



Doubletrees School

Knowing Growing Sharing

Newsletter 19.11.2021

Autumn Term

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Future Events:

Tuesday 23.11.2021 - M&M Theatre Production at Doubletrees. Snow White.

Friday 26.11.2021 - Tempest Photography. Individual Learner photo shoot

Week beginning 29.11.21 - Parent partnership meetings. These will be held via TEAMS this term.

Thursday 02.12.2021 - Family nest therapy ponies in school

Friday 17.12.2021 Last day of term will be a full school day, finishing at 3:30 pm.



Dear Parents and Carers

This week we were visited by our school's school improvement partner (SIP). She visits and supports our school every term to support the Trust to monitor the quality of our provision and to support us on our school improvement journey. The visit involved meeting with leaders; meeting subject leads; time in lessons and delivering staff training. She was delighted with the progress we have made. She said that the senior leadership team were highly effective and had taken appropriate actions to support effective school improvement. She looked at aspects of safeguarding that traditionally have posed issues for schools across the country. Our SIP was very impressed by our safeguarding and behaviour procedures and said it one of the most thorough and robust she had seen!

She was also very pleased with our new assessment system which is promising to be highly effective is providing evidence and oversight in progress towards targets and monitoring of a sequential curriculum. Other areas she felt were highly effective included the delivery of the Covid catch-up plan and our remote education. She felt that throughout the past 18 months the team have reflected on what has worked and perfected a system that helps cover the curriculum, as well as EHCP outcomes.

She also met with our PSHE lead and talked through the rationale and structure of the PSHE curriculum; she felt this area had made a lot of progress and was particularly impressed with the how this subject was led across the school.

Next steps included: 1. To review our Post 14 curriculum further to ensure clarity of vision and 2. To write case studies to capture the highly effective work in behaviour and safeguarding.

Heidi Hoskin. Head teacher



Our Christmas catalogue has been released and is available to download from our website. We have also sent a copy with the order forms via email to all parents/carers. If you would like to order any items, please fill in the order form and send it in to school in your child's book bag. Please remember to log in to Parent Pay to pay for your items (link below)

[ParentPay - The Leading Cashless Payments System for Schools](#)



A reminder to parents to please use the Zebra crossing at the front of the school when arriving at and leaving the premises.

Thank you.



Look What We Have Learned!

Oak Class - In Personal Social Educational Development (PSED) we have been exploring songs which make us happy - 'We can play at peek-a-boo' was a real hit in Little Acorns!



Apple class have been practicing looking, tracking and choosing. We tried on lots of different hats in Sensory Music. We looked at ourselves in the mirror and sang our hat song, and used the fan to blow our hats away!



Holly class - Design and Technology. Our D&T topic this half term is linked to building structures using different materials. This week we started our topic by experimenting with building towers with a range of different building blocks. We had lots of really tall towers getting built (and knocked over!) and lots of collaborative team work.



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.

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This week, in Cherry Class, we have been making Pumpkin Pie infused with Pakistani spices as part of our Work Related Learning. Students washed their hands carefully, and wore appropriate PPE to give them a taste of working in a professional kitchen.



In Rowan class we are learning about the weather. We have combined this topic with our curriculum personal physiotherapy targets, and sensory exploration. Here we are experiencing an ice cave with snow balls!



Redwood class have been exploring light as part of their fireworks and Diwali topics. We worked on making marks independently as part of our physical and communication outcomes.



In Maple class our learning has been based around the book, Mermaid of Zennor. In our DT lesson, we carefully designed a habitat fit for a mermaid!

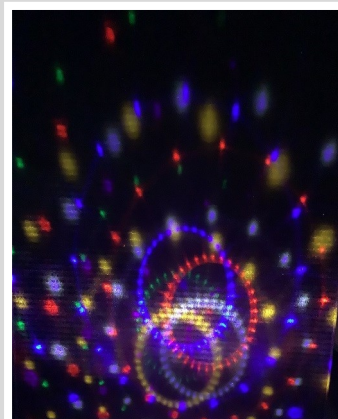


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In Elm class we have been helping to wash the dishes during daily living/work related learning . We have also been reading about different science experiments with materials. After we read all about the experiments we independently carried them out very carefully.



In Apple class we had a Sensory fireworks experience and display, while listening to 'Tchaikovsky 1812' firework music. Afterwards we painted beautiful firework pictures with glitter and fluorescent paints.



Parent Partnership Meetings

We are excited to be able to offer face to face partnership meetings later this month. One of our focuses this year is developing parent engagement. Please look out for further information from your child/young person's class teacher.

Swimming Pool

We have had some technical difficulties with the swimming pool this term. This is due to having a limited staffing capacity within our site team. We are aware that some classes have managed to use the pool, and others haven't. We are reviewing the timetabling of the pool to ensure the sessions are more evenly spread during this period of disruption. Thank you



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Equine therapy helps build:



Emotional awareness



Social skills



Impulse control



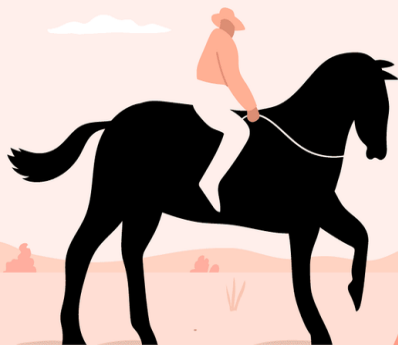
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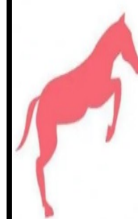
Trust and empathy



Problem-solving skills



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Family

NEST THERAPY CIC

We would like to extend another BIG thank you to Family Nest CIC for another great visit on Wednesday this week with their beautiful therapy horses.

Our learners got to groom, feed and colour the ponies in washable non toxic colouring paint!

Therapy ponies are widely known to have a calming, sensory and therapeutic effect on children. Each pony is carefully selected for its temperament and they provide fun and cuddles to those who would not usually be able to interact with horses. We will be having another visit this term on the 2nd December. Please look out for more dates on our website and family nest's website for more information about their charity.

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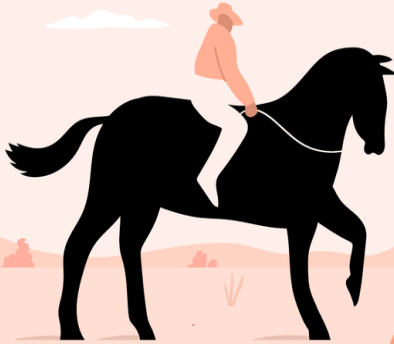
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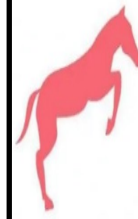
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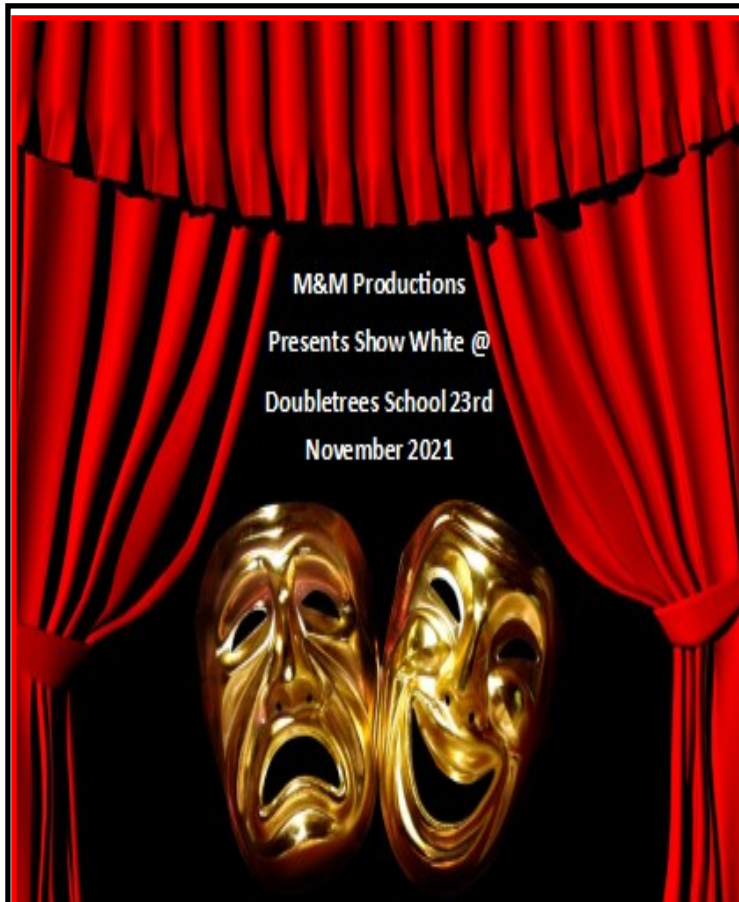
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Makaton Sign of the Week is...KIND



'Draw middle finger up chest into a thumbs up'

Parent Workshops: Occupational Therapy

Disabled Children & Therapy Service,
Cornwall Council



Ideas for topics of discussion...

- Structure of our Occupational Therapy team – come and meet us!
- Moving and Handling general guidance
- Safety in the home
- Cornwall Fire Rescue – Guest speaker - James Brown – Community Prevention Advisor
- Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG)
- Mental Capacity Act; including Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Time for any questions or thoughts that you may have or want to ask

Contact to book by 12th Nov:

Kelly Rowland

Email: Kelly.rowland@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 07764347898

Date:

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Time:

9:30am – 12pm

Venue:

St Erme Community Centre (TR4 9BD)

free onsite parking available



Together for Families

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Trudy Rudge from Cornwall College came to Doubletrees on 9th November to talk to our Year 7 to Year 14 learners about all the different Post 16 and Post 19 options they have to offer for when they transition to college. Here is our Cherry Class enjoying the presentation.

