

Newsletter - Winter Term 2 Week 6

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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a really exciting week with Soundtracks. The students have loved it and there has been a great atmosphere listening to the music ringing round the school. We had BBC Radio Oxford and Talk TV in yesterday and there will be coverage on Wednesday 19th on Amy Johnson's show and again on Friday 21st on the Kat Orman show at 10.30.

In addition to this we had a wonderful response to Sign to Sing last Friday and we raised £277 for a charity for deaf people. We have also had numbers day today, celebrating Valentine's Day through numbers. We will share how much we have raised next week.

Finally, there was greater rivalry than an FA cup final between Manchester Utd and Manchester City on Wednesday afternoon when the whole secondary site took part in an inter class football tournament with students and teachers. The competitive spirit was at its height and no one is allowed to ask if Vicki, Gold class teacher, used Maradona's hand of God at a crucial moment.

The KS4/5 couch to 5K continues to make excellent progress and we are really looking forward to taking part in a park run in the summer.

Have a great half term. We will be back on Monday 24th as usual.

Best wishes

Lucy

Student of the Week

Orange: Reuben	Purple: Whole Class
Blue: Kirk	Red: Riley and Aariz
Yellow: Jack W	Green: Brody
Bronze: Nigel	Silver: Alistair
Gold: Julian	Copper: Dontay
Platinum: Ibrahim	Titanium: Hamzah

Dates for the diary

14th February 2020 - Number Day

14th February 2020 - Last day of half term

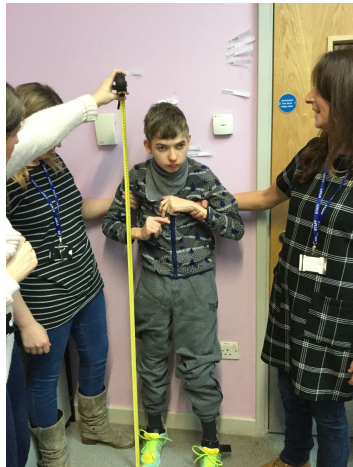
24th February 2020 - Back to school

12th March 2020 - Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 6pm

Silver Class

Silver class have had a very busy time of having fun and learning new things. We really enjoyed measuring ourselves against the wall with a tape measure and looking at who was the tallest (Beth) and who was the shortest (Lucas)!

We also spoke about clowns and learnt all about a famous clown called Charlie Chaplin. We also performed some 'daring' clown tricks: we walked the tightrope carefully placing one foot in front of the other; Clare showed Silver Class her juggling skills and the whole of the Silver Class showed that they have the moves and danced the 'Baby Shark' song along with the Fresh clowns!



Purple Class

This week some of Purple class students have been involved in Jessie's fund musical experience. They traveled to the secondary site on Thursday where they did a performance for some of the pupils and parents. They showed everyone how they have been developing their communication skills through music by listening and responding to different sounds. Keep an eye out in the Oxford Mail for more information.

Today we have been raising money for NSPCC with a number day. We have been learning about maths by counting, adding, subtracting and measuring. We had great fun celebrating Valentine's Day in maths by counting and exploring lots of heart shapes. We especially enjoyed cooking heart shaped biscuits in cooking on Monday.

We have been developing our creative skills in art by making Elmer masks using paper plates and different coloured paper. The pupils all enjoyed following instructions and enjoyed the end result.



A musical success with Soundtracks!

It has been such a privilege to watch the amazing work that Soundtracks from Jessie's Fund has led with our students. Helen Beaucamp and Ali Mac, the professional musicians from Soundtracks, took our students on a musical journey, using only the sound of their instruments and their singing to guide the pupils through the sessions. To watch the pupils eyes light up and see the engagement with the instruments and musicians was wonderful. Everyone that has taken part witnessed each pupil develop in confidence across the five days. Their interaction, communication skills and engagement all progressed.

It was a media frenzy yesterday and we will be appearing on BBC Oxford radio's breakfast show on Tuesday and Friday next week. Oxford Mail and the Oxford Times came in and took pictures for an article that will appear in their newspapers and on their website. We were also interviewed by Roz who represented BBC South TV and Talk TV Oxfordshire which will also go out next week. We will let people know through the school website the details of when this will be as soon as we are informed.

We look forward to inviting Soundtracks back to Mabel Prichard school in the future. In the meantime here are some of the great moments from the five days.



My Normal Music

Please see the school website for more information on My Normal Music or email music@ark-t.org

