



NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th October 2024

CLASS FOCUS



Drum Class settled back into school happily this term, and welcomed three new friends.

The new pupils are starting to find their favourite items in the classroom and to engage for longer periods in the structured activities such as circle time. They have all been amazing at transitioning to another classroom, or welcoming older children into Drum class, to do phonics every afternoon. This means that everyone is getting phonics at the best level for them, i.e. sounds, early letter sounds or starting to blend sounds into words.

Drum's topic this half term has been 'All About Me' so they have been learning about body parts, what they can do and how they are different from each other. Their story, 'From Head to Toe' by Eric Carle linked into this as they practised copying the animals' movements such as stomping feet like an elephant. In music they have found some of their body parts during the Boogie Mites songs or used them to make sounds like 'pop like a cork'! Coulson tells us the body part as he touches it as seen in the photo overleaf— "eyes". The students tested what their ears, nose and mouth could do by listening, tasting and smelling in one topic session. Carter said the crisps were 'crunchy' but was surprised by the sour sweets! In PE the children have been using bodies to stretch, balance and climb, using a range of equipment in the hall.

In Maths they are exploring number by listening to the number names, counting and matching quantities. Counting to let the cars or balls down the ramp has made Órlaith very excited!



FE MOTTISFONT MAGIC!

As part of the exciting plans the Further Education staff have for the students this year to broaden their cultural horizons, they embarked upon a wonderful trip to the National Trust site, Mottisfont House. Despite the weather trying its best to ruin their plans, every FE student was able to go on the outing on one of the two trips made.



Students had the opportunity to walk or wheel their way around the beautiful grounds, seeing the stunning gardens, trees and river. They took an offering of banana cake (baked by the students) to the trout in the river, who jumped clear of the water to battle for each delicious piece. The students really enjoyed taking turns doing this! For those that wanted to, they went into the house itself to learn more about its amazing history.

It was great to see the students further developing their social skills at lunch time, enjoying their packed lunches in the most beautiful of settings, which generated some interesting lunch time chat.

Keep your eyes peeled in the newsletter to see where the FE culture vultures head to next!!





SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK

Why? Which? Where? How many? How much?

WORKING TOGETHER

You may be aware that we have been experiencing a high volume of absence in the past couple of weeks due to illness, whether it be a student, member of staff or dependent.



We often remind parents that we need to know of a child's absence **prior to 8am**. This gives us time to sort out adequate/safe staffing for each class. **This week we experienced many students just not turning up (a total of 6 for a couple of days!)**, thus necessitating us to re-organise the staffing again which takes time, involves moving staff backwards and forwards between classes, the school and the FE Centre. *It has also meant that we have unnecessarily cancelled activities the students would normally have.*

Please remember you are always able to leave a message for the school regarding the absence of your child at any time—there is an answering machine for the landline (01264 365297) and also Classdojo messaging*— *both options are available 24 hours a day*. So if you have been up all night with a child and you don't think they will be in school, leave a message at the time and you won't need to remember in the morning. * Please inform both the class and Admin office.

On a separate note, if your child has been sent home with spare school clothing, please could you return it once cleaned.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE ...

Sofiia, Victorious - 18 years old

BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THE HALF TERM ARE...

Chloe W, Maracas - 9 years old

Chloe M, Glastonbury - 16 years old



Happy birthday to you all!

DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (1) 2024

28th October—1st November—HALF TERM

DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (2) 2024

NOVEMBER

4th RETURN TO SCHOOL (School & FE)

6th INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)

13th School photographer

15th Children in Need

25th Theme Day (1) - Kings & Queens

DECEMBER

4th FE Christmas Market

6th Hants Music Service Special Event,
Winchester Cathedral

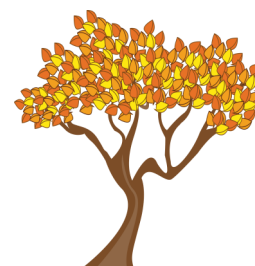
10th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)

12th School Nativity, St Mary's Church (details to follow)

17th House Reward Trip

19th Christmas Lunch & special guest visit

20th Last day of Autumn Term



DIARY DATES — SPRING TERM (1) 2025

JANUARY

6th RETURN TO SCHOOL (School & FE)

8th Teenage Booster immunisations—yrs 9, 10, 11)
(details to follow)

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award:

- Chimes - Abel
- Drum - Chloe
- Maracas - Ajax
- Tambourine - Archie W
- Triangle - Alfie
- Trumpet - Danny
- Oboe - Chris
- Banjo - Leon
- Cello - Marley



The School Superstar of the Week is **ARCHIE W!!**

Archie is a happy boy who loves to interact with others. He has a friendly personality and welcomes anyone into Tambourine class with a big smile. He has made friends with peers in his new class and will start games of chase with them. He has shown a huge love for horse riding this term, riding with confidence and helping entertain another pupil while waiting to ride.

PARENTS' GROUP

The next Parents' Group is being held at school at 1.30pm on Wednesday, 13th November. If you would like to join in with the chat, gain some advice and listen about similar experiences, then please contact the school office (01264 365297) or Sharon Portsmouth, our Family Support Practitioner (07895984244) so that we can organise biscuits!!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

PERSONAL LEARNING GOALS (PLGs)

PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS REMEMBER TO RETURN THEIR REPLY SLIPS SENT HOME WITH THE PLGs. THANK YOU!