

New Beginnings

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The spring term is drawing to a close and we are looking forward to an action-packed summer term, with trips and visits planned to all sorts of places, including a residential trip for some of our older children. The summer term is always a busy one, so begin looking forward to the next newsletter in July! In the meantime, it is lovely to reflect on some of the achievements and experiences of our children from the spring term;

We made March our month of 'Reading for Pleasure'. All classes spend time every day listening to an adult reading a book (or text) of their choice to them. This has been a super part of the day and most children have really enjoyed it. All children have also had the opportunity to choose a book from our library to take home and share with you. We hope you have found a few minutes from your busy lives to sit with your child and enjoy looking at the book they have chosen. We will be continuing this moving forward to further encourage reading for pleasure.

Our leavers from sixth form and year 11 have been busy applying for college places this term. Some have had interviews, visits and assessments at Nottingham and Portland colleges. We are hopeful that all those who are ready to move on to the next stage are successful - in my (maybe biased) opinion, the colleges will be lucky to have our students!

Key stage 4 students have been learning about how businesses work through their enterprise projects this half term. Crumbs Café has been a huge success with many of our younger children visiting and learning all about exchanging money for food and drinks (maths!). We have had hot chocolate sticks, bird feeders and cakes for sale through the various enterprise projects and all were extremely popular!

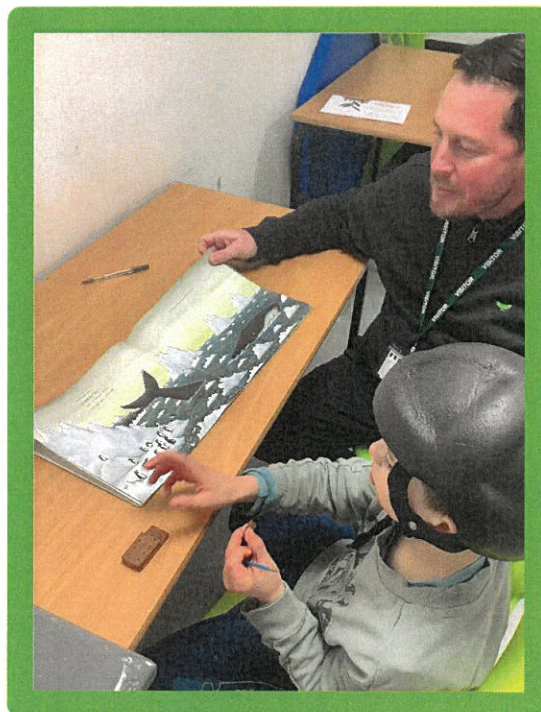
Key stage 3 pupils visited Woodlands for science week and have been visiting Avenue Farm to see the newly born lambs, and Stonebridge City Farm as part of their curriculum this term. Clough class ran a fund-raising day to raise money to support Manor Farm which looks after animals with special needs. They raised almost £400 for them to use towards building 'Piggy Adventure Park' to help keep the pigs fit! Well done!

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all of you and all of the staff who enable our children to learn and develop in every way as they grow and become young adults with productive lives who make a contribution to our communities. Without the incredible teamwork and partnerships that we have created over the years, none of it would be possible - THANK YOU!

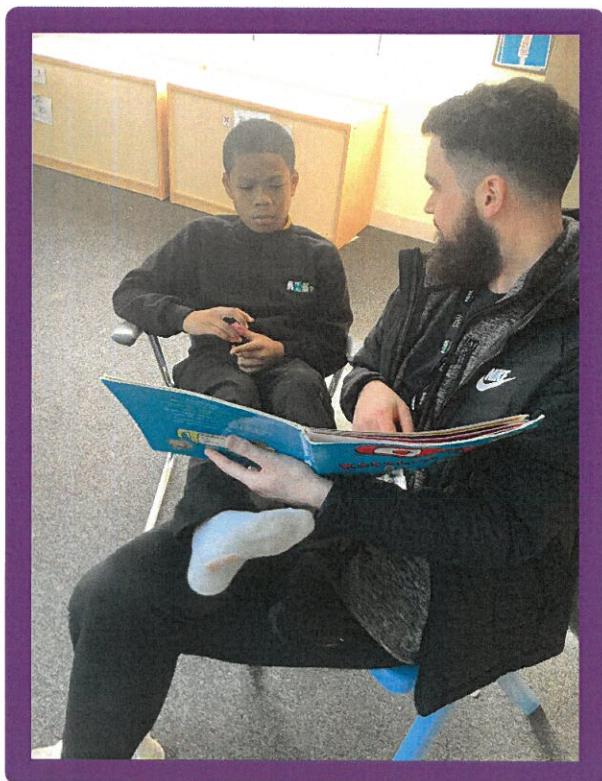
I hope you enjoy reading about more of the things we have been up to in the rest of this newsletter. Have a good break and we will see you all in April!

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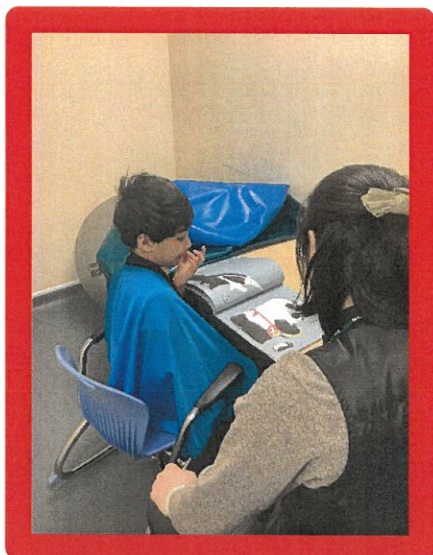
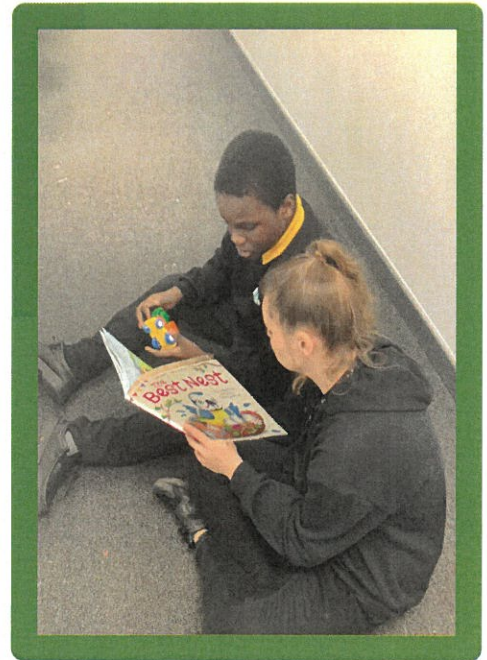
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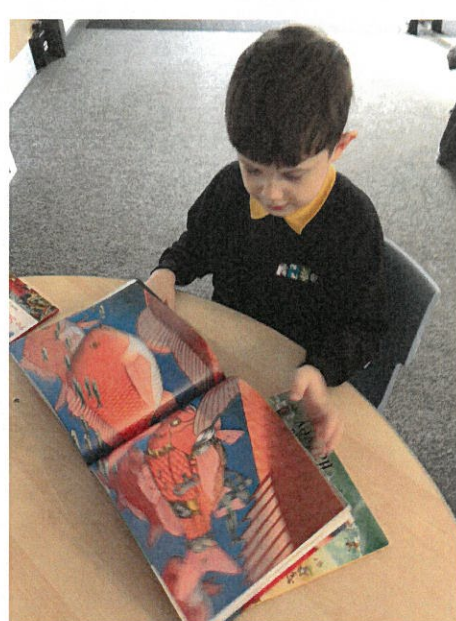
Reading for Pleasure



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book of our choice.

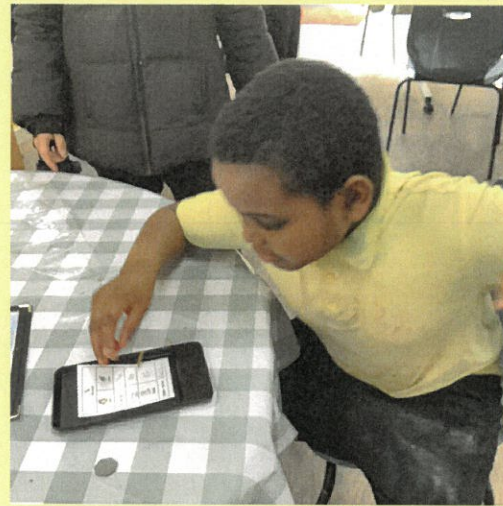


Elm class have been learning about coastlines in English this term. We have been exploring sensory trays, reading books about the coastline, learning how to be safe when we are at the beach and making our own coastlines.



Maple class have been visiting Crumbs Cafe in

6th form and exchanging money for a snack and drink.





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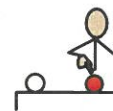
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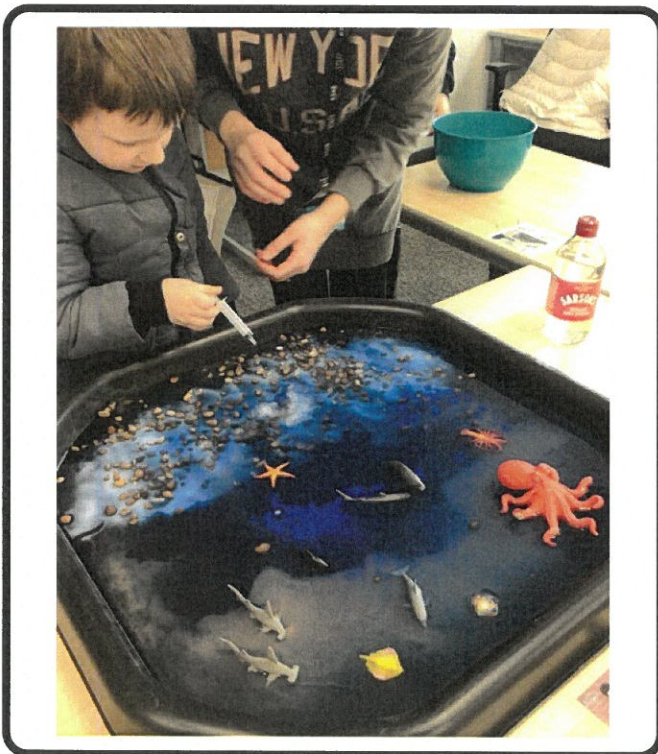
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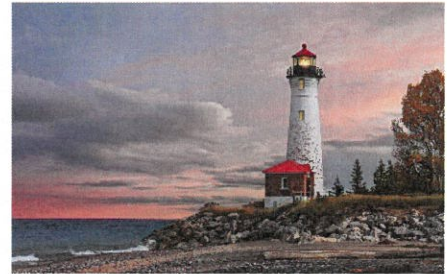


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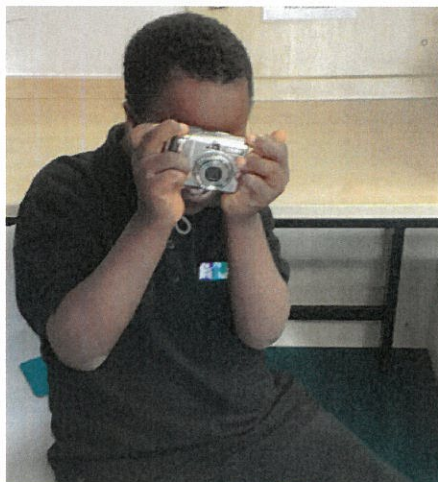
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FIR CLASS

This Spring term we have learnt all about **COASTLINES**, the children have enjoyed role-playing as coastguards, trying coastal food and a virtual day out at the beach.

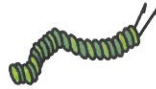




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Class



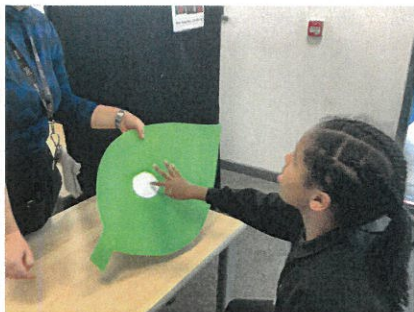
In Science, we planned a cold food picnic. We made a choice of sandwich filling and the juice that we wanted.

Then, we walked to the outdoor classroom and ate our picnic together.

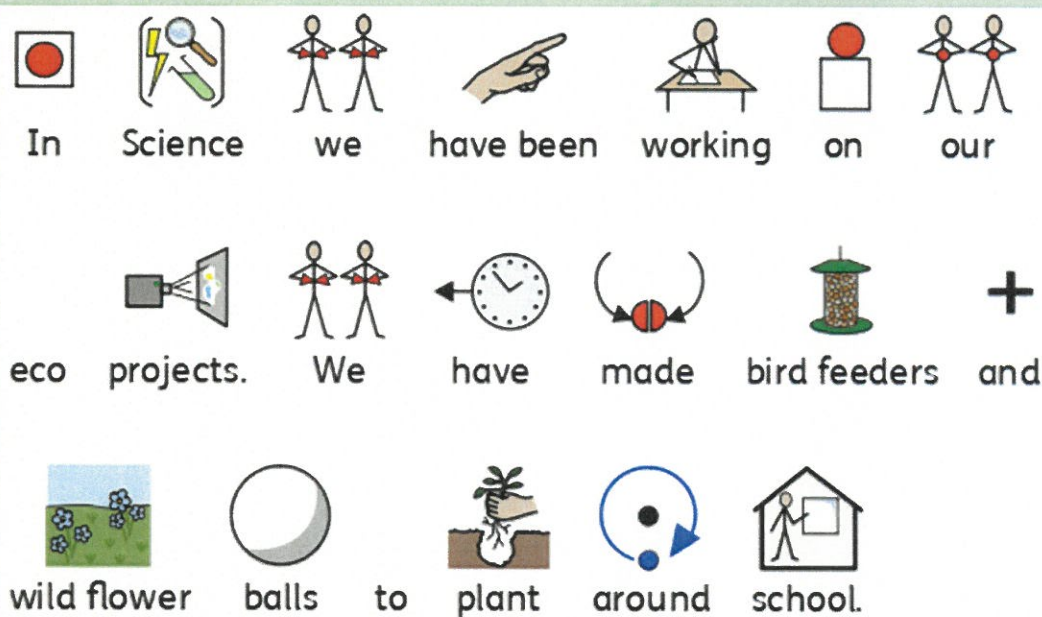


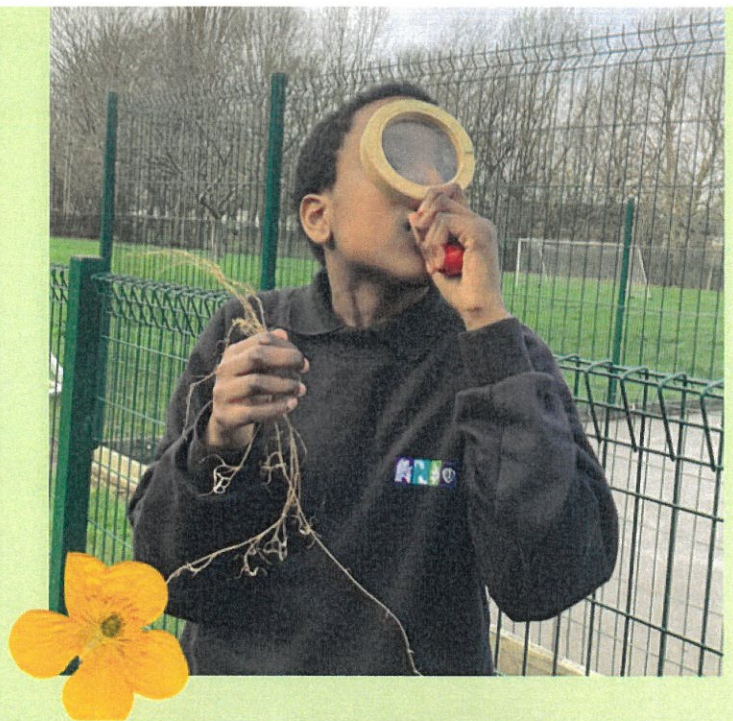
In Science, we have been watching our caterpillars grow. We have been enjoying The Hungry Caterpillar sensory story.

We are excited to see them turn into butterflies!



Smith Class





Mansfield class
We have enjoyed
making apple bird
feeders and exploring
the outdoor classroom
as part of our eco
project topic in science.



We used
magnifying glasses
to look at twigs,
leaves and grass.

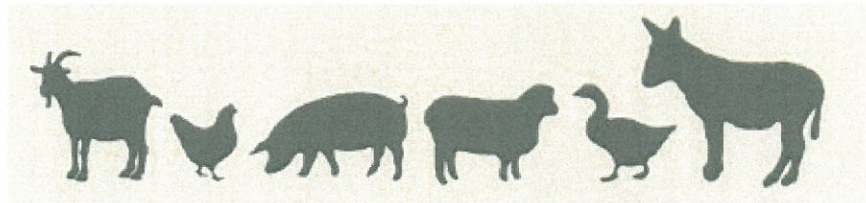


This term Earps class have been creating floorplans in Art.

We designed and made our versions of the house featured in the story Goodnight Mr Tom which we had as our class book!



Clough class



We have been busy this half term fundraising for Manor Farm Charitable Trust. They are raising money to build a piggy adventure playground!

Manor Farm provides lifelong sanctuary for animals in need. Especially those who are old, have special behavioural needs and disabled. They offer loving care and rehabilitation to all animals.



We held a 'Guess the name of the Donkey' competition. Lots of pupils and staff had a go but the winner was Saif, who guessed the donkey's name was Poncho!



We baked a selection of cakes and sold them in our cake sale.



We also completed a sponsored walk in school and the rest of KS3 joined us in raising money and they all joined in with the walk too!

We have raised over £350 and donations are still coming in!!



Nottingham Panthers vs

Cardiff Devils

Weds 21st February



Lincs Air Testing kindly donated tickets for us to attend an ice hockey match. We had the best time ever! We went down to the rink side to watch the players train before finding our seats ready for the match!



It was very loud and a fun atmosphere and we all loved it! The Nottingham Panthers won 5-4 too!

KS3 Lawrence class

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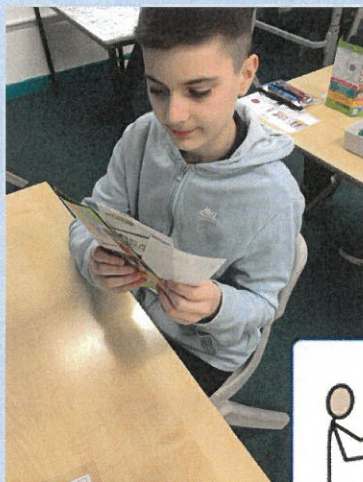
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Making Leaflets

Adlington Class



Reading



leaflets



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Painting



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Key Stage 3

ICT



Watts Class have been working to understand first and next/then in relation to short sequences, and to create and follow simple instructions to do an everyday task. We identified the steps involved in preparing a bowl of cereal. Then we sequenced the steps to create instructions. We have also been using bee-bots to carry out some simple programming; instructing the bots how to move.

Key Stage 4 and 5

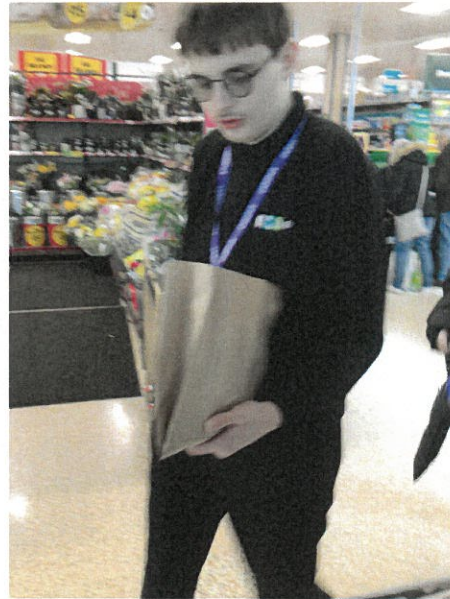
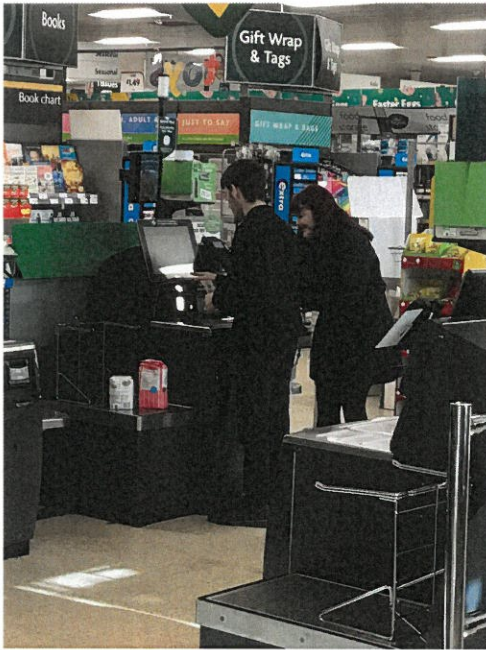
City-scapes: Gel Printing with Faye Maguire



Key stage 4 and 5 took part in a very creative gel printing workshop led by the artist Faye Maguire. Faye showed us her lovely sketchbooks and how she uses her designs to make greetings cards.

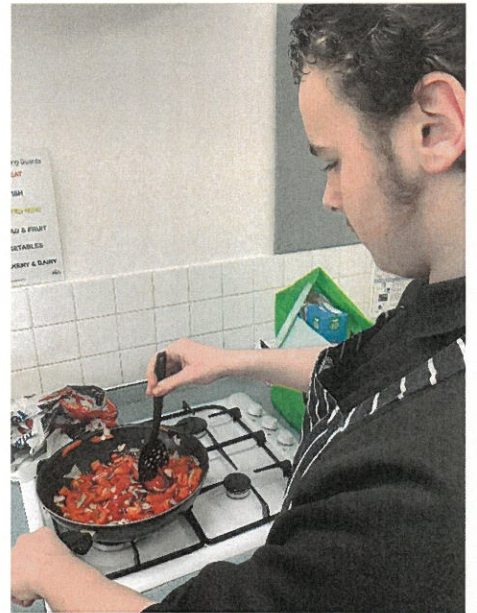
Faye uses gel printing techniques to create her designs. Nethergate students experimented using the same method; layering colours and textures to make patterns inspired by the built environment.

Torvill class have been developing their independence. They have shopped in pairs in Morrisons and cooked pancakes and bacon and egg cobs without support.



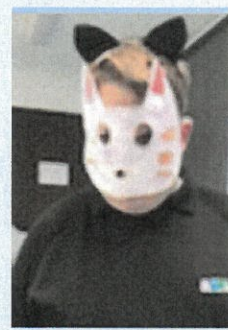
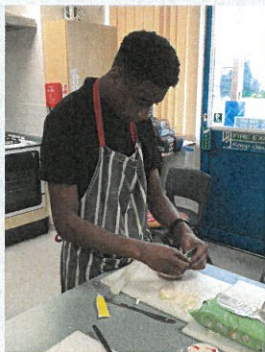
KS4 Bains

In KS4 Bains we have been working on our independence and life skills. We have been on trips into the local community and developed our food preparation skills. We have also been working on our communication skills with each other in the classroom.



The Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Bugg Class have enjoyed reading and performing Alice's Adventures in Wonderland this half term. As part of this project they prepared and hosted a Mad Hatter's Tea Party.



‘Coming to England’ by Anderson Class



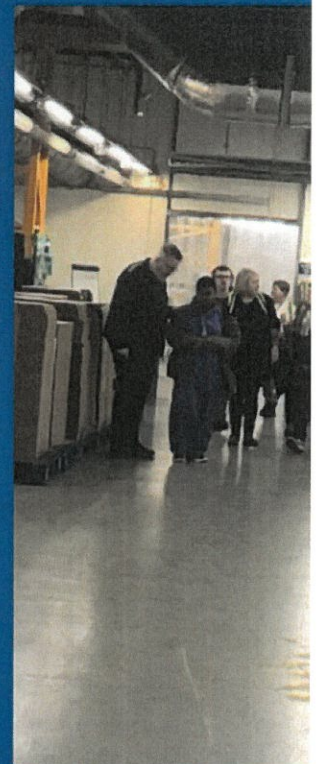
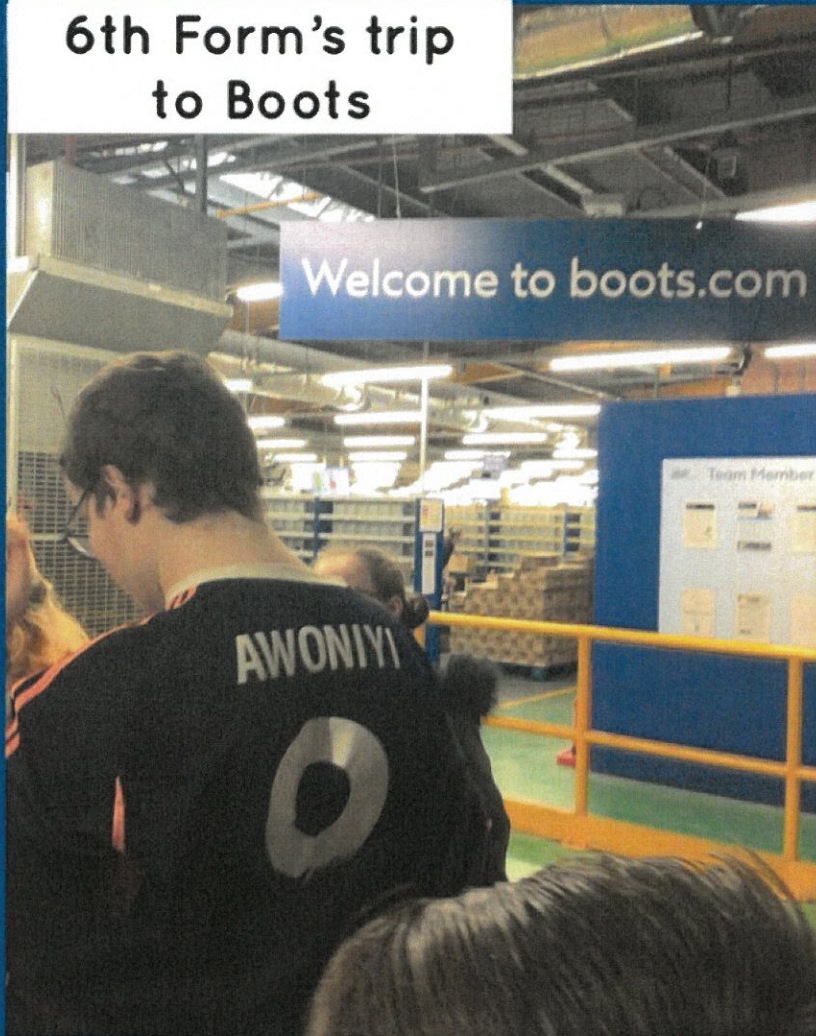
Anderson class was studying Coming to England biography written by Floella Benjamin. The students were very animated, and part of our work involved designing a medal. Each student created their medal using a variety of materials. The medals were so good that staff asked the students if they would like to send their work to Floella by email. They thought this was a good idea.

Last week the class received an email back from Floella. She thanked the students for their tremendous work, she sent them all a signed photograph and a video telling them why she moved to England and how she wrote the book.





6th Form's trip to Boots





During our tour of Boots we had a turn at picking some orders.



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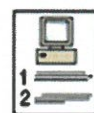
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KS4 and KS5 Enterprise Cafe



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to sell for their
chosen charities.



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Physical Education

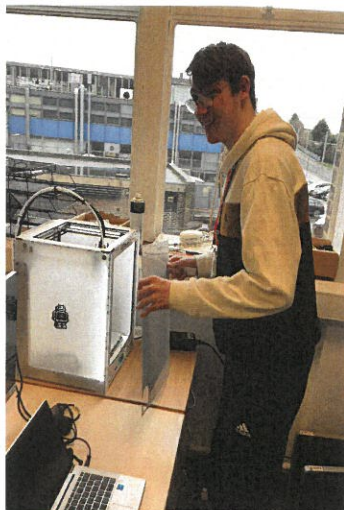
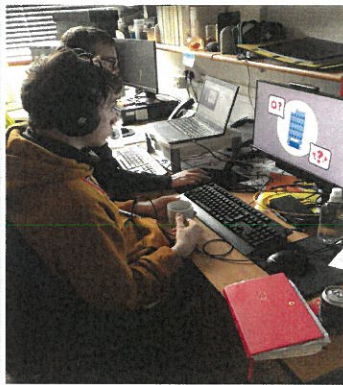
6th form



This term in PE, 6th form have been practicing their fielding, bowling and batting skills in Kwik Cricket

Working at Nottingham University

Students have been continuing to work at Nottingham University. They have settled in well within the team and are progressing well with their employability skills. Students are developing transferable employability skills and are learning all about the world of work.

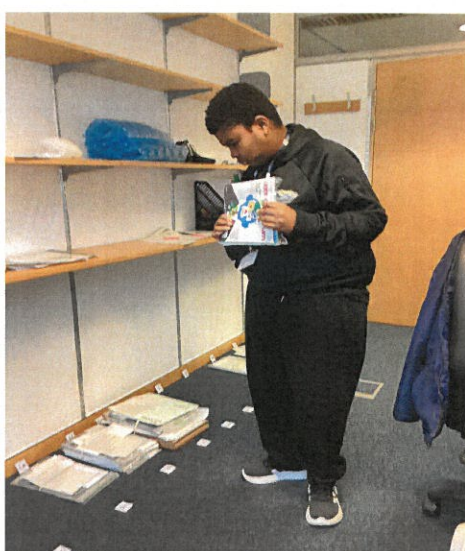
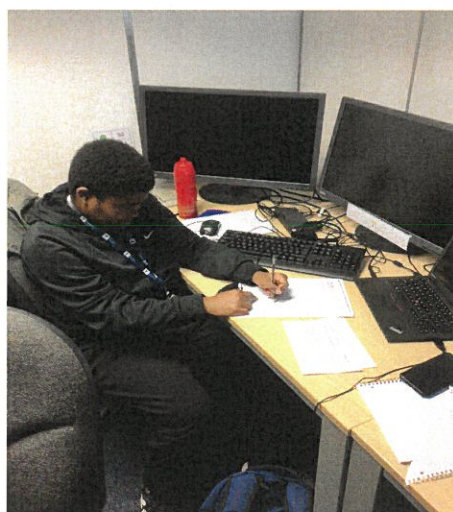
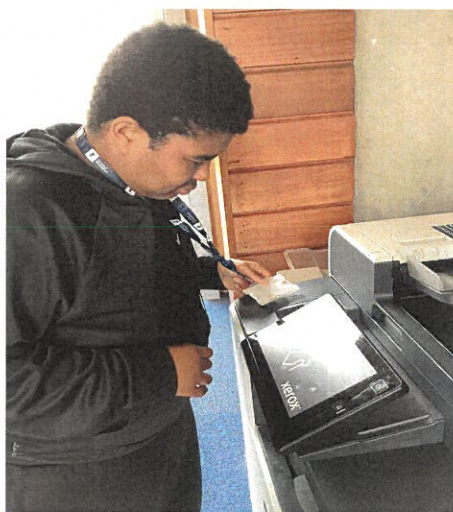
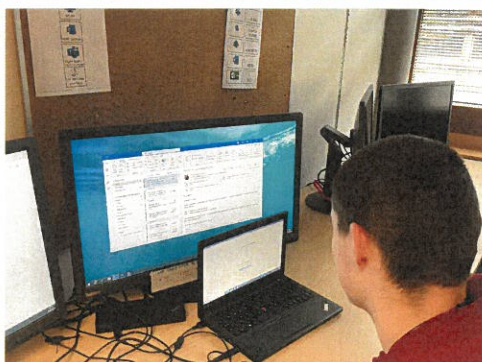


Some of the jobs range from: booking rooms, ordering resources, sorting and delivering mail, designing posters for university events, 3D printing, attending Teams meetings and keeping up to date with the staff training

Psychology



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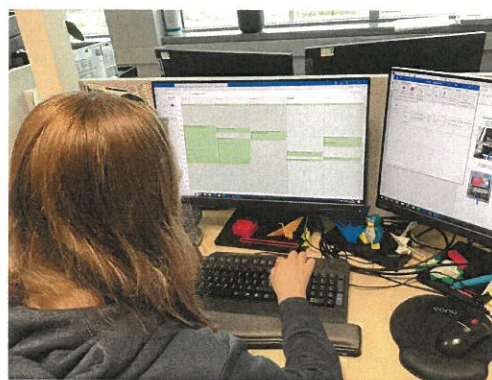
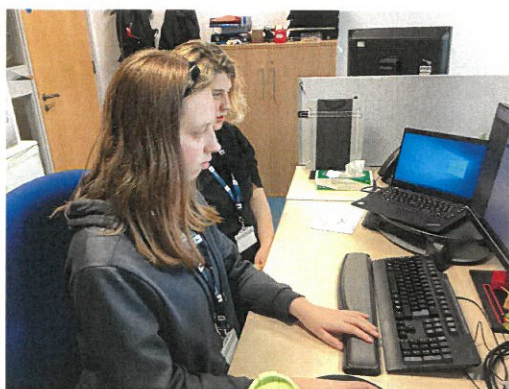
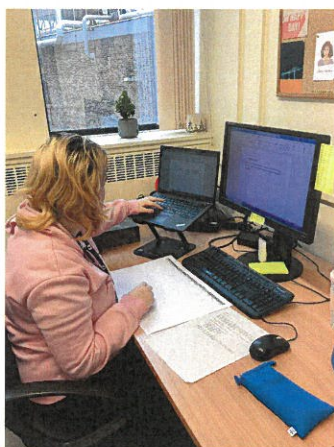


Computer Science

Jobs Include: Sorting the mail, checking the printers, laminating, attending team meetings, staff training, emails, posters to name a few

Pharmacy

Some of the jobs include: Booking rooms, Ordering catering, tidying up open spaces, shredding, staff training, laminating, posters and computer work





The Plane Tree

This term some students have been working at The Plane Tree, in Beeston.

They have been completing a variety of jobs ranging from serving customers, updating the online website, counting the money, general day to day running of the shop and keeping the shop clean and tidy.



ICT



work



Serving Customers

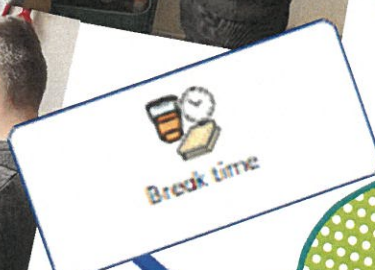
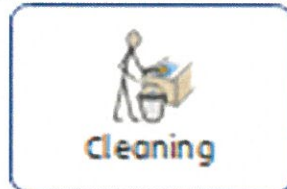
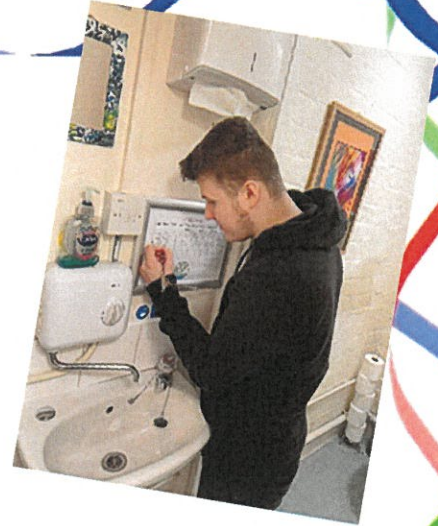


Counting



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WORD SEARCH



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