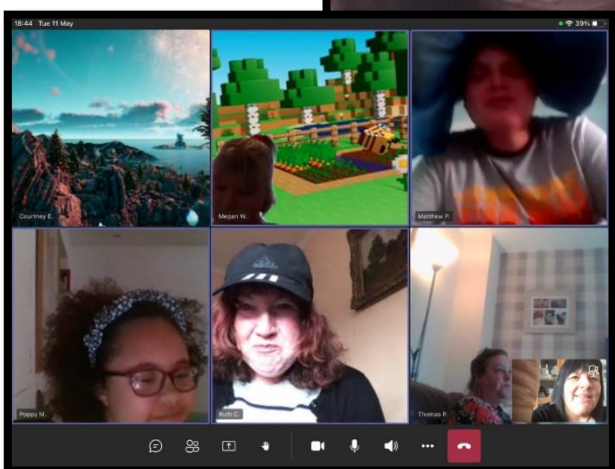
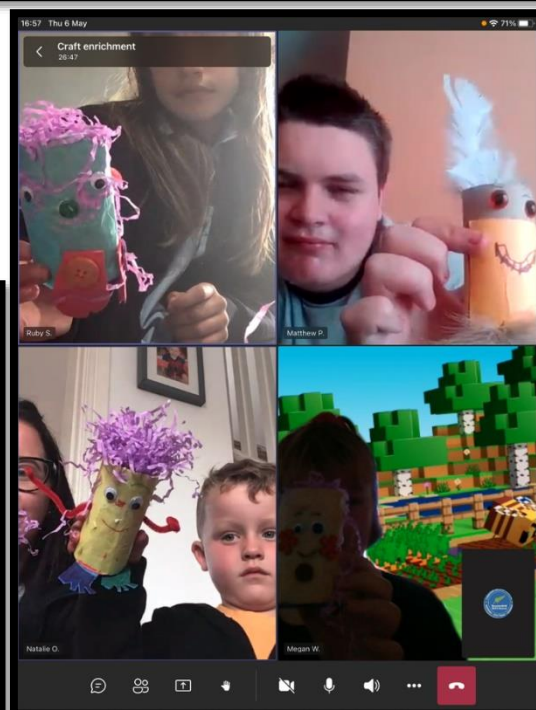
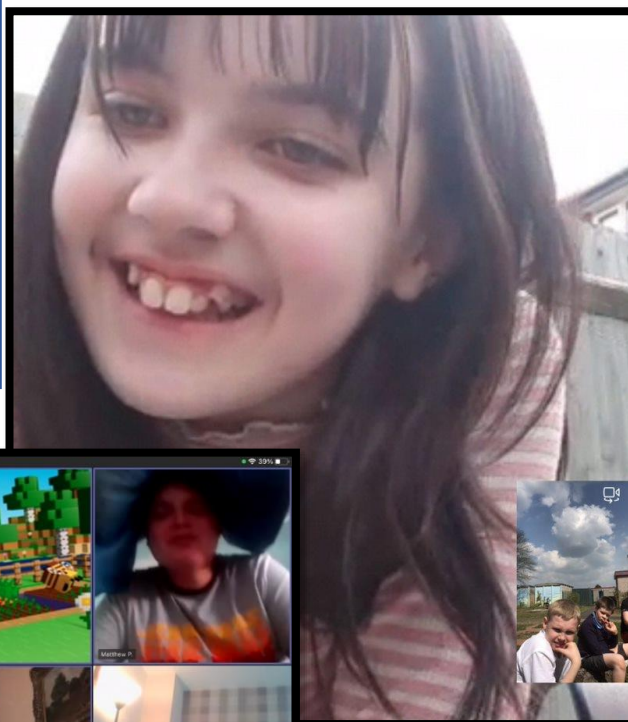
Enrichment

Mrs Spurr, Miss Clifford and Miss Leyland have been running virtual enrichment sessions for some time now. Mrs Spurr wanted you to know the students deserve all the credit because every one of them who join in week after week give us ideas for games to play, smile and laugh, make us laugh. They also introduce their parents and pets- all round absolutely brilliant and an honour to be part of.

We have 10 to 12 on a Tuesday and up to 5 on a Thursday. They all get the kit sent home every week so they can still join in. Some students pop in and out each week. The craft group is becoming more popular and pupils are encouraging friends to sign up.

Pupils have also used the session to get to know their new class mates, which has helped support anxiety and friendships in school.

This is definitely a huge positive to come out of the pandemic- The Joy of Microsoft Teams.



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Careers



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Development



Post 16 Placement at Confetti Institute of Creative Technologies.

Congratulations to Joshua Crowther-Moore who has been offered a place on the level 1 course – Introduction to Creative Industries at Confetti in Nottingham.

Josh has always had a passion for computer coding since a young boy. He is the first student to progress from us to a post 16 placement at Confetti. Despite showing signs of a promising career within the construction industry, Josh was adamant his next steps would be within his main interest. He decided to apply for the above course and after two interviews, a reference and a written assessment, he was offered a place.

Everyone at Brackenfield is extremely proud of what Josh has achieved and wish him good luck at Confetti and with his future career.



Supported



Internships



We are keen to build relationships with a range of employers who would work with us on this fantastic opportunity. If you have any contacts or are keen to work with us, please send their details to: [pupildcareers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:pupildcareers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

If you have any further questions, please email: [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

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Brackenfield Community Group

We have been in touch with the community Champions at Sainsburys, Coop, Asda, Tesco and Morrisons they have kindly agreed to help us with donations for raffle prizes and for items to help us keep cost down at events, these will be contacted to see if they can help with supplying Condiments for the BBQ or for raffle prizes.

A donation request form has been raised with Warburtons the bakery to see if they will donate the cobs for the BBQ just awaiting to hear if we have been successful.

We are getting some items donated for the prizes for the game stalls.

We have also contacted a few companies to see if they will donate prizes for the raffle so far Clip and Climb Derby are offering 2 x climb tickets.

A PTA Stall will be at the summer fair please come and say hello and have a go at guessing how many sweets are in the jar.

Just a friendly reminder...

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We have a donation from Hegarty House Care of £1000 which will be used to purchase new bikes for our Brack Track!

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# COMMUNICATE

## Maple Class

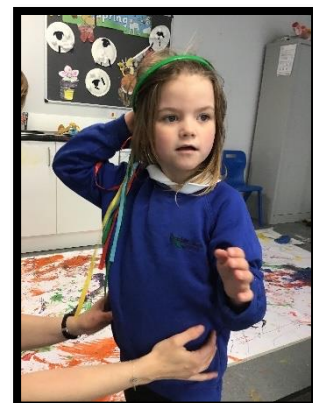
Maple class have been enjoying the great British weather and having experiences outside in the rain and puddles. We incorporated this with water play. Maple class have also been to visit the Forest Schools area. We did mud painting which all Maple class really enjoyed. Maple class also have been spending time in the sensory room.



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## Acorns Class

Acorns class have been enjoying LGBT+ pride day and did a rainbow group floor painting and sprinkled lots of glitter and sequins on top. Using foot stamps the children made pretty patterns and mixed lots of colours on the paper. We also wore colourful hats and danced to some Pride anthems.

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### Elm Class

This half term Elm class have been busy doing lots of fun activities! They have enjoyed playing with different activities during free play. Elm class have engaged well with the very hungry caterpillar sensory story. The pupils have loved doing flower and butterfly printing in Art. Exploring and visiting the sensory room has also been a class favourite this term.



### Willow Class

In willow class we have enjoyed exploring with different coloured water and using the pipettes to create different marks on the make-up pads. The children have really enjoyed exploring with the sensory magic carpet their favourite sensory programme is the fishpond, where the children enjoy running after the fish and then pretending to swim in the water. In Willow class we have really enjoyed taking part in forests schools and have embedded this into our outdoor learning where we enjoy exploring with the mud and wheel barrow. We have explored a garden centre during imaginative play using playdough as soil and planting out flowers, planting seeds and enjoyed extending our fine motor skills by pushing the flowers into the colander.



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**Guess where we went?**

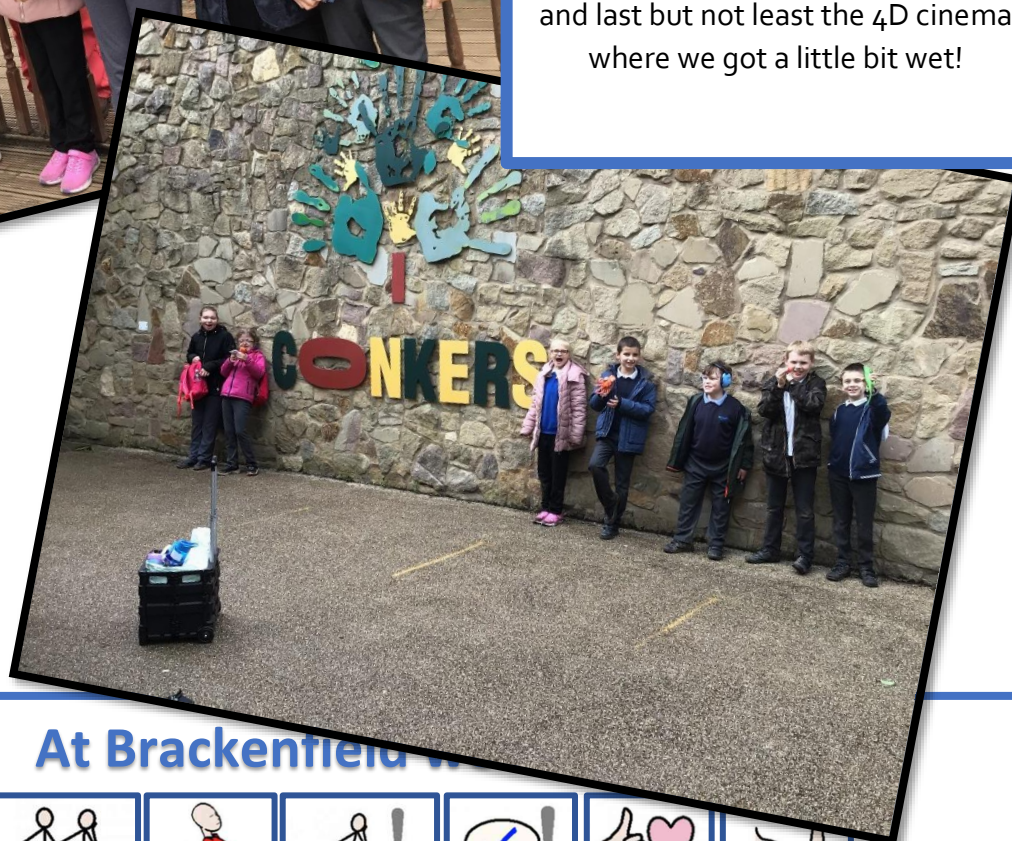
### Conkers went to Conkers!

Conkers went on an educational visit to Conkers on Tuesday 25th May. Despite it giving out rain, we didn't get any.



We had a fantastic day where the children took part in the sensory Bare foot walk, the high bridge, the labyrinth, the train ride, learning all the fun things about recycling and animals' habitats, the forest walk, and last but not least the 4D cinema where we got a little bit wet!

We finished with a lovely picnic by the lake with a little help from the geese residents.



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# COMPREHEND

### Rowan Class

This term Rowan class has been enjoying dancing, finding that our favourite song was YMCA. They have also been enjoying the Holi festival traditions of powder excitement and exploring different traditions and religions creating their own creative Jew cap. We have also been exploring 2D and 3D shape and how they look, focusing on their properties.



### Sycamore Class

This half term has been a lot of fun in Sycamore class. The children have formed some lovely friendships and have enjoyed plenty of outdoor learning, particularly on the new swing! We have been working on their life skills by encouraging independence and doing lots of practical tasks like cooking, cleaning and going to the shops. They have enjoyed lots of fun attention autism activities and our special sycamore puppet shows. Well done on a great half term, Sycamore class!

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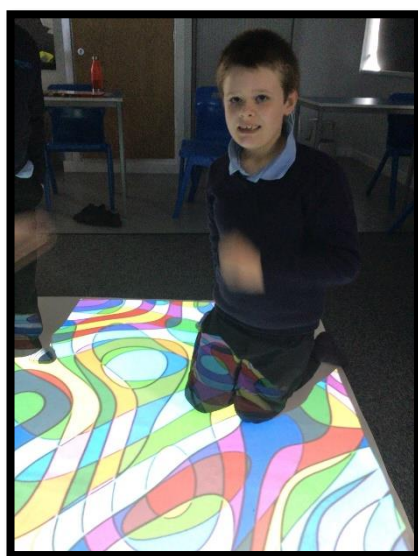
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### Conkers Class

We have been having such good fun in Conkers class. We have been learning about Ice age, experimenting how ice melts, the different species of animals that you would find during this time and creating sentences based around the ice age film characters. In forest schools we have been den building and exploring the materials you would need to stay dry. In maths, we have been looking at money value creating a Conkers shop to practice counting out the right amounts.

All the children have made new friends throughout this MER, trying new activities and pushing themselves out of their comfort zone. Well done Conkers class!



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### Beech Class

What a wonderful and exciting half term!

This half term we have taken part in forest schools creating clay sculptures and den building. We have been developing our life skills and money handling by, each week, visiting the Beech breakfast cafe. The students have taken turns ordering from their fellow classmates, choosing from the menu and paying using penny's. We have also conducted experiments with ice observing how quickly it melts when we play with it and add it to different substances, this was all part of our topic Ice Age. Finally, we have been listening to different types of music in creativity and using the instruments to experiment with sound and create our own music.



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### Laurel Class

In Laurel Class this term we have enjoyed exploring the Ice Age and during our outdoor classroom lesson we got to play with ice and had to use our skills to rescue the ice age animals that were stuck in the ice. We have made Sabre Toothed Tigers as well as Woolly Mammoths in Art. We have also really enjoyed our attention autism sessions with Mrs Reason especially when we do "rain on me!" and she splashes us with water.



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## DECODE



### Ash Class

Ash class has enjoyed the last term in our fabulous new classroom.

We have all worked really hard on our crime and punishment topic, we even had our own Classroom crime scene, we all enjoyed looking into historical crimes.

In maths we have been looking at fractions and collecting data.

For independent living we have been learning all about laundry, sorting, washing, care labels and products. We visited our local co op this week to purchase ingredients to make a simple healthy pizza and look forward to visiting a local cafe tomorrow.

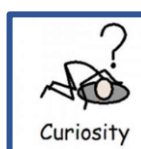


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### Poplar Class

In maths Poplar class have been doing lots of measuring, we have measured length, by planning the layout of a room and checking the sizes of furniture to ensure it would fit and we have measured temperatures in different parts of the school. In English we have been working hard on our reading and phonics. We have been practising using dictionaries to help with spelling and understanding word meanings and designed our own menus.

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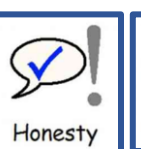
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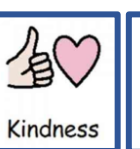
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### Oak Class

Oak class have been showing their hard work and dedication, especially the year 11 pupils completing their end of year exams, and have some fantastic results including a pass at Level 1 ICT! Year 11's have then moved straight onto work experience! Pupils have been working as part of the premises team, and working in the local community, and it has been great to hear the feedback on how hard they have been working. We have also been working on some group projects such as shelter building, bridge building, 3D nature art, and have been studying poems such as 'The Charge of the Light Brigade', in order to write our own poems. Other exciting news includes how Oak class have been cooking sausage cobs every Friday in order to raise money for the year 11's to go on a leavers trip to Alton Towers. Well, we are happy to announce that we have now surpassed our target of £162.50! An absolute fantastic effort by all!

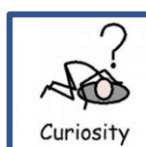


### Hazel Class

It's been a busy term in the Hazel Class, the year 11s have been preparing and working hard for their exams and getting ready for their transition to college. We want to wish them the very best in their future endeavours, they will be greatly missed.

It been an interesting year for us all, and COVID has limited our excursions, however, as part of our Independent Living unit Hazel class were able to take one last educational trip together to the Wonky Teapot in Long Eaton. Students ordered food on the phone the previous day and the next day they collected and paid for it by themselves. Not only was it a great experience but it also helped the students gain social independence and build confidence beyond school.

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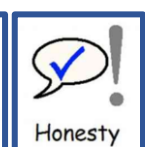
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**GREENFOLK  
FESTIVAL**

**SHIPLEY WOODSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN  
2021 OPEN DAY**

**SAT 29 MAY 2021 10AM - 4PM**    **FREE ENTRY  
FOR ALL!**

Live music

Join us for a **FREE** fun family day out!

Talks | Demonstrations | Bushcrafts with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust | Free seeds | Plant and craft sales | Homemade cakes | Children's natural play area | Picnic area

Refreshments available – discount for using own cup!

Masks to be worn inside Summerhouse

Cash only sales. For more information, visit our events page on **Facebook/ShipleEcoActionGroup** or website **www.seag.uk**

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