

22nd October 2024



St John's News

FE

In Art this term, FE we have been looking at POP Art and the work of Andy Warhol. The pupils have created a self-portrait and coloured images of a famous person.

The pupils chose the image, edited it to create a black and white faded image. They then coloured set features the way Andy Warhol did with screen prints of Marilyn Monroe.

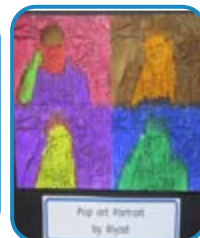
S said 'I liked the colouring in.'

K said 'its colourful.'

L said 'Pop art is colourful.'

R said 'I like the group and their dancing.'

L said 'I like the different colours we did.'



Horseriding



Some primary pupils have started going horse riding each week. The pupils have enjoyed travelling on the bus to get there. They have been learning to hold the reins whilst riding and identifying different body parts of the horses.



S has a huge smile on her face and sings whilst she is on the horse.

On week 1, **F** appeared anxious and stroked the horse. She is now riding the horse each week, with confidence!

P5



Run Run as fast as you can...
Then I'll Huff and I'll puff!

Dove Class have been enjoying learning around the magic and wonder of classic fairy tales. We started our learning this year around the tale of the Gingerbread man. We have explored art, food, sensory story telling all the while working on our communication skills.

We then went onto the 3 little pigs and looked at how numbers and different textures played a part in the story. We've worked hard, but we've had lots of fun as well.



S9



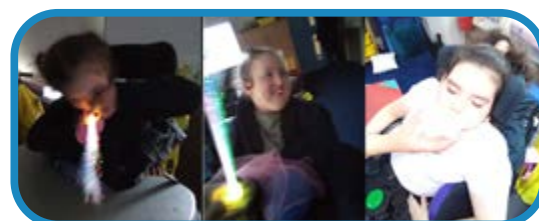
Pupils in S9 have been working hard exploring using all their senses. The VI Team presented activities to learn about fireworks in preparation for upcoming Diwali celebrations.

Pupils sniffed burnt wood, cinnamon, vinegar, cloves and ginger. 'Felt and smell' squishy marshmallow, crunched crackly sounds, and twirled light up wands. Everyone loved a boogie to Katy Perry's Firework song.

S and **L** were able to briefly hold their lights, **L** shook her head and closed her eyes at the smell of cloves.

L kept his hearing processors in! Brilliant!

B swirled and twirled her lights, **I** enjoyed the smells and watching the crackling sounds.



S2



S2 have been having lots of fun learning how to making snacks including sandwiches, toast, tea, hot chocolate and milkshakes. They have been learning to do this as part of their food tech and life-skills lessons.



N says – "I love making snacks they make me feel good"

M says – "I really like Jam on toast"

J says- Milkshakes and crisp sandwiches are my favourite.

P6



This half term our theme is 'Spells and potions'.

We have been moving, dancing, counting, creating, listening to sensory stories and exploring using our senses!



S8

S8 have been enjoying science. We have been conducting experiments linked to our Literacy topic which is 'potions and spells'. We are looking at reactions. We know that a reaction is something that happens when two things meet. It is something we might be able to see or hear.

For this experiment we used liquid soap and water. We also needed an empty bottle with its base cut out. We then slid the bottle into a cotton sock. Then we saw an amazing reaction!



In Literacy we have been designing our own characters to write our own story based on Jack and the bean stalk. We have come up with some amazing ideas and can't wait to start writing our stories.

P8



Pupils in P8 have been creating different Art work using different ingredients.

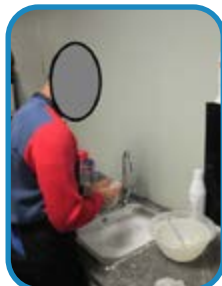
At times it got very messy!!

F loved using the pipettes to add different ingredients.

E loved pouring the baking powder over his Art work and seeing the effect.



FE1



In FE we work hard to build the skills needed for independent living. Today in Meal Prep we made Paprika Chicken/Quorn wraps with homemade coleslaw and potato wedges.

Pupils take part in all aspects of preparation from cutting, grating carrots and peeling potatoes. They also do the washing up and clear up after themselves.



Once it is complete they sit and eat their meal together.

Feedback from the other pupils was very positive, they all said they enjoyed it.

S4

Over the last few weeks S4 have been learning about Diwali in RE.

We have been exploring how we celebrate Diwali. We have made Rangoli patterns using coloured rice and created our own Diya lamps using clay. We commented that the patterns were 'beautiful' 'colourful' and 'good'.



P7



In P7 we have been accessing music with Nicola! Pupils have been listening to the ukelele, violin and even playing the xylophone!

AA is able to manipulate the beater to play simple and repetitive tunes!

SB is able to request "more" ukelele through sign and vocalisations!



S6



S6 have enjoyed celebrating Mental Health week. Pupils have been able to choose activities that making them happy such as exercise, music, dancing, cooking and art.

E used a communication board to tell us that Parachute games make him happy.

A said "happy" when making Hello Yellow biscuits.



Garden News

We are very excited to inform you that we have been selected to be involved with the Historic Palaces Superbloom project. This means that they provide CPD to staff about the benefits of gardening for pupils, staff and their wellbeing. They also provide us with a grant to support the building of our allotment and a very exciting trip in the summer, for a small group of pupils to an award ceremony, at the Tower of London. I look forward to keeping you updated on this project, over the coming months.

Another project that continues to progress is our sensory garden space. The Rotary club have granted us money to improve the empty space. They will be helping us to build the activities and transform the space into a sensory area and outside classroom environment. This will contain a water and music wall, a teepee, a sensory footpath, planters and a decking area with tables, benches and chalk boards.

Most of the work for this project will be happening in the Spring term!

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/schools/superbloom-schools/#gs.fjr138>



Other News

Parking

We kindly ask that when dropping off or collecting your child, you please park considerately, ensuring that you do not block any driveways or access points. This not only ensures the safety of our pupils, but also maintains positive relationships with our neighbours.

Boccia Competition

Congratulations to the amazing group of pupils and staff who attended the Bedford Boccia tournament this morning. Pupils competed against schools across Bedford and we are very excited to say that we came 1st! An extra special thank you to Connor and Matthew who organised the trip! Well done everyone, a fantastic achievement!



Diary Dates

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 - Half Term

Pupils Return - Monday 4th November 2024

School Photographs at FE Kempston Academy - Monday 4th November 2024

School Photographs at St John's - Tuesday 5th November 2024