

maximise safety in schools, an extremely stringent system of controls has been advised by Public Health England, published in their guidance.

Return to school is not expected for students aged 16 and over. If they do not return, their

to be in schools and nurseries as they remain best places for

WELCOME! Children will be socially distanced in the classroom. evidence confirms coronavirus

3rd February 2023



St John's News

Our Fortnightly Newsletter

Another wonderful week of learning at St John's pupils have been partaking in a range of exciting indoor and outdoor learning opportunities.

S1 Forest School



S1 have been going to Forest School at Grange Academy.

Last week, pupils participated in a range of different exciting activities including: cooking potato cakes on the fire, making dens out of wood, and collecting natural objects into a basket from the Forest School environment.

Gemma: Berries, basket, leaves as she foraged. Gemma enjoyed cutting leaves, but whilst cutting a berry, she said it was very hard.

Jasmine: When asked if she had fun at Forest School, she said yes! She showed off the bird feeder that she made.

Umar: Umar talked about his potato cakes, he said the second one is ok. The first one was good. When asked what he enjoyed at Forest School, he said, I like this and pointed to the stepping stones.

Ryan and Chloe spent their time working together as a team to move logs and branches to make their den.

Ryan: Building fire. Building a den for my album cover.
Chloe: It was fun. Me and Ryan were helping. Build a den. It was very hard work.



S7 and S8

This half term S8 have been making cupcakes, we have used cups to measure out our ingredients and have been practicing cracking an egg into our mixture. Toro likes to pour the mixture into the cases. Matthew likes to feel the sugar on his fingers. S8 have been developing our life skills, washing, drying and folding laundry. We have also been delivering letters for the office staff and hoovering our classroom.

Henry: Can show people how to use the washing machine.

Matthew: Likes to use the Hoover.

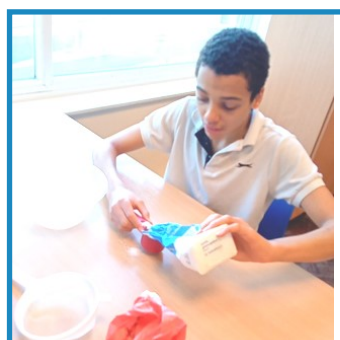
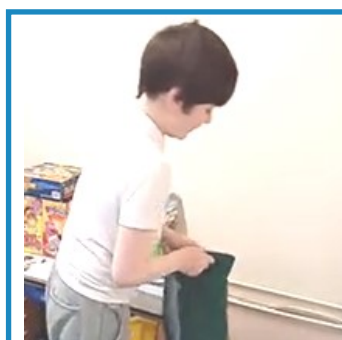
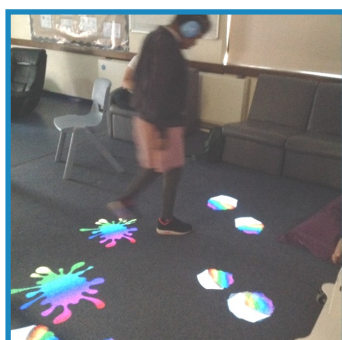
Toro: Likes delivering messages around the school.

Our topic this term is 'Opposites'. During Art we have made hand prints using black and white paint, using our left and right hand.

Jake: Enjoyed making handprints using black and white paint.

Hasan: Liked the sensory feel of the paint on his hands.

S7 have been using the interactive floor projector. A moving image is projected onto the floor and we can stand on the shape and see them pop. All the students love to use the floor projector and will interact either independently or with their peers.



FE2



As part of our work on Festivals we found out about the Chinese New Year. We had great fun doing a yoga session to the story of the zodiac and in Art we have been learning to weave so we made some lanterns. It is quite tricky, but we all made one with some support.

Pupils were asked about what they liked learning about Chinese New Year.

James: I liked making the lanterns in art by weaving paper. It makes me happy.

Scarlet: I liked the lantern. When asked if it was easy she said 'Hard.'



S5



In S5 we made a rabbit collage to celebrate Chinese New Year. The pupils were given various pieces of craft materials to stick onto their rabbit, the pupils explored the texture of the tissue paper and made a pattern.

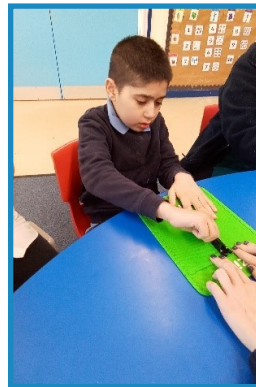
S5 have also been working on communicating likes and dislikes. In our CPSHE sessions we have been trying new healthy foods and using communication boards to express how we feel about them.

Bailey: I tried some orange, but I didn't like it.

Layla: I tried strawberry, but I didn't like it.

Luella: I tried strawberry and I liked it and used the communication board to ask for more!

P3



In P3 we have been looking at push and pull in science. The pupils have really enjoyed doing different activities including pulling the skin of an orange, pushing a button, pulling, and pushing bricks apart, and pulling zippers among other things. We have been doing different experiments to learn about different forces of motion.

Iona: I really enjoyed pulling items and that is was fun using her PODD book.

Rahib: Used a choice board to say that he had fun.

Nada: Used her PODD book to say, 'do this again' and signed more to say that she wanted to keep doing different experiments in Science.

P1

This half term in P1, we have been learning about Chinese New Year! We finished off the half term with a party! During the party some pupils pointed to 'party' and 'China' in their PODD book or on a communication board. Other pupils expressed excitement by clapping, jumping, and smiling! We tried Chinese food, lots of pupils choose noodles as a favourite food. We danced to traditional music and a dancing dragon visited us!



P2



P2 have had lots of fun learning about The Vikings

This has been through stories, dress up, cooking, music, and art. Dressing up as a Viking seems to be a firm favourite with one pupil using their PODD book to say they thought dressing up as a Viking was fun and crazy.

Sofia said dressing up as a Viking was great! She said the Viking song is her favourite through the support of her PODD book.

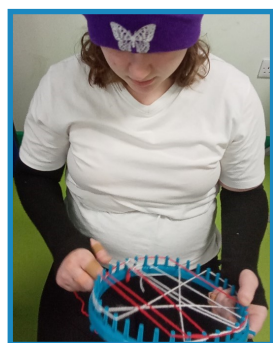
P4



This term P4 have been learning about Vikings. We have used our cooking sessions to explore preparing vegetables for a vegetable stew. We have practiced mashing, chopping and peeling. We have been learning to express our like and dislike of smells, tastes and textures. Some pupils used gesture and facial expression to express their preferences and some pupils expressed that they didn't like the smell of garlic, and they did like the taste of mashed potato using symbol boards. We have also used our history lessons to explore how Vikings dressed.

We used role play and dressing up, and explored taking photos of how we looked. We used symbol boards to communicate what we liked after our activities. One pupil used a symbol board to communicate 'in history I like Viking hats' and another pupil commented 'in history I like making clay pots'.

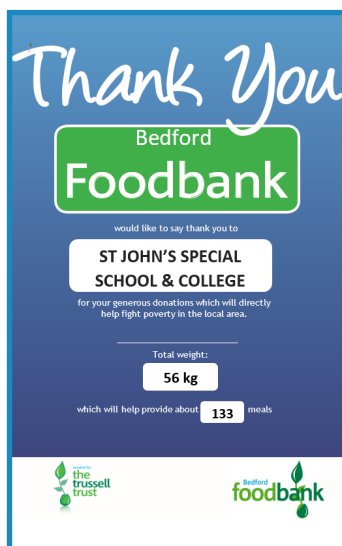
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We have been studying the Story Encanto and learning about Columbian crafts.

Here we are weaving using wool, to make a dreamcatcher.

Charity Notices



Diary Dates

LGBTQ and History Month	February 2023
Muffi Day	Wednesday 8th February 2023
Internet Safety Day	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Half Term	13—17th February 2023
Pupils Return to School	Monday 20th February 2023
Parent/Carer Coffee Morning	Friday 3rd March (9.30 am—11.00 am)

We would like to share that Bedford foodbank has sent us a thank you for our Christmas food donations and informed us that our 56kg of food provided 133 meals for families in need. This such vital community support in difficult times for so many families. Thank you for supporting us to make a difference.

Thank you to all parents, carers, pupils and staff for donating on Children in Need Day.

We raised an amazing £149.20

Well Done!