

Newsletter - Spring Term Week 4

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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a good week with Music for Autism on the secondary site on Monday. Students had a great time, dancing and joining in and we look forward to having them back to work with primary at a later date.

We are looking forward to finally having the first phase of the quad refurbishment at half term. This will give us a wonderful outdoor learning space in the centre of the site.

Next Tuesday is Chinese New Year and we will share pictures of the dragons and tigers we have been making, next Friday.

Take care and have a really good weekend

Lucy

Headteachers Awards



Orange Class



In Orange Class, we have been enjoying the fairytales of *The Three Little Pigs* and this week, *The Gingerbread Man*. We have been doing the sensory story with flour and water for the river and have been playing with ginger scented playdough, rolling it out and using cutters to make different shapes. We have also baked some gingerbread men, having played with and tasted the ingredients. We used white paint to decorate paper gingerbread men, used tools to make marks on them and the tough tray and we ate some ginger flavoured biscuits. Some children loved them, others were less keen on the strong flavour. Finally, we have been recreating the river on a resonance board and using musical instruments to tap out the rhythm, "Run, Run, as fast as you can". We have been enjoying the drier weather outside and looking forward to starting *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* next week.



Silver Class

On-line start to the term!



Silver Class had a strange start to this year as we had to meet on-line for the first four days of this new school term. We met every morning to do our registration and then caught up with everyone. We were introduced to learners' family members, their pets and even some of their favourite belongings. All learners were set an English, Maths and Life Skills task everyday and we really enjoyed seeing the pictures of learners at home doing the washing up and

putting a load of clothes in the washing machine, they even had to make their own lunch.



Back in school, all of that hard work at home was great preparation for the new Independence and Life Skills group that has been formed with learners from both Silver and Bronze classes. Learners work together on a Monday and Thursday afternoon, to improve their ability to perform important everyday tasks. On a Monday the group plan our shopping trip to Tesco, ensuring that we all know what we need to buy and then on a Thursday they clean up the kitchen after both Bronze and Silver Class have done their cooking lesson. Thank you team. In cooking this week we will be

making Oat Cookies in celebration of Burns night. If you want to find out why this evening is special to Scotland please follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/IHKFKtgvfxx>

This is Newsround and accessible for your child as well.



Silver class is really enjoying going to the dome every Wednesday morning. Jamal has been fantastic and helping to set up the stations for learners to work on every week and ensuring that it is all ready for both Silver and Bronze Classes. This is a photo of him explaining what Alistair needs to do, he then worked with him, both laughing and enjoying themselves, while working hard at their target skills.