



# Doubletrees School

Knowing Growing Sharing

## Newsletter 11.02.22

### Spring Term

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#### Future Events:

**Wednesday 16.02.2022** - Parent/Carer coffee morning at Doubletrees - it's back! 10-11 am

**Wednesday 16.02.2022** - 'Friends of Doubletrees' member meeting. 7-7:30 via TEAMS

**Thursday 17.02.2022** - Communication meeting 11-11:20 at Doubletrees or join via microsoft TEAMS

**Half Term** - 21st February - 25th February 2022 inclusive

**Thursday 03.03.2022** - World Book Day 2022. See poster on the last page for details.



Dear Parents and Carers

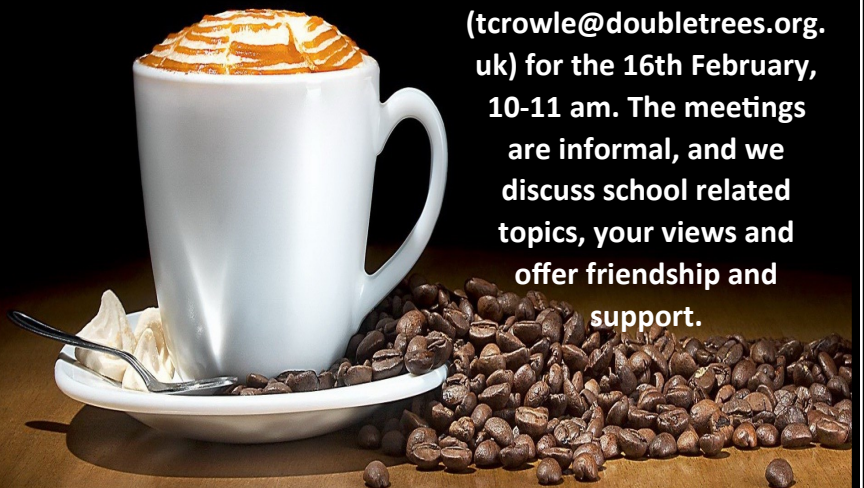
We had a very positive visit from our School Improvement partner this week. It was noted how welcoming and purposeful our lessons were and she was impressed with our bright and colourful displays which added to the positivity. We will continue to work with our partners to ensure that we always deliver the best service to all of our young people. Well done to all of our staff and learners for our fantastic wellbeing and mental health week. We had some lovely sensory experiences and everyone really enjoyed the Dress to Express theme today.

Heidi Hoskin Head Teacher



The Friends of Doubletrees are a registered charity (number 1027045) who work to raise funds for Doubletrees School. Our members include ex and current parents/grandparents and school staff.

We aim to raise funds through organised fundraising activities, applying for grants and other sources of funding, and increasing the awareness of the school within the local community. The money raised is used solely to benefit the children of our school, in terms of new equipment, accessing activities and supporting the development of new facilities. If you would like to join, or would like to support the charity, please click on the link below for more details. [Doubletrees School - The Friends of Doubletrees \(devwebsite.co.uk\)](http://Doubletrees School - The Friends of Doubletrees (devwebsite.co.uk))



At last, we can get back to holding our monthly coffee mornings at Doubletrees! We would love to see you all. Book in with Tracey Crowle our family liaison ([tcrowle@doubletrees.org.uk](mailto:tcrowle@doubletrees.org.uk)) for the 16th February, 10-11 am. The meetings are informal, and we discuss school related topics, your views and offer friendship and support.





We had lots of fun activities this week to mark children's mental health week. We followed a nature treasure hunt with lots of fun sensory experiences in the fresh air. We loved the foot spa and learned to recognise the things that make us feel relaxed and calm. We also made lots of yummy snacks in our cookery lessons and made a display about the wonderful world.







# Look What We Have Learned!



In Rowan we have been integrating ICT to explore cause and effect, using various resources across our different lessons.



In Oak EYFS, we have been exploring items which are cold and warm. Some of us were unsure of the ice however we smiled to the feel of the warm water, showing our preferences, and we enjoyed discovering items that had been hidden within the trays.



In Redwood we have been learning about where vegetables come from and using the vegetables we find to make soup. We have been developing our understanding of cause and effect by using switches to operate the blender.



## **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 Holly class experimented with a range of different tools, such as paintbrushes, forks and cotton buds to create a collaborative piece of fire art work linked to our Great Fire of London topic.



In Elm class we've been learning about gardening, daily living skills and we have had sensory fun with sequences.



Cherry class have been doing lots of important work recently in PSHE, learning to keep themselves safe as they become adults. They are working on creating their circle of trust: people they can turn to if they are worried about anything.







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Apple class - In sensory art we have been exploring colours and made some colourful African art fingerprint paintings.



In PSHE, Cedar class have been thinking about 'What makes a good friend?'

We have thought about how our actions can make somebody feel and then matched feelings symbols to facial expressions.

The class enjoyed doing some role play and making lots of funny faces.



This week Maple class have been thinking about Children's mental health and the importance of understanding our feelings and what makes us happy. The learners chose different ways to express their 'happy place' with Lego, photography and drawing.



We have had a visit this week from our School improvement Partner. She carried out several learning walks across the school with different staff members. She was extremely impressed at the progress we have made on our school improvement journey and commented on how calm, purposeful and welcoming our school was. She was particularly impressed with the senior and middle leaders and how our collaborative work is continuing to develop and improve our curriculum offer.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

It's that time of year again where we are getting ready for World Book Day.

The event itself will take place on **Thursday 3rd March 2022.**

In 2022, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day – with the message for all children **'we love books!'**

It will be filled with lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote and share our love of books and stories on World Book Day, and all-year round.

The day's activities will be around the theme of 'Pants'. We will be sharing lots of stories about pants with all of our learners. Classes will also be asked to get creative and decorate pants for whole school display in the library.

At Doubletrees we will be celebrating the day by asking learners (and staff) to dress up as their favourite book character. For further inspiration and low cost ideas, please visit the World Book Day website at: [World Book Day Dress Up Ideas](#) or you could wear your fanciest pants over your clothes to celebrate.

We will also be giving the learners the £1 book tokens that they can use to purchase a new story to share at home. The 13 brand new titles have been written especially for us by some of the world's leading children's authors and illustrators. The £1 tokens can be exchanged for one of the 13 books or can be put towards the purchase of any full price book. The £1 children's books for World Book Day 2022 are as follows:

