

C H R I S T M A S

NEWSLETTER



END OF TERM!

Well done everyone

We have had a brilliant start to this academic year. Our Autumn term has seen new teachers, new classes and new friends. We've had a visit from Ofsted, sports events to enjoy, a visit from an artist, a snow day, a fantastic Christmas Fair, trips to the Panto and plenty more excitement of various kinds - so here is a newsletter to remember and celebrate together.

Headteacher's Award



This week the Headteacher's Award goes to
Ashley R & Theo
for amazing attendance and turning things around this term

Jokes of the week

Benji: What do you call a snowman on the move?
A snowmobile!

George: Two men walked into a bar - the other ducked

Dates for the diary

**Back to school: Monday 6th
January**

**Coffee morning: Holly class, 16th
January**

END OF TERM

NOTICES



Outdoor Ed next term

All parents/carers should receive a Dojo message with details of Outdoor Ed plans for next term. These include woodland walks, rock climbing, mountain biking, swimming and even caving (see plan for details of which age groups are attending various activities)!

These can also be found on our website here:

<https://www.magdalencourt.org/page/?title=Outdoor+Education&pid=62>



THANK YOU!

Our Christmas Fair was a great success, we all had a fantastic time and raised £750 for the PTA !

Thanks to those who donated, particularly to Mr Bamboo Cup and Zen Educate.

We are always keen to get new people involved with the PTA - whether you can give 10 minutes a term or 2 hours, every little helps!

We are planning some exciting new events next year, including a Kindness event on 14th February, so we'd love others to come on board to help make these happen.

We will also be exploring what our options might be for using funds raised in future, and joining the PTA means helping to make these decisions, which is a great feeling!

Please speak to Adele if this is something you'd like to find out more about.

OUTDOOR ED

HIGHLIGHTS



We've been busy on Outdoor Ed - from wild swimming and paddleboarding at the beginning of the Autumn term, to climbing, den building and enjoying S'Mores around the campfire as the days have got colder. We've had a wonderful time, and Rodney has enjoyed joining us too!



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Autumn term has seen plenty of Sports action both in PE lessons and at special events. In lessons at school we've done a range of activities including table tennis, circuits, basketball, badminton and gymnastics.



We've also been improving our football skills with help from Exeter City Community Trust, and have taken teams to external tournaments events for Boccia and Football - our teams showed great sportsmanship at both!



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This year we're introducing sports achievement awards at the end of each term, to recognise learners who have worked hard in PE, shown good skills and made progress, and tried hard to show good sporting behaviour. Here are this term's award winners!

Jacob Lyne-Ley

Kellan Dexter

Maisie Boxhall

Jack Lord

Alfie Hughes

Amiee Newport-Hutchings

Aaron Godzisz

Beth Billing

Bonnie Trevelyan

Daylun Bock

Ethan Romeril-Jones

Henry Weir

Ella Hurford

Junior Howard

Adam Ballantyne

Lukas Vaidilauskas

Finlay Vernon

Freddie Brown

Leo James

Holly Wills

Otto Gregg

Isaac Holme

Josh Jarvis

Jack Poole

Justin Ostler

Rosie Grimwood

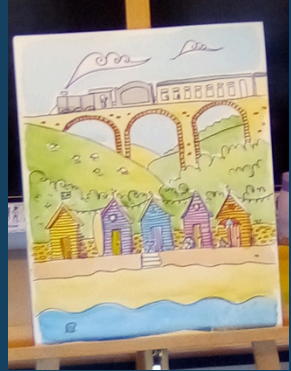
Arthur Whiteley



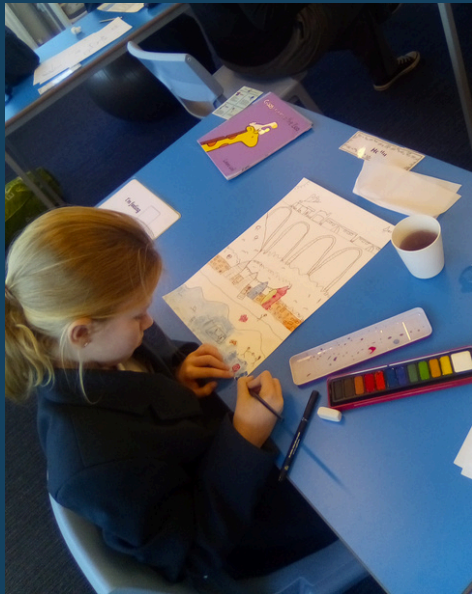
OAK & ASH

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Oak & Ash classes were visited by local artist Laura Wall in November, who gave us a tutorial on how to create a beautiful piece of art - breaking down the scene into shapes and working with paint to create our own interpretations. We then created a 'gallery' space and invited other learners to come and check out our creations!



LARCH CLASS

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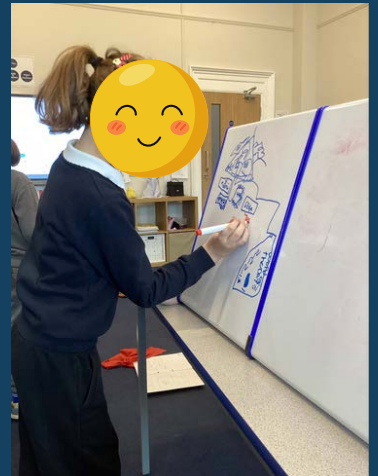


It has been a brilliant term for Larch class!

We have written and illustrated a rags to riches tale, created animations in computing, made clay pots, and learnt lots about diet and nutrition. We have had a busy term developing our communication skills and our motor skills. Our focus this term has been on balance and co-ordination and developing hand strength and shoulder stability. Our class have made great progress in engaging their fine and gross motor activities and in Funfit.

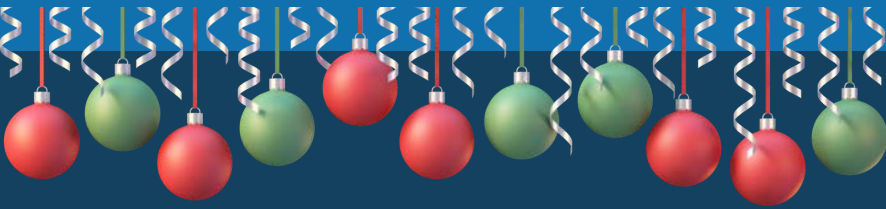
In reading, our class have been learning the phonics speed sounds alongside developing visualisation and building vocabulary. In our daily C&I sessions, we work in small groups to develop respectful and effective communication through turn-taking, sharing and working together by playing communication-focused games or constructing something with Kin-ex or Lego.

Have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new term.



BEECH CLASS

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Beech class have been working on an art project sculpting clay vessels inspired by artist Heather Knight. After using techniques including pinch pots and adding textures, the learners have created beautiful pieces inspired by the underwater world. We are so proud of what they've all produced!



Earlier in the term we enjoyed exploring the historical topic of Black Death by making edible 'Exploding Buboos'. It was a lot of fun and made learning about the plague a bit less scary!

B I R C H C L A S S

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Birch have had a great end to the year, trying very hard and taking on new challenges and dealing with big changes. We have looked at Street Art, Rome, both abroad and Roman England, as well as pushing ourselves to read news genres and create our own fantasy world.

The Boys of Birch have had opportunity as well to dictate their own learning, where we have looked at subjects like human evolution, the history and creation of video games and dived headfirst into suspense, thrillers and horror, following our natural interests in order to evolve and grow alongside the curriculum.

I have been covering this term and it's been amazing to see them learn and try their best and even better to see their passions and drive to learn become more pronounced. Someone else might be taking the reins in January, but we will always be Birch Class.

Jack R



New teacher Steph will be joining us in January!

L I M E C L A S S

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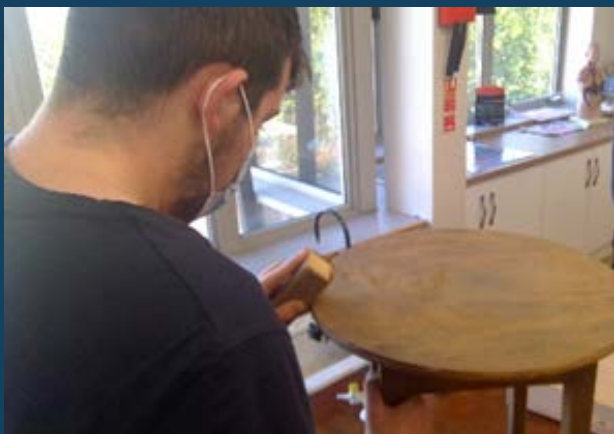
Our learners have been working hard to develop themselves in every aspect of their school lives. Some in the class are preparing to take on their GCSEs and have recently completed mocks to help prepare them for exams next year. Others are working towards completing Entry Levels, Functional Skills and BTEC qualifications in 2025. Some of these learners will be staying on for our post-16 courses, and are working towards the qualifications they need for their next steps.

We've also been working on communication and personal confidence. A number of our learners created presentations on renewable energy sources, presenting them at the end of the last half term to members of our administrative team. Our students also took a group trip out to Exeter College to get a feel for college and to ask questions about the college environment and how it might work for them. Visits to Bicton College and the National Apprenticeship Show in Exeter are in the upcoming term!

Finally, we've been busy with two personal development projects this term. Last half term, students designed and made their own tote bags using a heat press, with some even producing their own clothes! Then, this half term, learners have been refurbishing second hand furniture. After visiting Topsham Antiques Centre for inspiration, the class split into groups and began the process of refurbishing their chosen items of furniture. While we're not quite done yet, there's plans to completely repaint and redesign some items, so we'll be carrying on with the project in the new year! Another group of learners have been working hard to create a workshop in the school and have already been busy making planters for our outside spaces.

A special mention to Josh who successfully completed a 6 week placement at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, improving his knowledge of the world of work and managing travel training admirably.

All in all, it's been a great term for Lime, and it's been fantastic to see students new to the school welcomed so well by their peers!



HOLLY CLASS

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This term one of the main things Holly class has been involved in was the creating of tote bag designs as part of Personal Development. Several of these designs were also sold by George in a stall he manned at the Christmas fair. All the class created their own designs and also worked collectively to produce ones for the fair.

Well done Holly class!



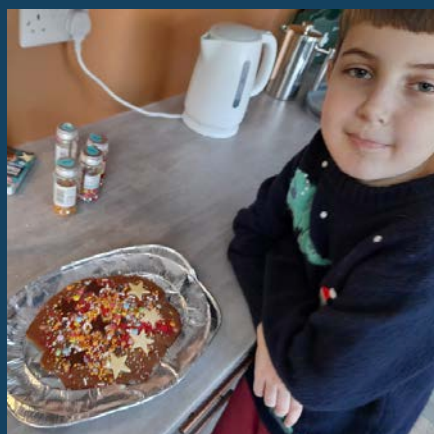
ALLEY HOUSE

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Alley House have been getting in the festive mood: decorating their space, colouring, crafting and baking together!



What a brilliant final week we've had in Food Tech. Learners in Larch loved making their gingerbread dough: rolling, cutting, baking and later decorating their biscuits the following day, well done. Birch class produced some tantalising Cornish veggie pasties and got their crimp on, wonderful effort. Learners in Ash and Oak had fun making cupcakes, using chocolate butter cream frosting, cherries and pretzels for some Rudolph-inspired cakes. Learners in Aspen and Elm prepared cheese pesto straw Christmas trees, where learners filled and twisted the sandwiched layers, which turned out great! Learners in Juniper practiced their decorating skills, preparing buttercream frosting using the food processor for some chocolate yule logs. Learners in Olive class practiced their pastry skills, rolling, cutting and filling mince pies, which were absolutely stunning. Hazel class made Florentines using cranberry and flaked almonds, these were finally cooled and finished with a layer of melted chocolate, great effort everyone. Learners in Holly and Lime class had great fun preparing a waffle batter, warm chocolate sauce and timing their cooking to produce some golden and perfectly crisp waffles which were served with ice cream, sauce and fried bananas, wow.

Next term in Food Tech Larch class will be making sweet and savoury shortbreads and biscuits. Learners in Birch class will be baking cakes and puddings. Learners in Ash and Oak will be making biscuits. Learners in Beech and Elm will make fruity roll up cakes and tray bakes. Learners in Juniper and Alley House will be preparing Italian cuisine: pasta dishes, sauces, risotto and gnocchi. Learners in Olive, Hazel and Maple will prepare Italian too, following a Level 2 curriculum. Those learners who are leaving us at the end of the academic year in Lime and Holly will begin their respective assessments and coursework, where they will be following a brief to prepare and adapt their chosen recipes.





Our Values Stars of the Week

Respect
&
Resilience

Health
&
Happiness

Kindness
&
Independence

The value this term has been **resilience**, and we've seen some great examples of this quality in school this week.

Larch

Larch class as a group for developing their communication skills to work and play well together

Olive

Daylun for persevering with Christmas crafts

Elm

Noah for managing difficult circumstances and regulating himself well

Maple

Seth for sticking with his timetable

Lime

Luke for showing resilience and great self-regulation

Hazel

Toby L for his perseverance in challenging circumstances

Beech

Charlotte for coping well with staff changes this week

Holly

Jaylee for great attendance this term - over 98% - and being very resilient this week!

Ash

The whole of Ash class, for facing challenges with determination and supporting each other all term

Birch

Theo for hard work and a good attitude this week

Oak

Oscar for working hard to identify solutions

Juniper

Devon for settling in so well

Aspen

Amiee as even when things felt difficult she pushed herself and managed to go on Outdoor Ed



Merry Christmas!

from everyone at MCS

