



## DOUBLETREES SCHOOL

Autumn Term (1)

Friday 4 October 2024

### Head Teacher's welcome:

We have had a fun and interactive week with a visit from the fantastic M&M Theatre Productions, with their sensory story of the Railway Children. Thank you to the Friends of Doubletrees for supplying the funds for this experience.

Parent Partnership meetings have been taking place this week and it has been lovely to see so many parents coming in to the school to discuss individual learning journey's and to plan how we can further support your young person.

Parental engagement remains our focus for this academic year and I would like to thank Michelle Sandham our family engagement lead, for organizing our coffee mornings, our new parental blog on our website and for all the support that she provides for our families.

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



### Please Note:

Ad-Hoc medications that are required to be taken in school.

We very much understand that at times, one off medications may need to be taken within the school day such as over the counter medications. It has come to our attention that some of these medications have occasionally been placed in children's bags or have been pre-mixed in to drinks bottles. Please ensure that this does not happen and that any medications, over the counter or otherwise, are appropriately signed in with bus staff (if necessary) and then again at the school with our medical trained staff (and medical trolley) Please ensure that you fill in an Ad-Hoc Medication permission form, which can be found in our school reception or on our website. All medications pose a risk to other children who potentially have access to bags and drinks bottles in the classroom environment. We have the above process in place for safeguarding reasons, and to ensure that all medicines are safely stored in our medical room where they belong.

### Reminders

**Half Term:**

**28.10.24 – 01.11.24.**

**Learners return to school on the 04.11.24**

### 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.*





## **FRIENDS OF DOUBLETREES CHARITY. WE NEED YOU!**

**Friends of Doubletrees** is a parent-led charity (1027045) who are passionate about ensuring our learners have maximum opportunities. They work hard to raise funds for tailored experiences, playground equipment and extracurricular activities for our learners, and the funds raised are used solely to benefit the children at Doubletrees School.

The charity organises regular fundraising activities and events such as quiz nights, table-top sales, bingo, zumba and plenty of raffles!

Friends of Doubletrees have paid for many items, including sensory theatre experiences, outdoor play items, specialist seating equipment and a school defibrillator. They ensure every learner at Doubletrees benefits from their funding efforts.

### **Want to help? We are looking for volunteers!**

You can support Friends of Doubletrees in many ways. You can donate funds or gifts, spread awareness through following them on their [Facebook](#) page and sharing the amazing work they do, and join the regular meetings to discuss ideas and help with administration tasks and marketing!

**Our next meeting will be on the 17.10.24 at 15:45 at Doubletrees School. Please come along if you are interested in helping, or if you know anyone who may be able to help, please get involved!**

**Without your help, we are at risk of losing this fantastic support for our school.**

# EYFS



Oak class have been enjoying practicing their balance, climbing and jumping skills in PE. The learners enjoy climbing the apparatus with close supervision, and climbing up the stairs before jumping onto a crash mat!

In Juniper class, we are working on fine motor skills and one to one correspondence through posting activities. We are also working on filling and emptying through multi-sensory stimuli, whilst also developing our sharing skills.



In Holly class PSHE lessons, we have been learning about our likes and dislikes through sensory spa sessions. The children communicate what scented soaps they like and what spa equipment they would like to use.

# HOLLY



Last week was our final week of making custard tarts before moving on to a new recipe for the rest of the half term. The students have thoroughly enjoyed making a flour and sugar soaked messes in the classroom and showing our families what we produced at the end of the day.

# ROWAN



# CEDAR

Cedar class have been using manipulatives to help them understand addition and subtraction in Maths. Their engagement has been amazing and they have all worked really well.



In Maple class for RE, we have been exploring how colour is special to believers. The class had a brilliant discussion about different colours and what they could represent in religions. After this, they coloured in pictures of the vestments in their favourite colours.



# MAPLE

# ORCHARD



Learners in Little Orchard have been sorting colours this week and exploring nature in the poly tunnel. They brought back some items to class to enjoy in the tuff tray.



Elm class enjoyed Bikeability at Par track. They enjoyed trying all different types of cycles including hand pedals! A lot of fun was had, even in the rain!

# ELM

# W I L L O W

In Willow, the children have been engaging really well in bucket time. They have been working on their focus and engagement throughout. This week they enjoyed watching how to make a beautiful butterfly and exploring some different sensory items.



Apple class enjoying 'Flying Start'. This is the way in which we introduce each new topic in the Engagement Pathway. Apple, Rowan and Redwood classes all join together in the hall and plan an exciting introduction to our topic, this term it is 'Carnival!' Learners are introduced to the sensory props, music and activities, which they will be engaging with during the term in a fun and exciting atmosphere. It is also a lovely way to spend time with their friends in other classes and build and maintain relationships with different staff within the pathway.

# A P P L E

# R E D W O O D

Redwood class gather in the hall for motor skills once a week. This weeks theme was dexterity, using a range of sensory balls. We used them to practise turn taking with 1:1 interactions and show awareness of what our bodies can do.



This session each week, helps us to develop our fine motor skills and grip. Participating in group activities is important to our well being and building positive relationships.

We've had a great week in Maths partitioning numbers, and enjoyed BikeAbility and the theatre production on Wednesday. We used the produce that we harvested from the polytunnel and made some delicious ratatouille which everyone enjoyed. In RE, we looked at a poem about Footsteps in the sand, and had fun creating some related art work.



# C H E R R Y



# Diary Dates

## OCTOBER 2024

4.10.24 - Smarter Smiles Dental Varnish for Reception and Year 1 classes only.

10.10.24 Your Child's Future Event at Doubletrees 10:30—12:00.

23.10.24 - Learning to learn Family Engagement . More information to follow.

## KEY DATES

Half Term -  
28.10.24 - 01.11.24 inclusive

Monday 04.11.24 - Learners return to school for Autumn Term 2

*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** - Isla in Cherry class for always doing her best in her learning and supporting others to be their best too.

**Belong** - Izabelle is Holly classes star learner this week for settling into her new school, and beginning to explore different learning resources.

**Communicate** - Logan in Apple class for great talking and the use of lots of new words! Well done Logan.

**Develop** - This weeks star learner in Willow class is Mason for showing good focus and listening and developing his learning.





It was lovely to see parents attending the Makaton coffee morning. We enjoyed learning Makaton together and shared experiences and ideas, and everyone took some resources away with them to use at home.

We have our 'Your Child's Future' event on 10<sup>th</sup> October. This is an open, drop in event between 10.30am and 12.00 and all parents and carers are welcome. There are over 15 organisations attending, so it would be great to see as many people as possible coming along and finding out more about local support and services that are available to them and their children now, and information about Colleges and training providers for the future.

For our learning to learn classes - the sensory family engagement session is coming up on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. More information, letters and invites will be sent out soon, but please save the date!!

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Our post 14 classes have harvested their vegetables they grew in the poly-tunnel. They picked courgettes, peppers, aubergines, and fresh herbs to make a ratatouille that filled the school with an amazing smell on Friday afternoon! We also picked our Orchard apples, and we are planning to use our new blender to make some juices to share.

