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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

Please check your son or daughter's bag today for a letter about their class next year. We will also be sending them out electronically on ParentMail.

We are planning to hold a Wimbledon-themed sports day this year. It will be on 6th July and parents and carers are welcome. Details will be out shortly but this is a heads up to save the date if you can. The 14-19 semi-formal pathway are also holding a Pride Cookie sale on Tuesday. All our students learn about Equality and Diversity and this group have recently been learning about the many different kinds of love, including for our friends, families as well as partners. They will make rainbow cookies to sell around school.

Following my message on Dojo on Wednesday, we are continuing to see a rise in Covid cases, mainly on the primary site but not exclusively. There is also a rather nasty vomiting bug going round and if your son or daughter shows any signs of either illness, please can you keep them off and test them if you think it may be Covid. You will be aware staffing levels are low at the moment and we have had to ask some students to learn at home, and have even had to close whole classes. We are immensely grateful to all of you for your support when we do have to ask you to keep your son or daughter at home and we endeavour to do this on a rota basis so no one is affected too often.

We were very excited to have Topaze Skerrett in on Thursday. Topaze is starting as our new Head of Primary in September and will be with us from Monday to Thursday. She met some of you at drop off and as she is in again on Monday, and she can hopefully meet more of you at pick up.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Please do not forget to look for the letters and if you have not heard anything, please do contact us.

Best wishes

Lucy



Green Class



Green Class have planted runner beans and sunflowers. We've been keeping them watered and watching them grow. This week we needed to repot them into some bigger containers. As part of our growing topic, we have learned about the life cycles of a butterfly and a frog. We made playdough frogspawn and tadpoles and painted some brilliant frogs on their lily pads. We have been sharing the story of The Frog Prince and enjoyed dressing up to retell the story. Some of the time over the past couple of weeks we have just needed to focus on staying cool. Ice and water usually does the trick.

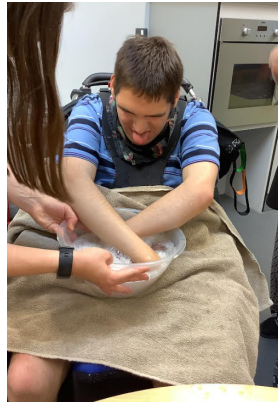


14-19 Pre-formal Pathway



In the 14-19 Pre-formal Pathway we have been exploring a range of stimuli to keep us cool in this warm weather. We have enjoyed making a beach with cereal sand, salad seaweed and have had a range of fun textures to explore. Some of our learners had to watch out as we were very enthusiastic when popping water balloons.

In cooking we enjoyed making pasta salad where we focussed on making choices between the ingredients we showed preferences for. Over the term we have worked on using the switch to activate the blender during cooking to rustle up some delicious sauces. We have continued rehearsing our sensory story during the week ready to perform in assembly today.





Pride is a celebration of people being proud of who they are. In Platinum Class we have been learning about diversity and equality in RSE and will be having a Pride cookie sale on Tuesday 28th June to celebrate. Please send your learner in with 50p to buy something tasty and please come dressed in your brightest colourful outfits!