



## DOUBLETREES SCHOOL

Autumn Term (1)

Friday 20 September 2024

### Head Teacher's welcome:

Welcome back to the second week of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a lovely Summer break with your families and friends.

Our learners have settled really well in to their new classes, new class room locations, and new routines and friendships are being formed; which is so lovely to see.

The building works in our Orchard building will be starting shortly. We will keep you informed as to how this progresses.

This term we continue to focus on Family Engagement. I would like to thank Michelle Sandham for the very informative and supportive sections that she has created on our website and for the engagement sessions within school at our coffee mornings. We look forward to seeing you at our next one.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. *Heidi Hoskin. Head Teacher.*



### School Improvement:

As we start the new academic year, it is important that we inform you that there have been some changes in the DFE guidance to schools on school attendance. The statutory updates from the Department for Education are now in place. Most notably there are some changes around penalty notices issued for absenteeism and irregular school attendance. These changes came in to effect from the 19.08.24.

If your child is absent for any reason, please continue to contact the school office by 9:00 am. Staff will regularly communicate the Importance of attendance, through our newsletter, letters, emails and face-to-face conversations. Please refer to the letter that we emailed to all parents on the 12.09.24, and the leaflet that we sent home in book bags, for more information.

### Reminders:

**02.10.24 -  
Parent Makaton  
Coffee Morning  
at Doubletrees  
10:00 - 11:15**

### Child Protection Information

*If you are concerned about the welfare of a child at Doubletrees School please contact Guy Chappell or Heidi Hoskin (Designated Safeguarding Leads) on 01726 812757. Alternatively you could report your concern to Cornwall Central Referral Unit for Child Protection on 0300 123 1116.*



# EYFS



In Oak class, we have been exploring a variety of instruments and how we can make them loud or quiet. The learners explored drums, guitar, tambourine and boomwhackers.

In Juniper Class, we are working on developing our curiosity around preferred and previously presented stimuli through the use of Curiosity boxes carefully linked to our interests. Through this approach we are working on communication skills to request 'more' which is one of our focus core words this half term.



This week Holly class enjoyed an Attention Autism bucket session for number. They all engaged and sat to join in. Bucket time encourages working in a group, sparking curiosity, anticipation and what will happen 'next'

# HOLLY

Rowan class kick started their rebound therapy sessions this week! Learners were able to experience different motions, and given the opportunity to initiate more.

We also had a visit from Moonbeam theatre, which was greatly received. This was a multi-sensory opportunity to get involved and watch the seasons change.

# ROWAN



# CEDAR

Cedar class have been developing a love for reading in English this week as we share our favourite stories together and answer questions using the text and images. It's also been a great way to get to know our new class and build up relationships as we share our books and listen to stories together. Next Friday we



are looking forward to sharing stories with Juniper class during our "Love for Reading" afternoon.

Maple class have had a fabulous start to the new academic year. We gave our new class-friends a tour of the school exploring the different areas at Doubletrees. We settled into our class routine superbly and enjoyed our first swimming session in the pool. We've been super busy!



# ORCHARD

In Little Orchard we have been developing our athletic skills in PE, this has included looking at jumping and different ways to jump, throwing and catching. We have recently explored our throwing skills aiming for a target, the learners were able to aim their bean bag using an



underarm throw towards a hoop and a target. Our Orchard pets even joined in!

# MAPLE



This week in Elm, we have been exploring our classroom environment and working on our independent living skills.

We all helped out; washing the tables, cleaning the windows and making the bed.

# ELM



# WILLOW

In Willow, the learners have settled into their new class really well this week, we have enjoyed exploring our new story in English. The mermaid of Zennor, a Cornish tale. The learners have really enjoyed exploring sensory materials that linked into



our story, they have explored, sand, the sound of water, netting and the smell of lavender. Well done Willow class!



Apple class really enjoyed a visit from the Moonbeam Theatre company this week. The sensory aspect was spectacular with the story of Once Upon a Flower Garden. We all engaged really well

# APPLE

# REDWOOD

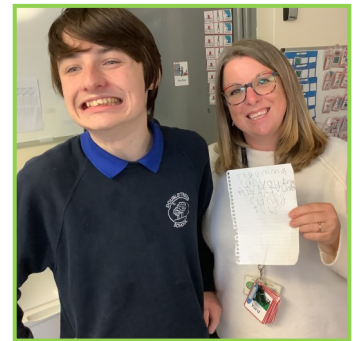
Redwood class have enjoyed the first week back exploring our new theme 'Carnival' a story massage and dance. Lots of smiles and laughter during the sensory sessions as we introduced



new smells, sounds and textures associated with all things carnival!! These activities help us to anticipate familiar routines and understand the world around us.

This week we have been writing and sending messages to communicate what we would like to say. We had

good fun playing Chinese Whispers and recognised that sometimes messages get altered if we don't pass them on accurately! We made some

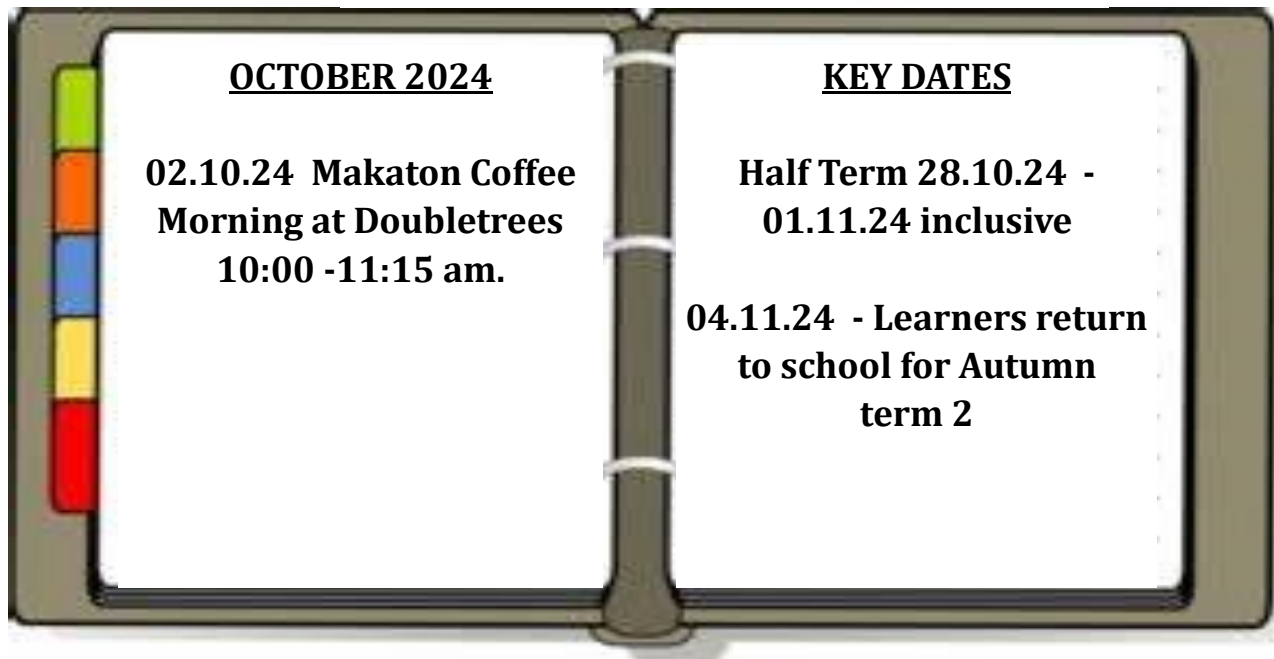


Brazilian carrot cake in cooking to celebrate our friend's birthday and have been looking at reversible changes in Science and DT.

# CHERRY



# Diary Dates



*Each week we have a Star Learner assembly where we recognise all of our learner's achievements. Each week we select a 'Star Learner' that correspond with our core values below; our 'A B C's'*

**Achieve** - Archie in Oak class for coping very well with all the new changes within the new class team. Great achievement Archie!

**Belong** - This week's star learner in Maple class is Bella! Bella has joined Maple class this term, and has settled in superbly. She has tried her very best and made lots of new friends. Well done Bella!

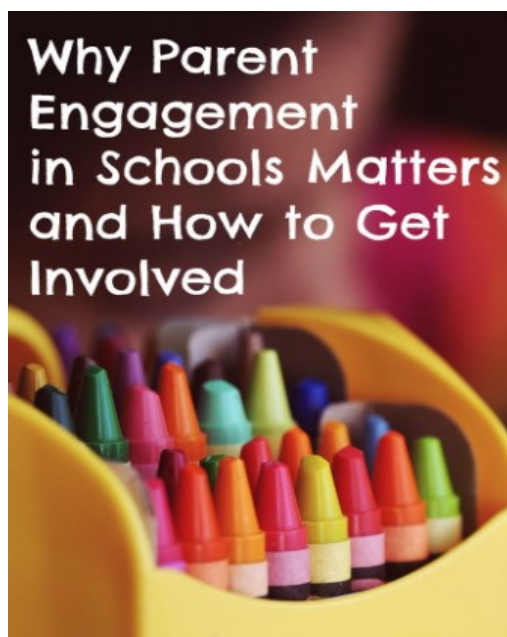
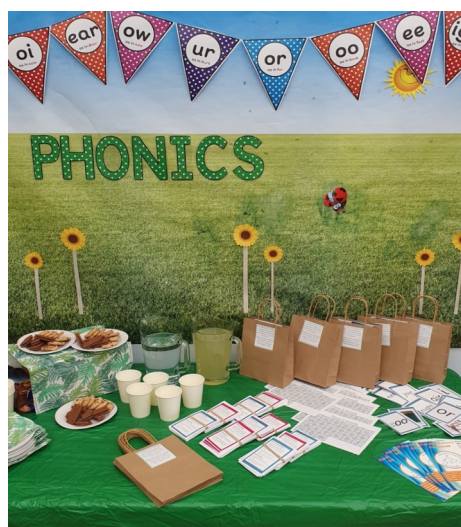
**Communicate** - Kyle is star learner for settling into Juniper class really well, communicating with his new friends and getting into our new routines quickly.

**Develop** - Adam in Willow class for fantastic work in developing his independent living skills. Volunteering for cleaning windows, tables, feeding the birds and making the bed in our class flat.



We held our first Family Engagement Session of the term earlier this week and it was lovely to welcome parents into school to learn more about how we deliver Phonics across the year groups. Our next event will be a Makaton Coffee Morning which is on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, please save the date! I will send letters home soon with further information.

Just a little reminder about our new '[Parent Wellbeing Hub](#)' on our Website. There is information and links on there for support, and you can access the Wellbeing Blog which is updated weekly. Our latest Blog post '[September Community Connection](#)' contains local support, information and events that are available to everyone over the next few weeks. Michelle Sandham Family Engagement Lead.



**Come along to our friendly, informative Makaton Coffee morning**

**Come along and enjoy a coffee**

**Learn** basic signs and symbols with our Communications lead—Michelle Smith.  
**Discover** visual resources that you can take away to use at home.  
**Access** further support and information about training.  
**Discover** how to further support your child's communication development at home.

**Wednesday 2nd October 10.00am – 11.15am**

**at Doubletrees School**



Please contact Michelle on 01726812757 or email [msandham@doubletrees.org.uk](mailto:msandham@doubletrees.org.uk) if you wish to attend.