



Newsletter Friday 4th March 2022

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Information for Parents



Many of you have probably been watching the news and seeing what is happening in the Ukraine. Many of our children also watch the news and can find this extremely distressing. Below is a link that might help explain what is going on and why it's happening in the Ukraine and not here.

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine-first-news-explainer/>

We have been asked by Parents about local groups offering events for children with Special Education Needs. We always post any information we receive on our newsletter, but you can always click on this link which is for events / activities in our area.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20539/early_years_birth_to_starting_school_send_local_offer/2160/holidays_play_and_leisure_send_local_offer

Today we say goodbye to Lisa who is off to work within a deaf support unit which is very exciting. Thank you, Lisa, for all your hard work, dedication and fun with the staff and pupils. We wish you every success for the future.

Also today we see Freya move from the day school to the residential school, having been promoted to Care Officer. Well done Freya and we know you will smash it!

Life Beyond School

Jake, our careers and transition advisor, will be holding the first of our Life Beyond School virtual meetings next week. If you have any questions for Mencap or Ourway please email them to Jake: jhawkins@worcestershire.gov.uk. Jake and some of our pupils will ask the questions and we then to upload the video recordings to our YouTube channel.

You can find out more about what Mencap Supported Internships by following the link:

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/employment/supported-internships>



Our Way
self advocacy

You can find out more about Ourway self-advocacy group here: <https://www.ourway.org.uk>

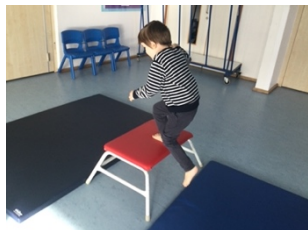
The menu for week commencing Monday 7th March will be Week 3.



OAK Class

OAK Class have experienced their first PE session in the hall. They were incredibly grown up, listening to and following instructions to keep them safe and waiting their turn.

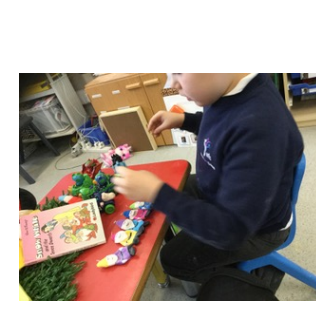
They enjoyed travelling over benches and gym equipment in a variety of ways including walking, jumping, crawling and sliding and were very brave at jumping off on to a mat. We can't wait for next week's lesson. Oak Class have also been celebrating pancake day at Forest School!



PINE Class



In PINE Class, our story of the week was Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and we began the week with our Sensory Story including eating real 'poison' apples, playing with the character puppets, looking into the 'magic mirror' and a re-creating of the deep dark forest with grass and materials. It was lovely to see so many of the children getting involved with exploring the texts and wanting to attend and engage by finding pictures of Snow White and her friends and using the resources so beautifully. We made our own "poison" apples too with chocolate and sprinkles - they were yummy! Well done for a fabulous first week back Pine Class.



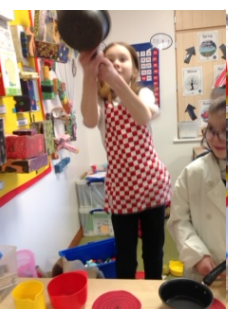
WILLOW Class

We had a great day in WILLOW Class enjoying our pancake role play area and learning what ingredients are needed to make our own pancakes and what our favourite toppings are.



ROWAN Class

At the end of last half term ROWAN Class worked together to set up their own class cafe. Michael was given the honour of leading the official opening, as he thought of the perfect name, Cosy Joe's Cafe. Following a fantastic opening speech and cutting of the ribbon by Michael, the cafe was open and free cakes were served for everyone. As you can see from the photographs the cafe is being put to full use and is our favourite place to dress up and role play. On pancake day everyone was keen to help out in the kitchen, cooking tossing and serving delicious paper pancakes!



BEECH Class

This week in BEECH Class we put different toppings on pancakes to try for pancake day. We have also continued to work on turn taking and sharing with peers and developing our play skills.



HOLLY Class

This week HOLLY Class have been busy making bird feeders in forest school. We have also enjoyed eating and flipping egg free pancakes - made using flour and lemonade!



MAPLE Class

Within our independence lesson this week, MAPLE Class have been learning how to spread. We practised spreading our icing for our 'Gruffalo' biscuits with our knives. We were super careful when using them! We also spread our butter onto our bread. We tried really hard to spread the butter all the way to the crusts. Some of us then sneakily ate our biscuits and toast!



POPLAR Class

This week in POPLAR Class the children have started looking at plants. We have been able to sort pictures of plants and animals then on Thursday we looked at real plants and labelled the stem, leaves, roots and flowers. We then cut these up and made our very own plants.



Russell House News

Russell House students have celebrated pancake day this week and had a great time! This week our stars of the day have been Caitlyn, Lincoln, Lily Mae, Chloe, Mac and Finn – Well Done!



MARCH 2022	
3	World Book Day
21	Down's Syndrome Day
30	Send dance festival 30/03/22 on Zoom - Group of Sixth Form students. Organised by Dancefest.

APRIL 2022	
Sat 2	World Autism Day
4	World Autism Week Early Years Easter Egg Hunt Week
6	Some Year 11 & Sixth Form students to visit Kidderminster College for a Taster Day. Pathway 3 Easter Performance Apologies,-CANCELLED
11 - 22	EASTER HOLIDAY