



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Spring term I am pleased to report that the students have had a very positive time in school. Despite the colder weather at the start of the year, we have managed to continue with a full programme of community engagement opportunities for students, including shopping trips, work experience at Road Farm, visits to parks and trips to drive-through restaurants.

Earlier this week we held our annual Easter Bonnet Parade where all students and staff make a bonnet from scratch. The bonnets have a Spring theme and we ask that something of the creator's individual personality is reflected. The parade is an opportunity for the whole school to come together and parade their bonnets in the hall which allows for a celebratory end to the term.

School life

We have been able to take the majority of students on weekly shopping trips to buy ingredients for food tech lessons. These trips provide good life skills and students enjoy this experience with their peers. Food tech lessons themselves have been hugely successful and have allowed students to get creative in the kitchen!

Our topic this term is Vikings. Lessons have included looking at Viking ships, clothing and home life.

Individual maths and English continues as always with tailored session. In maths we have spent time working on fractions and in English we have been reading Grandpa's Great Escape which students are enjoying.

This term's PE sessions have included football, circuits and yoga. Yoga sessions have offered the opportunity to work on balance and gross motor skills.

Staff news

Irene left us earlier in the year to take up an exciting new job opportunity. Irene had been with us for just over a year and was a fantastic part of our Curriculum Delivery Team. Whilst we will miss Irene hugely, we are happy in the knowledge that she is pursuing great things.

Clarissa has joined our Curriculum Delivery Team and is working hard with delivering a variety of lessons for students. Clarissa has very quickly been able to tailor her lesson delivery to meet the needs of the students and help them achieve.

Sophie joined us a Learning Mentor before Christmas. Sophie is currently working part time until May, when she will become full time. Sophie has been getting to know the students and now works successfully with them all.

Mark has joined our team as an Assistant Learning Mentor and is fully engaged in supporting the Learning Mentors. Mark is a great asset to our school and his versatility enables him to be involved in all aspects of supporting the students and their learning.

Dates for your diary

School closes for the Easter break tomorrow. We will welcome students back at the usual time of 10am on Monday 17th April.

KiteFest 2023 is shaping up to be the biggest ever, maybe even the last one on the school site, as on the Wednesday we have a Grammy Award winner performing in the afternoon. We are more down to earth on the Thursday with The Deps show band performing covers of all our favorite hits. More detail to come nearer the event, but please put the dates of 28th and 29th June in your diaries.

I wish you all a happy Easter break.

Best wishes,

Steven Sneesby

Headteacher