



Doubletrees School

Knowing Growing Sharing

Newsletter 03.12.2021

Autumn Term

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Future Events:

Wednesday 08.12.2021 - Santa and his Elves will visit Doubletrees on their motorbikes with presents for learners. Please wear your Christmas jumpers on this day!!

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

Tuesday 04.01.2022 - Spring Term commences. Learners back to school.

Change of INSET day January 2022. Friday 28.01.2022 the school is open and transport has been re-instated for all learners. The new INSET day will be Monday 31st January 2022. Apologies for any inconvenience.



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended, in person or virtually, our partnership meetings and conversations with parents/staff this week. We have had some very positive feedback from the wider Doubletrees team.

Learners and staff have had a very busy week preparing for the festive period, with lots of educational and fun activities happening all over the school. Our learners have been creating, decorating and fulfilling orders for our Enterprise Christmas shop. We have also had another visit from the therapy ponies this week.

Next week we have Santa and his elves joining us on their custom motorbikes. As you can imagine, we are all really looking forward to this.

Please note our January 2022 INSET day has changed. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



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

This week we are all learning about being safe online. We will be looking at how we can be safe, secure and know who can help us when we are accessing the internet. Our activities in class will be relevant and appropriate for each learning phase. We have sent an internet safety guide to all parents/carers this week with updates on the best literature and links to pages that can keep us all up to date and safe while using a variety of online and media platforms.



Look What We Have Learned!



Maple class have been learning about science and Changing State this half term. We have enjoyed learning about the water cycle and the evaporation and condensation stages. Last week we created our own water cycle to observe over time and made a science display to help us remember the process.



This week in Elm class, we have been busy learning our life skills, especially washing the dishes. We have also been very busy working on our Enterprise activities making Christmas gifts for our Christmas catalogue. Here we are making reindeer food!



Cherry class are making the Boxing Day pickle for our Christmas catalogue. The learners all put on their PPE and scrubbed their hands very carefully before they got chopping, stirring and sampling all the different sensory fare. We took the opportunity while being chef, to practise our catering and cleaning life skills.





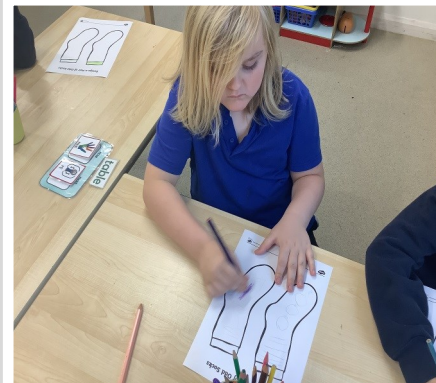
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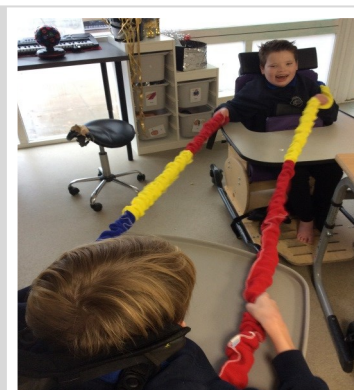
In Rowan class we have been learning about the different seasons and the associated weather. We used different materials in our sensory story to replicate the sounds and the feel of certain weather, and used our senses to learn the difference between them.



In Cedar and Holly class we have been participating in activities relating to Anti Bullying week. We shared and coloured in activity items that made us smile, which linked to our 'Be Kind' theme.



In redwood class we have been exploring what it feels like to share with our friends. We used the co-op band to feel each other's movements and dance to music on the Resonance boards.





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Communication and interaction in the Oak class. We are enjoying a sensory autumn story through the use of songs, music and objects.



In Apple class, for Children in Need Day we all wore our comfy clothes and thought about what other things make us happy. We spent the day doing all our favourite things which included sensory and cause and effect learning through play.



We are continuing to develop our opportunities for parental engagement. Our next priority will be to develop our use of the Evidence for Learning app to include parents. This is an iPad app where we capture evidence of our student's learning in action.



We will aim to trail parental access to this in a few classes starting in January. Further news will follow.

Also, please remember, if your child/young person needs to access remote learning but you have limited access to technology, there are laptops available to loan from the school .

Thank You



A very big thank you
to parents Jamie
and Karen for
making our
awesome and very
talented Santa's
Grotto in our
Orchard building.
We love it!



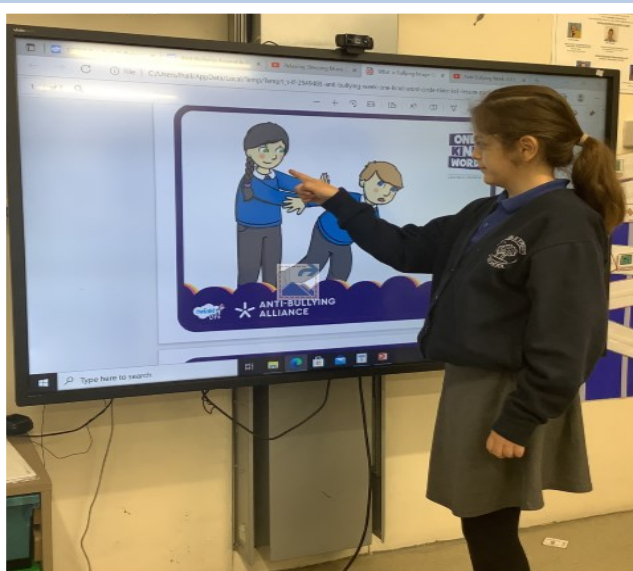
This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**
we want to spread kindness...

**ONE
KIND
WORD**

From **MONDAY 15TH** to **FRIDAY 19TH**
NOVEMBER 2021

Learners have been participating this month in activities that link to Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year was 'One Kind Word', therefore all of our activities have linked to kindness and things that make us feel good/smile.

Look at some photos of learners in school engaging in Anti-Bullying Week activities below:

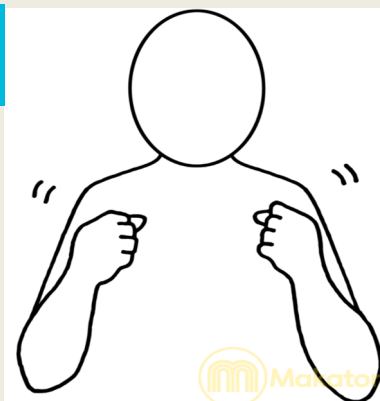


**Doubletrees Children in
Need Fundraising Total!**
£248.52! Well done everyone!



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Clenched hands shake at chest height as if cold. Same sign is used for 'cold'.



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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[Family Nest Therapy CIC](#)



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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CLAY WORKS



FESTIVE FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 12 December | 10:00-16:30 | Booking recommended



Join our **Festive Family Fun Day**, packed full of **festive activities** around the grounds!

* Be explorers in the Family Forest School session, complete with **campfire, hot chocolate and a lantern walk!**

* Hear about a Cornish Christmas in our **storytelling sessions**

* Get creative with **Christmas crafts** and make the perfect present

* Follow the **Reindeer Trail** in the woods

* Listen to our **local choirs**

* Sparkle on the Community **Christmas Tree walk**

* Tuck into our delicious **festive lunches**, cakes and drinks in the café

* Find that **Christmas present** in the gift shop

* Plus get your **new** annual pass

£10.50 adults
£6 children
£3 for annual
pass holders

**Remember
your Christmas jumpers
or fancy dress!**

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