

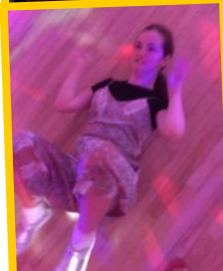
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Prom

This year we were able to celebrate the achievements of our leavers at our annual Prom. All Leavers were able to enjoy the evening starting with a drink at school and looking at photos from past and present. When the cars arrived, they were ready to be transported to their party in style. Ethan chose to be escorted by two staff, one riding a bike! When they arrived at the Prom it was lovely to be greeted by so many staff, family and friends.

The Welfare made sure that the evening was a real success; decorating the space beautifully ensuring that the Prom was a really special event. Thanks to Glen and Minty for running the disco and playing some great tunes! A good time was had by all partying until right to the end.





Primary

This term primary classes have been following a Transport Topic. All classes have ventured out on walks to see what modes of transport they could spot and some even carried out a transport survey. Everyone was very excited. Class 3 found every mode of transport on their chart. They used a tally system and found that cars were the most common vehicle on the road in Cotgrave while motorbikes and tractors were least common, as they only saw one of each. Our transport topic has been a huge success, especially having visits from a Fire Engine and a Trent Barton bus and getting out and about on the bus and trams to town, Belvoir Castle and Tollerton airport.



Class 1 - The transport topic has been full of fun and games. We have had races on bikes, trikes and scooters, and in wheelchairs and worked on 'stop and go'. We had a car wash for our toy cars, created our own imaginary boats, buses and planes and had fun role playing and dressing up. We have sorted different types of transport, made things fly down ramps and even created artwork with vehicles and paint. Everyone has enjoyed our sensory transport story about the magical train ride. We have even practiced making different items in our cooking sessions to go in our imaginary packed lunches for all the wonderful trips. We have also learned to move in different ways to music, flying round with our arms wide like aeroplanes, rowing our boats back and forth, bouncing up and down on our tractors and cycling our imaginary bikes.



This term Class 2's topics has been based around transport. Everybody has loved this topic and have enjoyed the trips, including catching the bus and tram into Nottingham and Tollerton airport. We also made a card to celebrate the birth of Prince Harry and Meghan's baby, Archie. The children all got involved in making a collage by choosing the materials, and cutting and sticking them on. We then walked to the post office and posted the letter wondering if we would get a reply. A couple of months later we got a reply from Buckingham Palace! Class 2 were really excited and enjoyed looking at the thank you card we had received from the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.



Class 3 have really gelled together this term. There has been lots of sharing, turn taking, working together and taking an interest in what each other can do. The highlight was when they were given permission to fill up the tin bath, and pour the water down the slide on a warm and rainy day. The children led the play themselves and worked together to carry the tin bath full of water up the steps. They then worked out how they could turn it round to tip it down the slide. They all took it in turns to slide down with water gushing down all around them and had an absolutely fabulous time. Good job guys!



During the Summer term Braiden, Jake, Mollie and Mizzy have been visiting Candleby Lane School, spending time in the Foundation 1 classroom and outdoor area. They have enjoyed making new friends and choosing from a wide range of activities, taking risks and enjoying new experiences. Braiden loved playing with small world toys and using his imagination in role play and Jake spent lots of time exploring the jungle area and building with blocks. Mollie joined in Tea parties and read books with new friends and Mizzy played in the sandpit, climbed and enjoyed water play. Candleby Lane students were keen to interact with the children, both verbally and using communication books. We hope to continue visiting in September.





This term Class 5 visited County Hall to attend the award ceremony for TITAN travel training. The whole class were a real credit to the school and they all loved seeing each other going to the front to be awarded their certificates. All of the pupils were given their 'Working Towards Red' award for the work already completed, and 3 pupils were given their completed Red Certificate. They have all been working so hard on the travel training this year, being more and more independent both in and out of school.



Class 4 and 7 had a wonderful time on their trip to Magna in July! We especially enjoyed investigating all of the different ways we can make water move and getting our friends and teachers very wet on the water floor! It was especially funny to watch our unsuspecting friends move through the 'rain room' and we learned all about the water we use every day and where it comes from. Thank you to both classes for such an enjoyable trip!



We have had a very busy term in Post 16. We completed the exams related to the accredited courses and had other coursework externally verified. Our performance of the 'School of Tock' was the culmination of a year's work. Some of the pupils attended the National Citizens Service at Portland College, which gave them a good look around a potential college placement. Some of the pupils who had been taking part in the TITAN award attended a presentation at County Hall and had their certificates presented by councillors. This was a really proud moment for us all. To cap it all we went bowling with the profits from the tuck shop which was great!



Class 6 have had a busy summer term, basing their work on the book "Around the World in 80 Days". They have explored a number of countries on their journey and the highlights have been food tasting in a 'French café', a Hong Kong fashion show using newspaper, making sushi and building bridges. They even had a personalised video message from Hong Kong! They have continued to benefit from weekly yoga sessions. They have also worked hard at their independence skills through TITAN travel training – either around school or in the local community. They also really enjoyed their visit to Drayton Manor with the Rotary Club.



Diary Dates & Info



We would like to say a big thank you to the Rotary Club for taking some of the pupils on another two wonderful days out this year. Some pupils spent a sunny day on the barge trip at Loughborough, whilst others had an adventure filled day at Drayton Manor, testing out the rides as well and visiting the animals, model dinosaurs and playground.

A big thank you from us all.

Diary Dates

29th July to 2nd August- Fun Week

4th Sept - First day back

Inset dates

30th August

2nd Sept

3rd Sept

6th January

17th January

22nd May



Staff news

We'll be saying goodbye to Mr. Sheldon-Smith at the end of term and wish him well for the future. Best wishes too for Miss Sterry and Ms. Boaden who will be leaving us for a short time to have their babies and hope they enjoy this very special time with their families. We wish Mrs. Rawlinson, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Bexon speedy recoveries after their long-term illnesses.

Huge congratulations too to Mrs. Howells and Ms. Carver. Ms. Carver has achieved a First-Class Honours Degree in Youth Work and Mrs Howells achieved an 'Outstanding' in her PGCE (with QTS) Both are remarkable achievements. We are so very proud of them both and are so pleased that they will be using their considerable skills and knowledge to make the provision for Ash Lea pupils even better.

Ash Lea School are looking to create an improved outside space for pupils. Our new appeal is called

Play, Laugh and Learn

Redevelopment of our outdoor space

Funds raised will go toward...

A wheelchair accessible path from the gate to the pond area - a scramble net and slide into the hill - a 'muscle play' area - an adventure trail - build up our allotment area - develop our pond/sensory garden - increase the variety on our small animal farm - outdoor classroom

If you would like to donate, please visit our fundraising page

www.wonderful.org/charity/ashleaschool

£305 Raised so far, thank you!

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