

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week this has been. We've had lots of exciting things happening at the academy this week: exciting learning in the classroom, a great music concert, some fantastic sporting activities and lots of new children joining our school, just to name a few.

This week at assembly I spoke to the children about **keeping safe**. We discussed how they can be safe at home, on the road and on the internet. I also mentioned to the children how they are safe at school, what the adults do, who is in the safeguarding team and who they can speak to if and when they have a problem. Talk to your child about this important topic and ensure that they know what to do in any situation be it at home or on the road. Please see the attachment with this newsletter which is from West Sussex offering you the opportunity to book a free Online Safety course.

At today's Celebration Assembly special certificates were given to children who completed their Maths home learning project that was given to them before Christmas. It will be lovely to see more children complete these projects. Please keep an eye out for the next project.

Do have a lovely weekend and enjoy some time with your families.

Take care and be safe

Mrs Powys



A bit of Maths news—a HUGE WELL DONE to:

Isabella - Picasso
Mia - Matisse
Isabelle - Mackintosh
Giulia - Mackintosh
Evie - Dali
Sarav - Matisse

Qasim - Mackintosh
Omar - Dali
Sophie - Mackintosh
Iyla - Dali
Tyler - Wiltshire

for spending time over Christmas thinking of as many songs as they could with numbers in! They took on the home learning project with passion and produced some fabulous work. Each child has received a special certificate and badge to celebrate their hard work.

Musical Treat

We were so lucky to be able to open our doors and welcome in the musical group, Ensemble Reza, on Wednesday this week. They were a string quintet group made up of 2 violinists, a viola player and 2 cellists (one of which was a double bass player too!) They told the story of Jack and the Beanstalk with their musical accompaniment - and it was brilliant! We loved how the music really mimicked the different themes within the story and how it enhanced the telling of this popular tale.

The children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 really were gripped from the moment the first instrument played. It was wonderful to see such enthusiastic and talented players and to give a taste of live music to our children.



Christmas was a little more special for some of our families this year, thanks to support from the **Greenaway Foundation**, a local charity established by Darren Greenaway to help Crawley families who are struggling. They helped over 600 families in Crawley this year - an amazing response! We are really grateful to the Greenaway Foundation for the brilliant support that they provided - ingredients for a Christmas meal and a small present for the children. If your family is struggling, help may be available from organisations like the Greenaway Foundation. Please do come and speak in confidence to Ms Roden, Ms Smith or any of the leadership team.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK—YASMIN IN ESCHER

On Monday our girl's football team were in action with lots of the girl's representing the school for the first time. They were all brilliant and not only impressed Mr Stepney and myself, but also lots of the teachers from other schools, with their resilience, team work and positive attitude.! Well done! Yasmin in Escher wins Sports Person of the week for her amazing effort.



WILTSHIRE CLASS

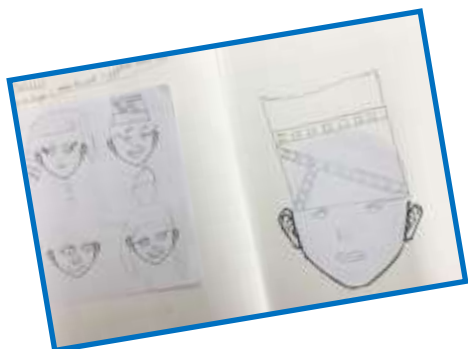
Earlier this week in Wiltshire class, the class donned their scientist hats and investigated what happened to water in its different states! Part of that meant studying how ice can turn into a liquid through melting. The children were fascinated to learn about different density of liquids and predicted what might happen to an ice cube dropped into oil. To prove their predictions, they poured in some olive oil [most dense] into a jar with some baby oil [less dense] on top. It formed two different layers - wow!

They dropped a coloured ice cube in which sat in the middle layer and melted, dripping downwards. The water eventually melted and formed a silvery liquid at the bottom of the jar. The children observed what happened and found it fascinating to watch and learn!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have started to explore the world of Ancient Egypt and have spent their first two lessons in Art learning about and looking at Death masks. They have created mood boards with ideas, colours, shapes and patterns that wanted to experiment with, and followed that up this week with the range of designs they wanted to move forward with during this design phase. We aim to have a 3D death mask to show off at the end of this topic, and at this rate, we should have something to be proud of!



Sports update

It's been a jam packed week of sport at DAPA! At the start of the week, our Year 6 girls' football team went over to TBCC for their tournament with some really impressive performances from lots of children who were representing the school for the first time! Later in the week, our Year 4s had their first swimming lesson of the term and did brilliantly! It takes a lot of bravery to get in the pool for your very first lesson and I was really impressed with the resilience shown by our Year 4s. Our Year 6 boys' football team were also in action this week where they were unlucky not to pick up a win after putting in their best performance of the season against top of the league Southgate school. Finally, our basketball team are taking to the court at Holy Trinity this evening with more children representing the school for the first time! Good luck! The busy sports schedule across Key Stage 2 carries on this term with netball, cross country, athletics, cricket and more football still to come!

Girls' football report by Jennifer and Brianna

On Monday 10th January, we took part in the girls' football tournament at Thomas Bennett. Even though it was quite challenging we still tried our best and pushed ourselves hard! We would definitely go again. All the girls we played against were really nice and we were all

grateful to have an opportunity to represent the school. Although we didn't win we know there will be chances to try again. We think all the girls did great!



Boys' football report by Leo and Dane

In our first game we were up against Our Lady's school. Luke made some great saves in goal and we were unlucky to lose 2-0. Against Southgate, we made some changes and were unlucky again to lose 2-0, especially after playing some really good attacking football.





This week, in Nursery, we have been exploring the planet Earth! We have introduced our new topic 'All Around the World' and took part in many activities linking to our planet. Some of the activities we did this week included creating paper mache Earths and decorating flags. We also learnt about how a globe can show us where the countries are on Earth.



RECEPTION

In Reception this week we have been looking at Italy as part of our topic - 'All around the World.' We have had such an exciting week and made wrap pizzas! They were yummy!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done everyone!!

KS1

Kandinsky - Klimt -	Eden & Miran Aliyah/Wuday/ Jasmine
Van Gogh - Cezanne - Mackintosh - Matisse - Gardner -	Niamh Archie Chloe Natalie Marley

KS2

O'Keeffe - Turner -	Oliver Scarlett/Alfie Toby
Monet - Miro -	Viktor Mouhamed/ Aiden/Fetanet
Picasso - Dali - Hockney - Escher - Wiltshire -	Chloe Esme Alexis Jana Max

Accelerated Reading Certificates

Emilia - Turner—40 points

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022

(Subject to change)

Term 3
(7 weeks)

January 2022

Monday 24th January Afterschool Clubs start

Feb 2022

Thursday 17th February Break up from School - Feb Half Term (normal time)
Friday 18th February INSET DAY
21st Feb – 25th Feb Half-term

Term 4
(6 weeks)

Monday 28th February Term 4 Starts (Spring Term) - Back to school

Apr 2022

Friday 8th April Break Up from school at **1.30 pm** for Easter Holidays
11th Apr -22nd Apr Easter Holidays

Term 5
(5 weeks)

Monday 25th April Inset Day (School is closed)
Tuesday 26th April Term 5 starts (Summer Term) - Back to School

May 2022

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 27th May Break up from school – normal time
30th May – 3rd June May Half term
Thursday 2nd June Spring Bank Holiday
Friday 3rd June Additional Bank Holiday HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee

Term 6
(7 weeks)

June 2022
Monday 6th June Term 6 starts (Summer Term) - Back to school

July 2022

Friday 22nd July Break up from School at **1.30 pm**



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