



# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 20th September 2024

# CLASS FOCUS



It has been a busy start to the year at the FE Centre. The students have gone straight back in to cooking, shopping, gardening, housekeeping and taking trips out into the community. Everyone has returned ready to learn more independent living skills and it has been lovely to see them all enjoying being back together. They have also welcomed two awesome new students, Chloe and Caynan, who have already settled in, bringing lots of smiles and laughter with them.

Preparations are underway for the Christmas Market being held at the FE Centre on 4th December, and the students have been busy choosing new Christmas card designs. Look out for order forms next half term – we think you will love the new cards for this year. We will also have lots of tealight holders, bug hotels and Christmas decorations for you to buy at the market. The students and staff are very excited about the Christmas Market and are not making any apologies for mentioning it in September!

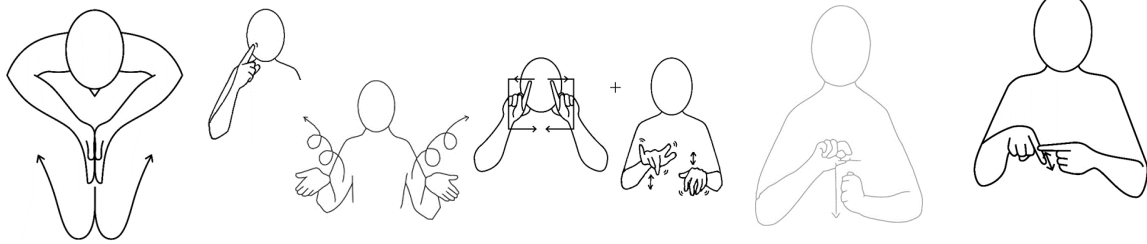
Each week two groups of students cook their own lunch on a Tuesday or Thursday and this always fills the building with some delicious aromas. As you can see in the photos, everyone gets involved and it is great to see the independence of the students increasing with each passing week. They have been focusing on hygiene in the kitchen, including hand washing and using the correct chopping boards for different items. Zac said that he enjoyed making the banana muffins and Clifford said “It is important to be safe in the kitchen”.

The FE staff have also been incredibly proud of the students who receive physio and have standers, as they have all worked extremely hard since returning to the FE. They have really impressed with their can-do approach to getting in to their standers and pushing themselves to achieve their very best! Well done!

On Fridays, while one group go and have fun at the stables, the rest of the students have been enjoying some art and music sessions. In their art they have been exploring different textures and in music they have learned about the Andover bands of the 1960s! Feel free to ask any of them to sing 'Wild Thing' to you – they can belt out a pretty good version of it!



# SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



Swimming

Soft Play

ICT

Maths/  
Numeracy

English /  
Literacy

## JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you to everyone who donated to Jeans for Genes today. We know that some students are not so keen to participate because it means not wearing school uniform, but that's okay—donations are always welcome. We will let you know next week how much we managed to raise.



## GET YOUR VOTES IN!

As we approach the end of September, don't forget to collect your blue tokens from the tills or self service check outs in participating Tescos and put in the Icknield School collection box. (Tesco Extra). If you can't find them, ASK FOR ONE (or more)! Get your family and friends involved too.

**Stronger Starts** **TESCO**  
Every little helps



### Participating stores are:

Andover Extra, River Way *(the tokens are often at the back of each check out till or in a large plastic container between the two self-service sections)*

Andover Express, Weyhill Road

Andover Express, Charlton

Andover Express, Cricketers Way

Whitchurch Express

## DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (1) 2024

### SEPTEMBER

- 23rd Flu Vaccinations (under 18's only, if consent has been given)
- 24th Farleigh After School Club starts (collect 5pm)
- 27th Porchester Castle visit (Banjo & Oboe classes)



### OCTOBER

- 2nd Porchester Castle visit (Trumpet & Cello classes)
- 7th Harvest Festival
- 8th Governors' Curriculum meeting (9.30am)
- 15th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 24th Parents' Evening
- 25th INSET DAY (FE ONLY)**

**28th October—1st November—HALF TERM**

## DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (2) 2024

### NOVEMBER

- 6th INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)**
- 13th School photographer

## SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

- Chimes - Olly
- Drum - Zack
- Maracas - Jojo
- Tambourine - Ethan
- Triangle - Neil
- Trumpet - Tinashe
- Oboe - Kieran
- Banjo - Jack B
- Cello - Tomás



The School Superstar of the Week is **Jojo!!!**

Jojo is a cheeky young chappie with an infectious smile and giggle. He is a keen dancer and absolutely loves music—he has his own “Jojo move” that the staff love! Jojo adores water play (trying to get as wet as possible) and has started to interact with staff asking for more water play! During break time we know he can *always* be found on the swing or trampoline.

## FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(*Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication*)

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## BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE ...

- Akosua, Triangle 7 years old
- Haoran, Victorious 18 years old
- Gus, Trumpet 16 years old
- James D, Cello 13 years old



Happy Birthday everyone!