

## DOUBLETREES SCHOOL

Autumn Term (2)

Friday 15th November 2024

### Head Teacher's welcome:

We have had a creative week at Doubletrees with our beautiful Poppy art display in the Atrium and there has been lots of festive preparation and beautiful gifts being made, ready for our Christmas Fayre.

We have lots of fun events happening in December for the learners and for our families. Keep an eye out on our diary section in our newsletters, our Facebook page and for class invites in book bags.

We have had some staff changes in our administration team this term. I would like to formally welcome Michelle Sandham as our new office manager. Michelle has a wealth of knowledge in this field and will be a huge asset. In the interim, Michelle will also continue to cover the Family Engagement role, until we have appointed. We are appointing in various other roles across the school. Please have a look at our website if you are, or you know someone who may be interested. Lorna Lean has left the Trust and we wish her well. *Heidi Hoskin. Head Teacher.*



### School Improvement:

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

Don't forget to order your Harlequin professional photos before the 22.11.24 to qualify for free delivery to school!

### 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.*



# E Y F S



We welcome Rose Campbell our new Teacher in the Oak class. In Oak class this week, we learnt about the letter 'S' and the sound it makes. We engaged in Attention Autism and sensory exploration of the letter S.

We worked on fine motor skills and did mark making using chalk.

We also explored shapes and letters through puzzles.

In Juniper class, we have been working on building towers and counting as we place each brick onto our tower before knocking it down.

We have also been promoting independence during self care routines, such as hand washing prior to mealtimes as part of our familiar



Access pathway class teams have been joining each other in the yard every day, for a joint play session. We have been working on our socialising skills as part of antibullying week.

# H O L L Y

Rowan class have been sharing in lots of small group/paired activities to develop a stronger sense of community with our peers! Sharing is not always our favourite thing to do, but we are

enjoying developing a greater awareness of our peers.

# R O W A N



## CEDAR

Cedar Class celebrated Mental Health Awareness day by discussing zones of regulations and taking part in Green activities that help keep us in the "green zone" This included the making of sensory peppermint scented playdough!



In Maple class this week, we marked Remembrance day by having a tour of all the poppies the school has made in the atrium. We watched the CBeebies remembrance video of the little rabbit at 'war times' followed by a powerpoint all about the importance of Remembrance day. We all sat beautifully during the two-minute silence.



## MAPLE

## ORCHARD

We welcome Max Smith who is now the Teacher for the Orchard class. Little Orchard have created their own poppies for Remembrance



Day. The learners engaged in an Attention Autism session related to this and listened to the Last Post song whilst they watched poppies fall from the sky.



In Elm class, we have been looking at the outdoor environment and building homes for the animals and bugs that might be living here. We are looking at building bug hotels for the Christmas market so watch this space!

## ELM



# WILLOW



In Willow class we have been exploring good food hygiene in DT. This included keeping our clothes clean by wearing an apron, tying our hair

back so it doesn't get in the way, cleaning away any mess that we make and washing our hands before we start to cook or handle the ingredients. We then explored using soap and water, focusing on making sure we cleaned any mess from our hands and dried them thoroughly.

# REDWOOD

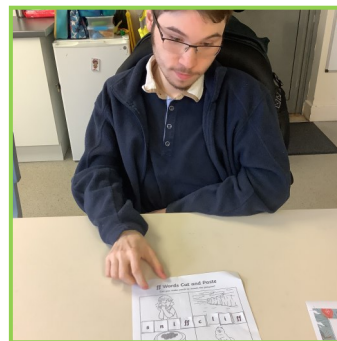
Redwood class have been practicing their striking and gross motor skills on a Wednesday morning. We are following the Special Olympics Motor Activity Training Programme (MATP) that is designed for athletes of all ages with PMLD. Each week we will practise our skills and try new ways of applying them. This week, we focused on using the bowling ramp to push a ball and knock over skittles. It was lots of fun and very rewarding!



Apple Class have been busy baking and decorating lemon buns to sell at our bake sale tomorrow for Children in Need. We enjoyed washing our hands in warm soapy water, exploring all the different ingredients and operating the switch controlled whisk.

# APPLE

Cherry Class have started preparations for our Christmas Market and are planning their invitations and products.



We learnt about how to keep safe around fireworks and bonfires and started our biscuit making with some delicious shortbread.

# CHEERRY



# Diary Dates

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

**29.11.24 - 'Movember' Day** - Students and staff will be encouraged to adopt a wacky hairstyle to school, in tribute, and to raise awareness of men's health.

**02.12.24** - Santa from Par Garden Centre visits the school to donate a Christmas tree to our learners.

## KEY DATES

**Wednesday 11.12.24** - St Blazey Church Service 2:00 pm for learners in the Discovery Pathway class teams (Maple, Cedar, Cherry classes)

**Thursday 12.12.24** - Christmas Market. More details to follow.

**Friday 20/12/24.** Last day of the Autumn Term. 3:30 pm.

**Monday 06.01.25.** First day of the Spring term and learners return to school.

*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*** - Aidan for engaging with his peers and working really hard this week, well done!

***Belong*** - In Cherry class our star learner is Blake, for his amazing resilience, patience and friendships. Well done Blake.

***Communicate*** - Redwood star of the week - Evie for great eye contact, communication and target choosing.

***Develop*** - Apple Star learner is Oscar. He has completed his first full day at Doubletrees with the biggest smile!



## INTERNET SAFETY FOR FAMILIES



**YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13**, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:



- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision:  
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

## How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

*Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.*

- <https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>
- <https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>



HARLEQUIN  
PHOTOGRAPHY

We have sent home order forms this week in book bags for your child's professional photos. To order your photos, please click on the unique QR code on your card. Orders made before the 22.11.24, can be sent to the school with no postage costs, and we will send them home for you. Any orders made after the 22.11.24, will be sent to the delivery address that you supply, but will incur a postage cost.