

Weekly newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

After a wet start to the week, the sun is now shining!

Maths and birthday celebrations started in earnest on Monday when one of our pupils realised, not only was it her birthday but she is now halfway to thirty! Her peers made her an amazing birthday cake: we reckon most of us are still living through the sugar rush! Key stage three pupils are getting to grips with algebra and GCSE pupils are now developing confidence to apply their knowledge to problem solving tasks with increasing independence.



Communication work this week has not only seen pupils extend their capability with non-fiction texts but cross-curricular topics have required them to use both verbal and written formats in their work. For example, two of our pupils conducted a risk assessment for a forthcoming trip. Part of the exercise was for them to use public transport to visit the venue, communicate with members of the public, recognise, and solve potential hazards, then record their findings. One of our core values is for our pupils to develop not only their subject knowledge but to be confident members of the wider society.



Sometime back we reported one of our pupils made the whole of secondary a delightful chilli con carne. This week he returned after much demand, to provide us all with a scrumptious vegetable soup. Having sourced, prepared, and delivered his food, yet again we were amazed with the quality, approach, and maturity of this young person to his learning and personal development.



Unfortunately, our trampolining session was postponed this week by the provider; however, the local park has an outdoor gym. This was utilised by us and will now becoming a regular event in our timetable as the weather hopefully turns in our favour.



PHSE work is continuing to focus on keeping ourselves safe online. Increasingly we are having to support parents, carers, and pupils as they encounter unwanted or inappropriate material, often from unknown sources. Please remember we are always here to support you should you be unfortunate enough to experience this. We do not judge; we just want to help us all keep safe.

Our therapeutic curriculum has seen a massive boost to its resources this week as our new Reflexologist has joined our team. Some of our pupils thought this was not for them until they saw her demonstrate how this procedure works. We are confident this will support our pupils alongside the many other therapeutic resources we are proudly able to offer.



Lastly, we couldn't miss St Patrick's Day. Whilst we were unable to provide whisky or Guinness, we did treat ourselves to baking soda bread and making cookies. Pupils sourced the ingredients, instructions, booked the kitchen and even tidied up after themselves! We even differentiated for our gluten free pupils who were also included. The results were very tasty!



Best wishes, the secondary team.