

Seasons Greetings –

We wanted to share some of the work we've been doing this term in each class. Our children, young people and staff have been amazing again and have navigated their way through some tricky times this term.

We've tried hard to celebrate these last few days at the Academy and hope all of you have a restful break.

Have a peaceful holiday and we will see you all in 2022.

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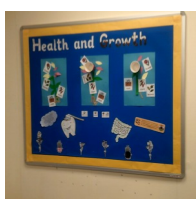
Autumn term has been a very busy one for the Foxcubs! Our youngest pupils have coped remarkably well with the transition to full-time education and have settled into new class routines. Our celebrations for Diwali were a particular highlight for the term. Each Foxcub decorated a clay diva and worked together to create a large rangoli pattern outside our classroom door. The children shared a celebratory feast and watched recordings of fireworks too. We also marked Remembrance Day by colouring poppies and joining in with the two-minute silence on the day which we had practised for all week!



The Foxcubs are looking forward to our transport topic next term and will be regularly going offsite on a school minibus to

In Rabbits' Class this past term we have been focusing on developing our handwriting and sentence composition in English, using adjectives and correct punctuation when writing about our Aliens. Our science topic this term has been animal habitats and plant growth. We've had lots of fun experimenting with plant growth and learning about animals and their characteristics. It was interesting to see the differences between our teeth and the teeth of animals, and how this shows others what our diet consists of.

Exploring our wider curriculum has led us to lots of fun and interesting activities. Rabbits' class produce some beautiful artwork when considering how colour use changes the mood of a piece. Many celebratory days have also occurred this past term, allowing us to celebrate different religions as part of interfaith week, which led us to make our own lanterns inspired by the festivals we discovered.



We have had a great first term in Squirrels! We have been learning about positive relationships and how we interact with those around us. Thinking carefully about emotions and how they may affect our interactions with others. We have had a great time horse riding each week and all of us have been working on our posture whilst on the horse and learning about the things that need to be done to care for a horse. As part of our fundraising topic, we helped raise and deliver a huge amount of food to our local food bank (thank you to those that donated!). The children showed great maturity learning about food banks and why they are important to the local community. All staff are immensely proud of the children and their attitudes towards their learning and helping people around them.



This term in Hedgehogs, we have been developing our independence skills by walking to destinations in the school as to the bus at the end of the day, to the hall chef's kitchen to deliver the menu. As well as longings to being able to identify and use a purposefully.



oping our independence alongside an adult, such for dinner and to the identifying our own be-knife, fork and spoon pur-

We have had a great half-term in 3F! We have been looking at the story The Iron Man in English by Ted Hughes, this was developed into a sensory-based story, and we really enjoyed using props to participate in this! We have also been working on making healthy snacks safely in Preparing for Adulthood Health. We have also celebrated several events including Diwali, Children in Need, Interfaith week and Christmas!



This half term 3S have been learning about Picasso in art. They have been creating their own portraits in his style. In community they have created their own festive board game. In PE they have enjoyed learning some gymnastics including how to perform different balances and counter balances.

This half term we have been looking at the Iron man story in English and developing our inferring and prediction skills, as well as using adjectives and verbs in our sentences. 3O are currently preparing the props for the Iron Man performance that they will be performing to the rest of KS3, we are really excited!

We have been exploring different shapes, including 2D and 3D where we all went on a shape hunt to Bramcote Park and identified lots of different 3D shapes all around us.



Group 2 have been thinking about their future this half term. Many students and their parents and carers visited the Transition Evening where many colleges and other providers informed them about what their options might be after Foxwood – exciting times! Group 2 have been celebrating with the rest of the phase. Many attended and loved the delayed Prom and all enjoyed the Christmas bowling trip.

We are all incredibly proud with the recent announcement that Group 2 student.

Amelia Rhodes has been selected to share the role of Senior Student.



Group 3 have had a busy half term and been enjoying lots of practical activities. They have been working hard in their PFA Health lessons, focusing on following recipes. They have especially enjoyed doing their practical cooking lessons. The students have also been working hard with their Titan travel training and been travelling around the local community. Group 3 students have also been enjoying their chosen PFA Employment lessons, some students have been doing gardening, cooking, going to Stone Bridge City Farm and Nottingham College. They have all been working very hard and the Group 3 staff are very proud of them.



This term in 3X we have been reading the Iron Man in English and we have drawn fantastic pictures of the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon and written adjectives about the creature. We have also been developing our cooking skills in Health. We have made pizza, banana muffins and pasta salad.

We celebrated Diwali this term and made diva lights to celebrate the festival. We learned about the origins of Diwali and who celebrates it.



Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our Christmas Fayre which was a great success! We raised over £600 for the Academy.

Every class took part and enjoyed the afternoon!



We were delighted to take a group of students to the Victoria Centre for carol singing. We raised £133 to go towards residential trips for our ex-students!



Group 1 have been working extremely hard this half term. Group 1 pupils are continuing to develop their knowledge in core/non-core lessons and improved their practical skills whilst out on employment. Group 1 also demonstrated fantastic courage by presenting an assembly in front of all Key Stage 3 and 14-19 pupils on 'Christmas Jumper Day' for Save the Children.

Group 1 is also immensely proud to announce that Elijah Carr and Paige Saunders have been chosen to share the roles of senior students alongside Amelia Rhodes from Group 2.



Group 4 have been working hard in community and to increase their independency. Each week they have developed their independent skills to safely cross the road. They have enjoyed being out and about in the community, visiting the local shops to find the prices for their individual shopping lists.



All students are becoming confident when crossing the road safely.

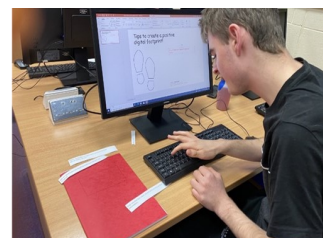


Group 5 have spent a lot of time outside accessing the curriculum. In English this has involved learning outdoor vocabulary, using signs and symbols. In class students have been learning about the human body by exploring interactive models. Carol singing and bowling have been enjoyable elements of our Christmas celebrations.

All topped off with a trip to Hagg Farm!



In Computing and E-Safety, Group 4 students have been practising how to enter text into documents independently. They have enjoyed looking at their own digital footprint and the importance of leaving a positive digital footprint. All students are able to independently log onto the computer with their username and password and select the appropriate software required for each task.



Dates for your Diary

20.12.21—03.01.22—Christmas Break—Academy Closed
 04.01.22—Students return
 10.01.22— Mobile Library Visit
 01.02.22— Chinese New Year celebrations
 04.02.22—INSET day—Academy Closed
 04.02.22-06.02.22—Hathersage Visit for Ex Students
 10.02.22—14-19 Transition Coffee morning
 14.02.22-18.02.22—February Half Term
 23.02.22— School photographs
 04.03.22— World Book Day
 28.03.22-30.03.22—Arts Week
 04.04.22-18.04.22—Easter Break
 19.04.22—Students return

XMAS JUMPER DAY!

Thank you for your support in helping us to raise over £50 for Save the Children fund!

The students looked great in their Xmas jumpers and even took part in some carol singing in Victoria Centre

