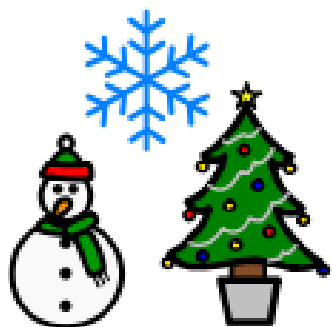


Reynalds Cross School newsletter

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December 2022 edition



Term and Holiday Dates 2022/2023

- Term ends Friday 16th December

Spring 2023:

- Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- **Training Day: Friday 17th February 2023**
- Half Term: Monday 20th-Friday 24th February 2023
- Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

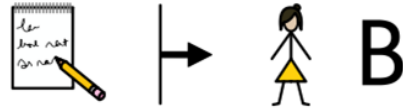
SUMMER 2023

- Term Starts Mon 17th April 2023
- MAY DAY: Monday 1st May
- Half Term: Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June 2023
- **TRAINING DAY: Monday 5th June 2023**
- Term Ends: Tuesday 25th July 2023

TRAINING DAYS (pupils not in school)



Message from Miss Brettell



Christmas Message

We are delighted to return to a more normal Christmas in school this year and what a busy festive period it has been. Pupils have enjoyed lots of activities such as productions on ice, theatre productions in school, visits to Solihull School and Hatton Adventure World to name just a few.

The nativity practices are underway and everyone has worked very hard within their classes. It is lovely to see all pupils participating in nativities and performances especially those that are new to the school in EYFS.

We have had some fabulous events, the firework disco and Children in Need fundraising events have been a huge success. Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day was enjoyed by all and last but not least our Santa drive through was a huge success and so lovely to see all the families that attended and the wonderful smiles!

Thank you for all your support and look out for more events in the New year.

This term has seen students from both Langley Secondary School and Solihull School volunteering with us on a weekly basis. Students have supported during lunchtime activities and with enrichment activities on Friday afternoons.

Work has been done by both Staff and pupils on our new school vision and values which will be completed, presented and celebrated in the New year with some wonderful opportunities.

This term we have welcomed Rebecca Ray our new Business Manager and also Samia who has joined our midday supervisory team. We will also be sadly saying goodbye to some colleagues. Firstly, Emma who has been working in Rockets class as a Personal Support Assistant and Jason who has been with us since 2014 as a member of the site team. We congratulate Jason on gaining his promotion and we wish him all the best for his future.

Finally, we have had so many successes this year and I am hoping that looking through this festive newsletter you will be able to share progress each of our pupils are making.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

- Dawn Brettell



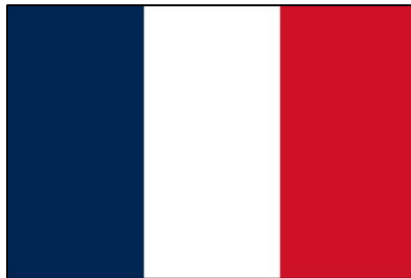
Shooting stars



Christmas

Shooting Stars have been busy preparing for Christmas. They have enjoyed stories including The nativity, Elf Chase, and Dear Santa. Lots of dressing up fun too. Art activities have been a popular activity throughout the term, and Christmas has been no exception 😊





During the second part of the Autumn term, Sunshines have been learning about the 2022 Men's World Cup. Each class has been given a different team to support. Sunshines' team was France. We have learnt about the France National anthem, decorated the French flag and tried French foods such as; croissants and chocolate chip brioche.



My



health

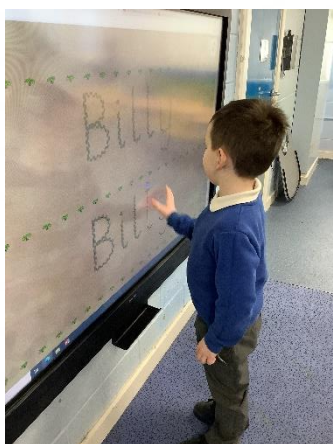


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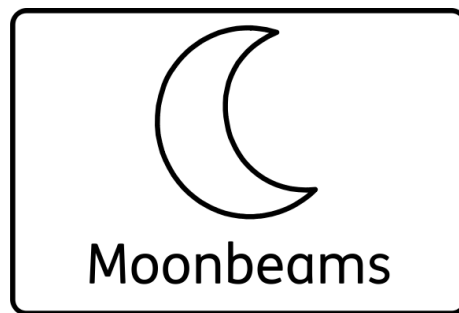
In My Health this half term, Planets class have explored 'movement to music'. Pupils have practiced climbing, rolling, balancing and throwing hoops in time to the music, listening carefully and changing apparatus stations once the music has stopped. Great work, Planets Class!





This half term, Rainbows have been looking at our mark making and writing during My Communication. Pupils have used materials such as foam, rice and water. This has been progressed to practicing writing our names on laminates and the interactive whiteboard. Fantastic writing, Rainbows!





- Moonbeams pupils have enjoyed Art activities and Tacpac sessions.
- We have also been taking part in activities with the Amber Trust Music Charity and Steve. During the last few weeks we have enjoyed Christmas songs and we have decorated our Christmas tree in class. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.





Rockets



Christmas



music



In December Rockets Class have enjoyed some wintry, Christmas themed music. We have played our instruments, with our pretend snow and snowballs. We love to dance and sing!

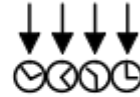




Comets



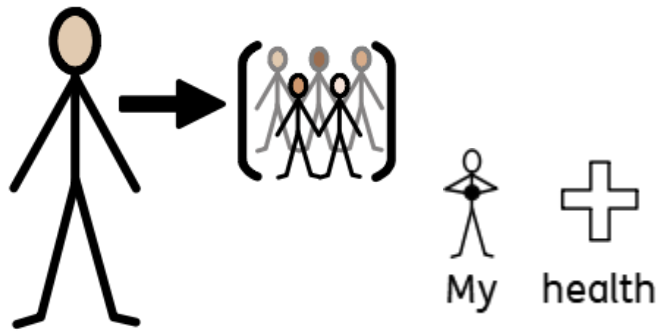
Classroom



routines

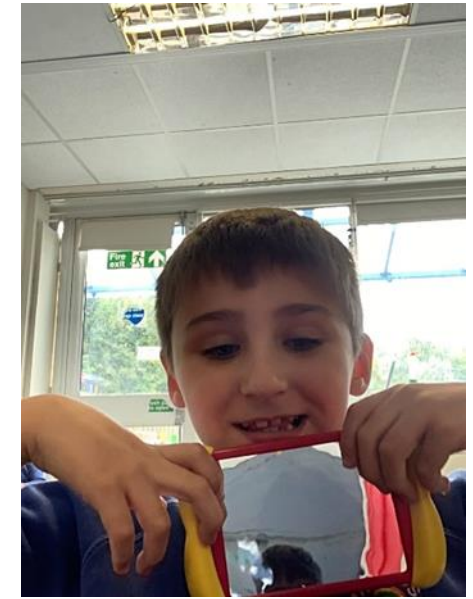
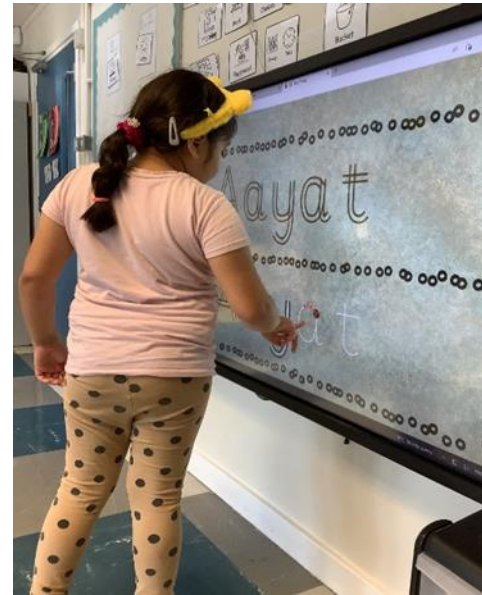
In the autumn term we introduced some new classroom routines. We were learning how to use our personal visual timetables. We also started brushing teeth daily after our morning snack session. At the end of the term we went on our first school trip this year. We visited the Winter Wonderland at the Satellite Centre.

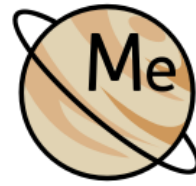




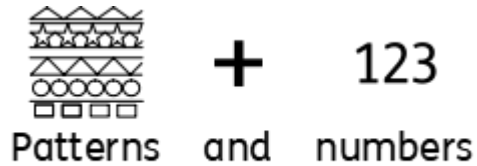
In My Health lessons this half term, *Galaxies'* pupils have explored what it means to belong. Pupils have worked on recognising photos of themselves and their peers and have been learning about being part of our school community as well as a part of their own families.

Pupils have produced some super work and are looking forward to sharing their own 'This is Me' book with you when they are sent home at the end of term.





Mercury



Mercury class have enjoyed this half term,
pupils were busy working on exploring
patterns and numbers.
We have seen some lovely communication and
independence from our pupils.

We hope they all enjoy Christmas break!



This half term Venus have been learning the rules to musical chairs, making requests to make a salad and practising self care and celebrating special events through shared attention.



Venus





Mars



Sensory

food



Mars class have had lots of fun in sensory food. We have made a range of sandwiches with different spreads, took part in tasting sessions and also made choices to vote for our favorite sandwich spread, from a choice of cheese spread, jam, marmalade, marmite and biscoff biscuit spread.

The class favorite was biscoff biscuit spread closely followed by marmite.

We have also enjoyed making Christmas themed sensory food. We made Santa pancakes, Grinch fruit sticks, Christmas tree cones, Rudolf kripsies and snowman pizza's.

The class will be sending parents a recipe book, so that you can enjoy our Christmas themed sensory food at home.





During this half term we have enjoyed filming our Christmas film in a variety of different locations, racing around Brueton Park, Langley Hall Park, the school swimming pool, Morrisons and Touchwood Shopping Centre.

At school we have been exploring patterns using a variety of materials including, wax rubbing, leaf knitting, vegetable printing and our favorite fireworks explosion (very messy)

All in Jupiter have worked hard – well done!

Wishing you all a Happy New Year! 😊



Saturn

















 Saturn class celebrated Children in Need in November by hosting a upper



 school bake off.









 Saturn, neptune, jupiter mercury and venus all decorated cakes or











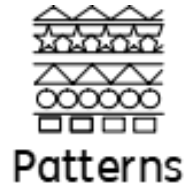
 biscuits then tasted all the delicious treats and marked them out of 5.





 Saturn class were the winners!





Patterns



Neptune



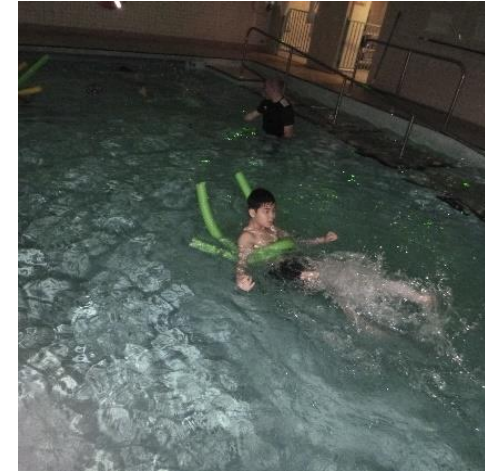
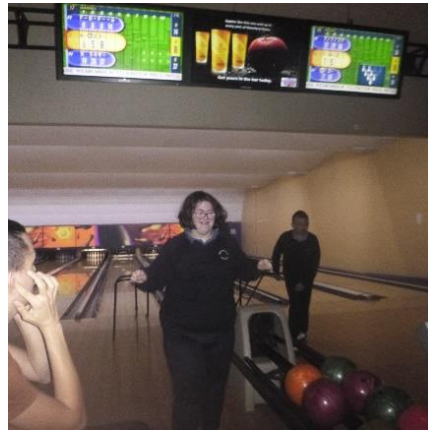
Neptune Class have enjoyed exploring different patterns. Pupils have tried to recreate artists who have used patterns in their art work. Neptune Class particularly enjoyed recreating Andy Goldsworthy leaf art pattern and playing with the colourful Autumn leaves.



During this half term we have been getting out and about as an ASDAN community participation module. The pupils really like going on the bus! If we can't get on the bus we experience life skills at school.



Adventurer





ASDAN



maths



Sorting

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and



Sequencing

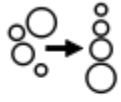


Voyager

Students have been sorting items into groups and sequencing colours, shapes and numbers to gain their ASDAN qualification in Early Maths- Sorting and Sequencing.



colour



sequencing

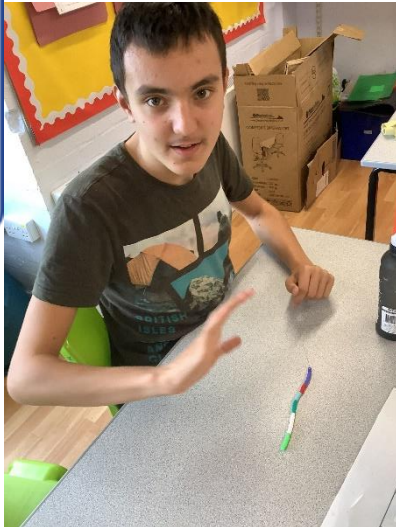


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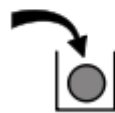
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socks



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sorting



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odd one out





Year 14 – 19 students



Working towards ASDAN qualifications

Students in 14 – 19 stage continue work towards ASDAN qualifications. Many activities within the school day support accreditation along with specifically planned lessons. We also regularly visit our local community to practice and gain a range of skills.

Trips to local shops, colleges or other community facilities give opportunity for students to demonstrate how they get on with others, such as unfamiliar staff they meet. Asdan unit 'Getting on with other people' is a citizenship qualification where skills such as listening, responding, following instructions and accepting help are practiced.



Students from Satellite centre classes visit QAC open day to explore what college has to offer, experiencing a brief taste of college life.



Good news to share – ASDAN organisation have just given us a positive Quality Assurance Review of how we deliver qualification opportunities to our students.



Work experience at Colebridge. Long and Noah follow assembling and Health and Safety instructions to find out about production line tasks.



Family support update

Toy Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated such wonderful quality toys, games, books and more to the toy sale. It was a shame that more parents weren't able to attend but from those that did, along with staff at school, we raised a whopping £254. We'll let you know what we do with the money once it has been decided.



Santa Drive Thru -

Saturday 10th December 2022



An amazing time was had by all at the drive thru event. Thank you to those who came along to see Santa and his helpers.





Children's Health and Mental Provision support

CHAMPS is now up and running, we have made a steady start at this busy time of year, and look forward to introducing more activities and themes in the New Year.

We have now introduced CHAMPS to our pupils. We had an assembly, where we asked the pupils of things that they like to do. We are now organising lunch time clubs, which will hopefully start soon after Christmas, and organising displays at both main site and the Satellite Centre/Early Years.

Our theme for this term was being brave, we have had some great examples of being brave which have featured in our "Being Brave" stories, these include becoming more confident in the swimming pool, using unfamiliar pieces of equipment, attending reviews, and talking about remembrance day.

Looking Ahead

It is Children's mental health week, W/C 06th February 2023, their theme next year will be, **Let's Connect**. We will be organising activities to do throughout the week. Our theme for next term will be:

"caring"

Attendance-

This half term our attendance figure is 85.7% As a school, improving attendance and punctuality is an area we would like to improve so your support with this is very much appreciated. We understand that over this festive period there has been lots of illness. Could we ask if your child is absent you contact the office by 8am or earlier – we would like this preferably via the Office Dojo, however if not telephone is okay. It really helps us anticipate our staffing needs and also helps rising costs down.

Stars of Fame



W/c 14/10-

• **Shooting Stars:**

Hunter-Great attitude to school and joining in lots of activities

Louis-Great attitude to school and joining in lots of activities

- **Adventurer-** Genevieve for excellent swimming
- **Neptune-** Joshua for showing staff how to use the toaster correctly
- **Moonbeams-** Amelia for engaging in all lessons with a smile and enthusiasm
- **Planets-** Saurjyesh for great swimming this week, good listening when it was time to leave the swimming pool and go back to Planets Class. Saurjyesh has also worked hard in communication this week.
- **Sunshines-** Maxwell for fantastic engagement on the playground, peddling the tricycles and exploring playground toys.
- **Galaxies-** Ezmai for independently requesting to go the toilet. Well done Ezmai!
- **Rainbows-** Max for his fantastic singing during morning songs.
- **Jupiter-** Harry for another wonderful week. Independent walking in the park and making clear choices and showing preferences.
- **Mars-** Sienna for accepting new support staff
- **Rockets-** Lucio for verbalising new words
- **Voyager-** Robbie for trying new things, coping well with changes and making good choices.

W/c 04/11-

• **Shooting Stars:**

Aisha- Being open to new experiences including mealtimes and class activities.

Keira- Great attitude to learning, including PE and class sessions.

Ethan- Great phonics work.

- **Adventurer-** Sufyaan for excellent yoga and Noah for joining in
- **Neptune-** Josh B for excellent listening and behavior while out on the bus.
- **Sunshines-** Harrison for signing, speaking, joining in with action rhymes and fantastic engagement in music.
- **Galaxies-** Ruby for a super return to school and for coping so well with her poorly knee. Well done, Ruby!
- **Venus-** Tia for excellent swimming and a lovely positive attitude
- **Rainbows-** Peyton for her amazing work during our feelings and emotions sessions.
- **Jupiter-** Ryde for brilliant communication, saying hello with his switch.
- **Mars-** Abhijan for doing fantastic maths work with number recognition and number quantity.
- **Voyager-** Narayan for super maths work, sorting and sequencing beads by colour to make a bracelet.
- **Saturn-** Alfie for being a maths superstar, rote counting to 200 and saying one more and one less.

Stars of Fame

W/c 11/11-

- **Shooting Stars:**

Marlee- Great maths work matching numerals to quantities

Mollie- Super signing, and exploring her own voice

Jasmine- using a Communication Board to comment on a story

Ethan B and Matilda- New Experience- Attending the disco at main school

- **Adventurer-** Lauren for communicating her emotions and feelings.
- **Neptune-** Ben for excellent singing and signing for our performance song
- **Planets-** Frazer for fantastic swimming this week by kicking his legs in the pool and attempting to have a turn in the boat and also for great communication in PECS sessions.
- **Galaxies-** Ted for his super attitude towards learning this week. Well done, Ted!
- **Rainbows-** Billy for his fantastic swimming, plus his talking during group time.
- **Mars-** Hasnain this week has showed fantastic engagement in a range of different lessons and has been trying really hard with his learning. This has been particularly noticeable in maths shared attention and sensory food.
- **Venus-** Ujan for engaging in all lesson throughout the week
- **Saturn-** Lacey for fantastic work in English. She was able to create 6 colorful semantics sentences about her Autumn story.



W/c 18/11-

- **Shooting Stars-**

Olly- Completing work tasks in maths and art

Enayah- Using different symbols to communicate

Layla- Handling different materials in art

Miles- Great work in art

- **Sunshine's-** Zachary for eating fruit in his lunchbox and trying new foods – well done Zach!
- **Adventurer-** Munjeevan for eating independently.
- **Voyager-** James for being fantastic in the community this week
- **Neptune-** Milad for being brave with his new walker and being kind to his friends this week.
- **Planets-** Ibrahim for good work in writing, tracing shapes, letters and lines, as well as ordering every letter in the alphabet.
- **Rockets-** Zain for a great week in school and fantastic communication at dinner time.
- **Galaxies-** Iza for her super verbal communication and using the word 'more' to communicate her wants. Well done, Iza!
- **Rainbows-** Chloe for her fantastic talking this week.
- **Mars-** Sienna for fantastic engagement in her learning especially in phonics and shared attention also trying really hard with her communication skills using her p2go.
- **Saturn-** Maryam for being a fantastic friend, sharing the iPad with her friends.
- **Jupiter-** Oliver (Bro) for following personal care routines and completing jobs all week.

Stars of Fame



W/c 25/11-

• **Shooting stars-**

Ethan B for using some different words in class including 'hello', 'yellow' and 'let go'.

Robyn for joining in with an action song by reaching to wiggle her ears at the appropriate time.

Lyla for joining in with action songs by tapping her knees and moving her feet.

- **Venus-** Jacob for excellent behavior, joining in and completing super maths work!
- **Adventurer-** Joe for communication and shopping.
- **Rockets-** Shijie for having a great week in school and managing distractions and frustrations really well.
- **Neptune-** Milad for being really sensible using the pedestrian crossing on the community visit to Shirley.
- **Jupiter-** Darragh for wonderful interaction with his peers.
- **Voyager-** Katie for lots of lovely talking this week.
- **Sunshine-** Daniyal for fantastic focus and concentration with his tracing and freehand writing.
- **Moonbeams-** Ibrahim for tolerating his stander after not using it for a while. Well done Ibrahim.

W/c 02/12-

• **Shooting Stars:**

Matilda- maths working naming shapes

Hunter- Following lots of routines independently

Ethan R- Matching colors to make a color pattern

- **Adventurer:** Long for trying really hard in physio
- **Voyager:** Hannah for great art work
- **Venus:** Ibrahim for a consistently good week with great behavior
- **Planets:** Zac for eating all of his dinner at lunchtime every day, and for fantastic communication using his new PECS book.
- **Jupiter:** Whole Class- for coping well with changes to routine on Wednesday.

Well done all ☆

- **Rainbows:** Mason for being fantastic at coping with the different changes we have had this week and doing really well with his work also.
- **Mars:** Mahira for great engagement
- **Galaxies:** Matthew for his super engagement and work during our My Health lessons.

Well done Matthew!

- **Rockets:** Lola for a great week, lots of hard work and a fantastic swimming session.
- **Sunshines:** Max for coming back to school really well after being poorly and also eating all of his hot dinner for the first time!
- **Moonbeams:** Aryan for being engaged in all music activities this week.

Stars of Fame



W/c 09/12-

- **Neptune-** Bobbie for working hard with his new physio exercises.
- **Adventurer-** Noah for really enjoying his class trip.
- **Jupiter-** Oliver Bradley for fantastic walking and swimming for his physio. Well done, Oliver!
- **Venus-** Tia for completing work really well and being such a lovely friend.
- **Rockets-** Alfie for excellent fine motor skills and writing his name!
- **Mars-** Yusuf for showing some brilliant listening skills, using these to make good safe choices in class and in the community.
- **Rainbows-** Max has been working hard on using his voice and trying to talk more. He has also been completing his work at the first time of asking!

W/c 12/12-

- **Neptune-**
Class are all stars, fantastic behavior on our Christmas trip and being fabulous ambassadors for our school.
- **Adventurer-**
Arthur, Sarah, Noah J, Narayan, Riordan, Sarah, Sufyaan for excellent bowling.
Also Noah E for joining in with activities and doing new things this week.
- **Mercury-**
Nicole for being happy and lots of interaction.
Albert for having a great attitude at school.
- **Voyager-**
Riordan for managing so well with routine changes in the last few weeks.