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St John's News

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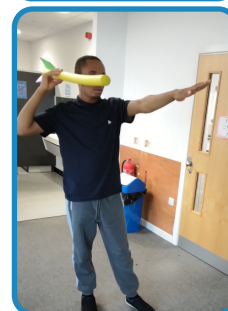
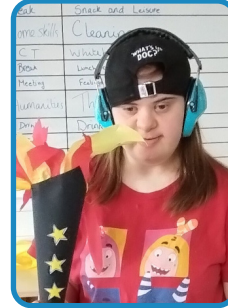
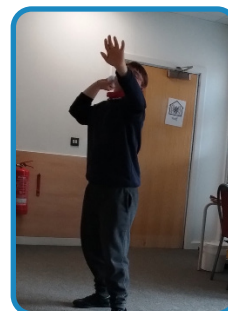


In Humanities we have been learning about Ancient Greece and the Olympics. As part of this project, we have been practicing some Athletic skills.



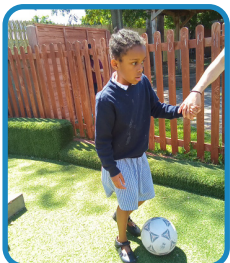
We have used a variety of equipment such as foam javelin, bags for shot puts and the discus. We have all taken part in running races and working together in team relay. We have all enjoyed learning about different sports and some of the countries that compete in the Olympic games, such as France, Germany and India. We have been finding out about the country's national sports, clothes and food.

We also made Olympic torches and did some mosaic pictures in art. We have been listening to stories from Ancient Greece. One of the characters is Medusa so in art we are making masks out of papier Mache and attaching paper snakes. The pupils were asked what they have enjoyed learning about.



N gestured throwing
J said throwing discus and javelin
S said making the torch
L said running and art
NSM and PJ gestured throwing skills especially the javelin
B enjoyed making the torch

P1



P1 have been getting into the spirit of the European Championships this week, by playing lots of football out in the garden area.

With the nice, sunny weather and the lovely artificial grass, we have been able to show off all our skills.

We have practiced kicking and dribbling as well as throwing and catching.

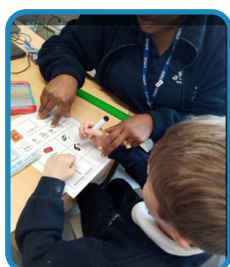
We have encourage the children to copy the simple vocabulary of ball and kick.

In the classroom, we had a go at painting a design for our own football shirt, we have lots of fans of purple in the class.



P2

In Maths, P2 are learning about measurements. We have explored "Big and Small", "Long and Short", "Tall and Short", and we have explored using a CM ruler. We use the ruler to measure the length and height of different objects.



When asked what Maths activity they enjoyed pupils chose 'Big and Small' learning activity.

S3

This half term we have been learning more about castles and the types of castles that could be found in England. Pupils enjoyed using paper and cardboard to follow written and verbal instructions to build their own Motte and Bailey castle models.

This involved skills such as ordering the instructions, improving our fine motor skills with cutting and drawing and labelling the parts of the castles in literacy. Pupils were very proud of their models!



P3

P3 have been carrying out experiments in science and making predictions. One Friday morning P3 arrived and discovered that the class dinosaurs had been frozen.

Pupils had to make predictions about what substances would melt the ice the quickest to help free our dinosaurs.

J, A and M verbally requested tools to try and help free the dinosaurs.

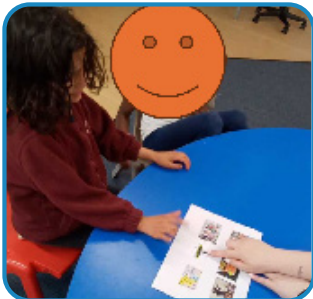
Ju and S predicted that salt would melt the ice the quickest using symbols whilst Sofia predicted that warm water would melt the ice the quickest.



P4

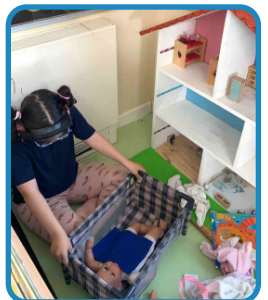
P4 have been working hard to plan a fundraiser in PSHE! Pupils have chosen to raise money for Bedford Mencap Playscheme!

Pupils were able to use communication boards and PODD books to choose Bedford Mencap! AYB chose this charity because they go "swimming". SU kept saying "Mencap, Mencap, Mencap!"



Pupils have been learning about being part of a community and helping others. The pupils have chosen to host a cake sale on the 9th of July 2024 to raise money for their chosen charity.

This cake sale will be open to the whole school so please feel free to send your child in with some money to go towards a good cause, and of course, get some yummy cake!



S1

This half term, S1 have been trialling a new classroom setup with structured areas that allow for child-led learning. They have enjoyed their new classroom and have been engaged with our new areas including a water and sand tray, a craft station, a role play area, a small world station, tuff tray, and work area.



We are working hard on our social and play skills as well as how to interact with toys and tidy up after ourselves.

When asked if she liked our new classroom setup, I said 'yes' and 'well done C.' She also said 'it's fun!' H said playing with the car is 'good' and asked for more when playing with a peer. N said 'I love playing with the dolls house,' and 'I like the babies.'

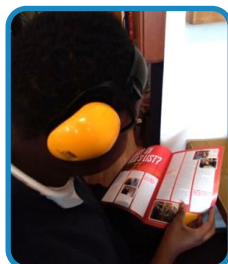
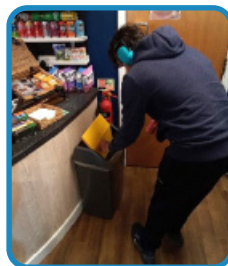
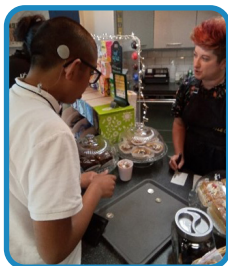
S8 have been out in community!

We have been visiting the 229 Café learning to pay for items with our own money, show good manners in our communication and enjoy a snack together.

The café offers lots of other activities and we have been reading and learning about those too.

We found the right recycle bin to put our rubbish in after we finished.

We enjoyed looking at the Swap Shop and enjoyed our drinks



Allotment and Sensory Garden Project



We had a wonderful day on Friday 14th June wearing home clothes and buying plants to raise money for our garden project. We would like to say a huge thank you to some local business and community projects for their help so far including Kempston Nurseries, Hudsons Plant Centre- Willington, Morrison's Bedford, Hannah from Tesco Community Champions Bedford, Gill Lake and Dion Linkskog from Rotary Club Bedford, Lauren Sargent, Tim from the local allotments and Dawn Lawrence. We have received donations of plants for our plant sale (including nearly 100 strawberry plants!), help to clear and prepare the space and resources such as garden kneelers, gardening gloves, pots and bird houses! We are very grateful for the donations received and help provided so far.

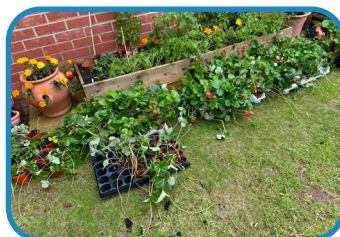
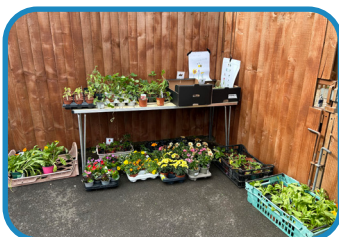
Our plant sale and non-uniform day raised £300 towards our garden project!

The pupils have enjoyed helping to make posters for the sale, setting up the stall and advertising our plant sale. Pupils have loved seeing the variety of plants and enjoyed choosing their favourites to take home. The left-over plants have not gone to waste and pupils from S2, S3, S4 and P7 enjoyed planting up the tomatoes, strawberries and flowers. These have been distributed around the school site, so that pupils get to help care for the plants, keep them alive, watch them grow and pick the fruits!

EV from P7 said the strawberries were so cool, he was so excited to help plant the strawberries and place them in the sun to grow. He has been back each day since to check for any new fruits.

JM I liked planting the plants it made me happy. They look nice.

If you feel you would be able to offer any skills or resources, then please do get in touch with the school office.



Diary Dates

P4 Bake Sale - Tuesday 9th July 2024
 BILTT Pupil Carnival Day - Thursday 11th July 2024
 Leavers Assembly - Friday 12th July 2024
 End of Summer Term - Friday 19th July 2024 - early closure 1 pm due to training
 Pupils Return - Thursday 5th September 2024