

Newsletter - Spring Term 4 Week 3

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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those of you who joined us for parents' evening last night. There was a really good turn out. We are also grateful for your feedback about the school and will be asking for further input on the areas parents feel they would like more information about.

We are obviously in unprecedented times with COVID-19. As yet, we have not received advice to close the school but are following guidance closely and are taking additional precautions of our own. All visitors are being asked to use our hand sanitiser on entry to the school and staff and students wash their hands at the start of the day, before food and the end of the day. Antibacterial hand soap is used for all hand washing and antibacterial handrub is also in all classrooms. We regularly disinfect all handles and surfaces and have increased the frequency that this takes place. Staff are required to self isolate if they have any symptoms. If you think your child has a temperature or new cough, please do not send them into school but consult the 'Public Health England' website for the latest advice. When you ring in to report the absence, please inform us of the reason so we can take appropriate action.

We also appreciate some of you may wish to keep children at home if they have pre-existing conditions. If this is the case we are very happy to support with learning at home and will publish guidance on our website and send out reminders of passwords to Education City. If you are keeping your child off for this reason please let us know and we will make sure we can support learning at home as far as possible.

I will keep you informed of any further developments, so please check the school website regularly and those of you on Eezee Trip will receive any further information through alerts.

Have a good weekend

Best wishes

Lucy

Student of the Week

Orange: Cindy	Purple: Brayden
Blue: Sol	Red: William
Yellow: Zack	Green: Aaliyah
Bronze: Jardell	Silver: Kaylah
Gold: Rhianna	Copper: Shay
Platinum: Tianna	Titanium: Byron

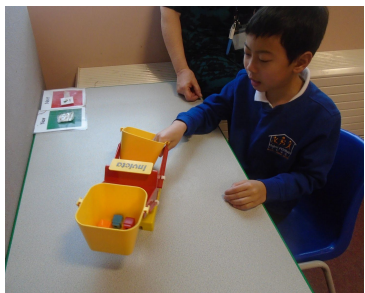
Dates for the diary

20th March 2020 - FoMP Bingo Night
27th March 2020 - Class photographer

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Red Class

Red Class have been learning about forces in Science. We have been investigating things that move by either being pushed or pulled, and also how to make cars go faster by using ramps. We found out that the steeper the incline the faster the car will go. In Maths we have been learning about weight and what feels heavy and what feels light. Pupils had the chance to use scales and see how they can make them balance and in a role play situation they created a shop and had a lot of fun.



Copper Class

This week copper class has started going to Trax again as the weather is starting to brighten up. It is a great opportunity for the children to learn some new skills. This week we planted potatoes and are really excited to see them grow over the next few months. We have also planted some giant lilies. We will share the progress with you and I'm sure the children will be excited to share this news with you.



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WE ARE HIRING! We are growing and are looking for inspirational people to join our team



AUTISM
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Activity Coordinator

16 hours per week, Term-time only.

£7,740 (£23,866 pro rata)

Based in our office in Abingdon, plus visiting our youth groups and activity venues across Oxfordshire. Flexibility and own vehicle is required.

This is an exciting new post for us. We need someone to develop and manage our activities for young people. This is a great opportunity for someone who is exceptionally organised, a good leader, able to build partnerships, has creative ideas and initiative, and experience of working with children or adults on the autism spectrum. The hours are mostly office hours as well as occasional evenings and Saturdays as arranged between the post holder and staff. The post holder will be responsible for managing their own diary, with weekly hours equating to 16 hours a week, term-time only (Oxfordshire school terms, 39 weeks per annum).

Closing Date: Monday 30th March 2020 To apply visit: www.afso.org.uk/vacancies

Saturday Youth Support Worker

£10 per hour, 3.25 hours per week

Saturdays 9.30am – 12.30pm, Term-time only

Based in Wolvercote, Oxford.

We are looking for a playful and energetic Youth Support Worker to join our youth group for 8 – 12 year olds with Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism. The youth group is led by a Youth Group Coordinator, and you will be part of a team to plan and run activities, and support children to participate in and enjoy the sessions.

Weekly working hours are Saturdays 9.30am – 12.30pm term-time only (39 weeks) as well as 0.25 hours additional time allowed for occasional planning. Experience of working with young people is essential.

Applicants should have experience of supporting young people in a supportive setting, enjoy working in a playful youth group setting, able to encourage social skills, a sense of fun, and be responsible.

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Casual Support Workers

*** Flexible work *** Easter staff needed ***

£10 per hour. Flexible hours, various locations.

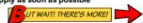
We are looking for experienced Casual Support Workers to assist with our Holiday Activities for 5-17 year olds with Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism. You will support young people to participate in a variety of play & social activities, and facilitate social skills and friendships.

Work is flexible and available during Easter and Summer school holidays (various hours and locations); as well as occasional staff cover offered at term-time youth groups.

Applicants should have at least 1 years' experience of supporting autistic young people, enjoy supporting young people in play & leisure settings, able to encourage social skills, work in a team, and be responsible.

Closing Date: Rolling recruitment. For Easter holiday work please apply as soon as possible

To apply visit: www.afso.org.uk/vacancies



Youth Group Coordinator (Thursday evenings)

£11.88 per hour, 4 hours per week

Youth group sessions: Thursdays 5.30pm – 8.30pm, Term-time only

Based in Abingdon

We are looking for a reliable and organised Youth Group Coordinator to lead our youth group for 11-16 year olds with Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism. The post holder will be responsible for running the youth group, planning and organising activities, line manage a Youth Support Worker and volunteers, produce simple quarterly reports, and liaise with parent/carer and family support staff.

Weekly working hours are Thursdays 5.30pm – 8.30pm, term-time only (39 weeks per year) plus an additional 1 hour per week for planning, or attending periodic staff meetings or training.

Professional experience of working with young people on the autism spectrum in a group setting is essential. The successful candidate must be able to communicate effectively with young people with autism as well as parents and professionals; be organised, be a good leader, use their own initiative, manage a small team, and can plan and evaluate their work.

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Youth Support Worker (Thursday evenings)

£10 per hour, 3.5 hours per week

Thursdays 5.30am – 8.30pm, Term-time only

Based in Abingdon

We are looking for an enthusiastic Youth Support Worker for our youth group for 11-16 year olds with Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism. The post holder will assist the Youth Group Coordinator to run the youth group; assist with organising onsite and offsite activities; support the young people to participate in activities; and support volunteers.

Weekly working hours are Thursdays 5.30pm – 8.30pm, Term-time only (39 weeks) as well as an additional 0.5 hours per week for planning, or attending periodic staff meetings or training.

Professional experience of working with young people on the autism spectrum is essential. It is essential that the person appointed can communicate effectively with young people with autism, can encourage social skills, is able to participate in play and leisure activities, can work effectively using their own initiative and as a team.

Closing Date: Monday 30th March 2020 To apply visit: www.afso.org.uk/vacancies

To apply for any post

Applicants must refer to the Job Description and complete an Application Form.

Full details and the Application Form are available from our website.

www.afso.org.uk/vacancies

For specific enquiries about any vacancy please contact:

Gita Lobo, Chief Executive Officer Tel: 07929 379125 Email: gita@afso.org.uk

Successful applicants will be required to complete an Enhanced DBS check.

SEND Sessions

Join us for our **SEND Sessions** for a playful, relaxed atmosphere and a chance to meet other families!

£2.00 per adult, with up to 2 children for **FREE** with DLA letter

Wednesday 1st April

4.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 6th May

4.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 3rd June

4.00pm – 6.00pm

Please bring your DLA letter. Free entry applies for every child with a DLA letter – plus, they can bring a friend for free, adult charges apply.

We will now be serving food at our Café during these sessions.

