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Words from the Head of School



Welcome to our summer newsletter! What a year it's been, from welcoming our friends back from shielding to saying goodbye to some pupils and staff who are leaving us at the end of the term. It has been a strange time, and we have not been able to share our school with all our parents and carers as we usually would, but here in our classes we have been continuing to work hard and learn through our fun and exciting lessons. We have accepted online learning as part of our daily lives and met our friends in a virtual world. We have developed a focus on wellbeing and mindfulness, looking after one another and keeping safe. I hope you enjoy reading about all the activities that have been going on throughout school. If you would like to see more, have a look at our social media to see what our end of term games involved.



We are saying goodbye to some staff this term, including Irene who is retiring, Faye, Robyn and Colette who are moving on to new roles. We are also losing 4 pupils from our 6th Form who are moving on from RSB, they include Kylie, Emily, Pippa and Anthony. Although we will still be able to say 'Hello' as they will all be attending Rushton Futures next year. We will miss them all greatly and wish them all the best for their futures.



I would like to finish by thanking all our RSB parents and carers for their continued support and understanding throughout the pandemic and to all the staff for their commitment to keeping our school the lively and vibrant place it is, for all our pupils. Have a lovely Summer everyone.



Take a look and find out about what our classes have been up to in our exciting newsletter!

Nursery

Nursery have been having lots of fun this term! As spring started, we began learning all about the garden. We explored planting flowers and felt the seeds and soil. We have been sure to add water to help our flowers grow strong! We've enjoyed listening to some lovely sensory stories and songs about mini beats we find in the garden. 'The Worm at the Bottom of the Garden' and 'What the Lady Bird Heard' were some of our favourites. As we explored in the garden tuft trays the nursery class have been worked hard to use different tools and have fun playing together. When we were lucky enough to have a lovely sunny day, the nursery enjoyed going on walks to spot flowers and leaves in the environment around school.



Orange Class

This term's topic has been 'My Garden'. We have enjoyed growing, planting and taking care of the vegetables and plants in our mini garden. We have had so much fun taking part in the school challenges this year, from the potato challenge to voting for the new names of our classes in the lower floor development. From parties to sports day we have kept going and had so much fun together.



Vanilla Class

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Vanilla class have enjoyed spending lots of time outside now the weather has started to get nicer. We especially love to take a trip to our playground. We enjoyed learning all about Eid and celebrating this special occasion with our friends. We have kept healthy and active with swimming and we enjoyed playing rounders, practicing throwing and catching and bating. We have enjoyed exploring number and shape for maths especially when playing maths games on the computer or using the big dice. Vanilla class have also loved listening to and exploring different types of instruments, especially the saxophone.



Apple Class

In Apple Class we have been having lots of fun and enjoying exciting activities together. We have welcomed back our class friend Sienna and also had a class friend Austyn join us via TEAMS for a music session. Each week we have followed a classic fairy tale story, which we have explored in 'sensory story time.' We have been planting lots of flowers, fruit and a fairy garden in our Apple class outdoor space.

As we approach the warmer weather, the sunflowers we have planted are ready to grow and we are hoping they get really tall in Summer 2.



Banana Class

Banana Class have enjoyed being active this half term. We have especially enjoyed learning how to play rounders in PE lessons and playing in the new soft play area. We had so much fun playing rounders against our friends. First, we explored the equipment and practiced how to throw and roll the ball. Then we practiced our batting skills using the rounders bat. We have also enjoyed celebrating Eid al-Fitr with a class Eid party! We made Eid cards and decorations to put up in our classroom. We listened to some lovely music and learnt all about Ramadan.



Peach Class

In Peach Class this term, we have been exploring the UK and using our senses to explore different types of animal habitats all around the world. We have used coffee to paint sloths, freed penguins from ice blocks and took part in jungle yoga.

We have also had lots of fun celebrating Earth day and Deaf awareness week.



Rosemary Class

This term Rosemary Class have been learning lots of exciting things! In Science, we've learnt all about mini-beasts, including their unique habitats. We have been learning about time in Maths – we even made our own wrist watches to help us learn to tell the time. We started a new lesson in our weekly timetable – Show and Tell! The children have really enjoyed bringing objects in from home to share with their classmates. It has allowed the children to work on their communication and presentation skills, as well as providing a great chance for them to get to know their peers. We've also been really focusing on eating more exciting healthy food and we made smoothies together as part of our learning around this. We had lots to celebrate – three birthdays and a party for Prince Phillip. We played lots of party games that practiced our gross motor skills. We're very excited to learn about taking care of our planet next



Cinnamon Class

In Cinnamon Class, our topic this term has been the 'History of Liverpool'. In computing sessions, we have enjoyed listening to Liverpool songs, scouse accents and locating Liverpool on the interactive UK map. For Maths, we have explored time (night and day, days of the week, months of the year and different times on the clock). We were very proud of the 'Groovicorn' book cover that we created for the school competition – it was a real joint effort from all of the children in the class. Our new Soft Play area has also been a hit!



Ginger Class

During the term, Ginger class have enjoyed learning about the importance of having a healthy diet. Ginger class have designed and made healthy meal plates and made a range of healthy goodies, the fruit salad and smoothie's were delicious. They also worked with the theme 'forces' and spent time making artwork by pushing and pulling different equipment through paint. Ginger class created brightly coloured rainbows by pushing paint with card around the paper and made abstract artworks by pushing and pulling cars through paint.



Coconut Class

This half term we have been focussing on kindness and well-being. During the festival of Ramadan, we had a daily kindness calendar. This involved small activities to show kindness to others. We tried to smile more, remembered to say please, and thank you, picked up litter and made a thank you card for people who have helped us.

This half term we also explored Mental Health Awareness Week. This year's theme was all about bringing nature into our lives. Coconut class spent lots of time outside, going for walks and listening to sounds in nature. We also had lots of fun doing yoga in class.



Mango Class

Mango class have had another great term. They have enjoyed exploring the new sensory trolley, tactile resources and new soft play. Mango class have been participating in weekly virtual live music sessions and music sessions with Cath, they have really enjoyed them. We have been working hard growing potatoes for the annual potato challenge. Mango class have daily mindfulness sessions which has been helping us to all stay positive in these uncertain times and our class have worked really hard this term and continue to have fun doing so. Well done Mango class!



Rainbow Wednesdays! Healthy yummy snacks for all



This term we have introduced 'Rainbow Wednesdays' which involves offering the pupils healthy snacks to try. Each week they get to try new tastes and textures. They use all their senses to explore the food items and show their preferences to each one.

The snacks have included vegetable sticks, fruit salads, hummus, vegetable crisps, cheese and crackers, rice cakes (Sweet and savoury) and smoothies. Some have been very successful, others not so much but fun was had by all.



Residential

In residential this term, we have enjoyed getting out and about in the local community. Some of our young people went into Liverpool to see the Albert Dock light installation.

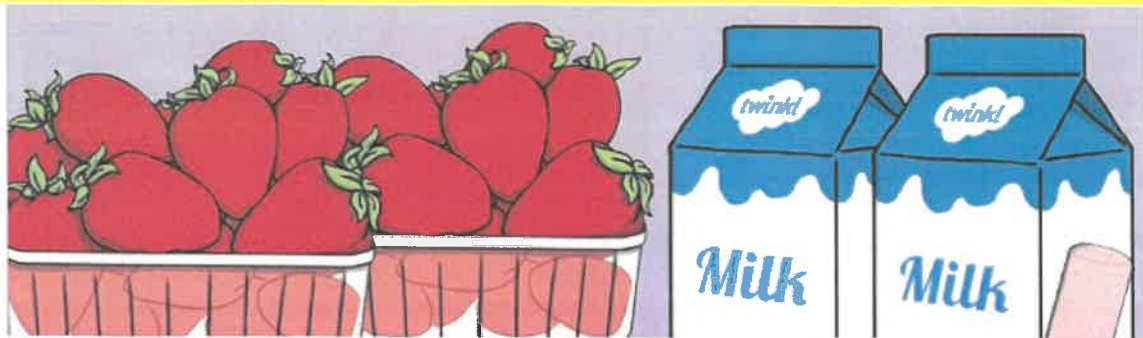
We have had some new friends come to stay at Bradbury house, Ayan and Zoe. They have both started staying over this term, and have settled well.

Austin, Missy and Anthony have been enjoying books from the Living Pictures Library, Austin especially loves the 'Queens knickers' book!

We've celebrated lots of birthdays this term too, starting with Elaine's 50th, and Alana's 18th, Alfie O's 12th, Pippa's and Anthony's 19th, Austin's 6th, Missy's 7th! So we've been doing lots of celebrating and eating lots of cake!



A Summer Recipe



Frozen Strawberry Milkshake Lollies

Makes 6

Ingredients

400g strawberries

200ml semi-skimmed milk

can of light condensed milk
(405g)

Equipment

ice lolly moulds

lolly sticks (if desired,
depending on lolly mould)

food processor (adult use/
supervision)

knife (adult use/supervision)

Method

1. Wash the strawberries before use.
2. Cut the green tops off the strawberries.
3. Put the strawberries in a food processor and blitz into a purée.
4. When the purée is smooth, add all of the semi-skimmed milk, can of light condensed milk and stir well.
5. Pour the mixture into the ice lolly moulds and add lolly sticks (if desired, depending on the lolly mould you are using).
6. Freeze overnight.

Dates for your Diary

Start of Autumn Term

Wednesday 1st September

Half Term

Monday 25th— Friday 29th October

Finish for Christmas

Friday 17th December