



Newsletter: Issue 2 October 2020

Headteachers Welcome:

Welcome to our celebratory newsletter for Term 1. It has been such a joy having students back in the building; they have now settled and are engaging with their learning. I am very proud of the students and staff for their preparedness in engaging and delivering the Recovery Curriculum. I also would like to thank parents for bearing with us whilst we made the transition from an emotional and wellbeing recovery focus to academic with pastoral support. Without your encouragement and support it would have been an even greater momentum task! I am very excited to share the full details of the new curriculum – details are now available on the website under Info – Curriculum. This has been devised by our fantastic staff team, and using the valuable input from parents and students themselves. Please contact us if you like more clarity in any area.

The building and grounds themselves look so clean and tidy. Students have started taking ownership of their environment, being proud to be here. Please enjoy the rest of the Newsletter and take pride in the accomplishments that our young learners have made.

Other Notices

There will be no Friday lunches for the foreseeable future. Life skills cooking lessons will continue as normal as seen on your child's timetable. The cost for your child to bring home what they have made will cost £2.50 per session to cover the cost of the ingredients. Please send the cash in weekly or half termly, if for any reason your child isn't in school the money paid will roll over to the next week. If you choose for your child not to take home what they have made no money will need to be paid, they will just make enough for them to sample the food in the lesson to complete an evaluation.

Please let Viv know your preferences for payment by Wednesday 4th November, the recipes to be cooked for term 2 are as follows:

- **Week 1 - Chocolate covered shortbread,**
- **Week 2 - chocolate fudge cupcakes,**
- **Week 3 - Flatbreads/houmous,**
- **Week 4 - Sausage ragu,**
- **Week 5 - Burgers & wedges,**
- **Week 6 - Christmas gingerbread biscuits**
- **Week 7 - Sausage rolls**

Even though things are quite difficult during Covid times and we are unable to do the norm, we would ask for students to wear something colourful or spotty, donations of £2 per person would be gratefully received. We will also be holding the "Great duck race" on the Friday, a prize will be given to the winner, entries will cost £1 per duck.

Thank you in advance for all your support as always.



Highlights Reel



This term students have been involved in our recovery curriculum. They have transformed Blue Skies School garden. It looks amazing. The garden now contains a lovely fish pond, bug hotel, wind chimes, plant pots. The students learnt valuable life skills such as weeding, planting, painting, weaving. They especially enjoyed pumpkin carving, nature weaving, making lava lamps and wind chimes. We are all very proud of all their hard work and efforts. Well done.



Safeguarding:

Covid Secure

We have been following national and local guidance to ensure that Blue Skies is as Covid safe as possible.

To reassure our community we have implemented:

Full risk assessments, Social distancing measures, Space marking upon building entry,

No external visitors (emergency only), Individual hand gels, Regular hand washing,

Limited numbers within classes, Held remote annual reviews/meetings,

Utilised the outside areas as learning spaces, Implemented a recovery curriculum

to limit exposure and allow students to build trust in our procedures and increase concentration levels,

Optional face coverings for students and staff, Embedded a remote learning platform in

case of extended lockdown or multiple school staff needing to self-isolate (resulting in unsafe supervision levels).

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Graham Richards – Headteacher – Lead DSL

Sam Gracey – Senior Teacher – Deputy DSL

Jo Higgins – Proprietor – Overseeing Safeguarding

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Diary Dates:

Founders Day - 5th November 2020
(No school - celebrate Fran's Birthday)

SDD - 6th November

Charity Fundraising

Children In Need /Duck Race - 13th November 2020

Birthday Wishes:

2nd November - Alfie

12th November - Louis & Leon

19th November - Vivienne

30th November - Charlie

6th December - James

25th December - Lewis L.