

SEPTEMBER

NEWSLETTER

What a great start to the year!

What a fantastic start to the new school year! It's hard to believe we are already well into our first term.

We have welcomed lots of new students to our school community, and it has been lovely to see everyone settling in so well, making new friendships and getting stuck into school life.

There has already been plenty going on across the school, with lots of great learning, activities and achievements to celebrate and this is only the beginning! We are so proud of how everyone has started the year and are excited to see what the rest of the term brings. Here's a little look at what we've been up to so far.

Important Dates:

- *Wear it Yellow for Young Minds- Friday 9th October*
- *21st October Tickled Pink Breast cancer awareness.*
- *21st October Break up at 14:45*
- *Friday 13th November- Children in Need*

PE

Groups A, E and D have been getting active and enjoying some football during their PE sessions. Of course, things got a little competitive when it was time for Students vs Teachers! The students absolutely smashed it, showing some fantastic teamwork, communication and football skills – while the teachers did their best to keep up! A brilliant way to get everyone moving, working together and, most importantly, having fun!



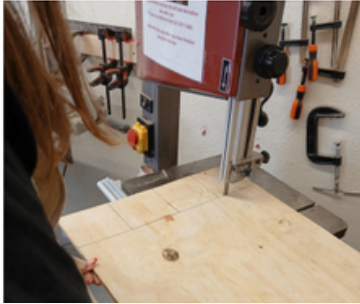


Our students have also been learning some incredibly valuable life skills during PSHE. Students had the opportunity to learn and practise CPR using a training mannequin, as well as developing their first aid skills by practising bandaging and responding to a variety of first aid scenarios. These practical sessions help students build confidence and develop skills that could make a real difference in an emergency. They also encourage responsibility, problem-solving and the confidence to know what to do when someone may need help. A fantastic set of skills that our students can take with them beyond the classroom!

Hair and Beauty

Our Hair and Beauty students have got straight back to it this term, continuing to work towards their qualification and developing their practical skills. Just look at how well they have progressed! Students put their creativity and skills into practice by designing and creating these beautiful nails for another student. It's fantastic to see their confidence, attention to detail and creativity continuing to grow. Keep up the amazing work!





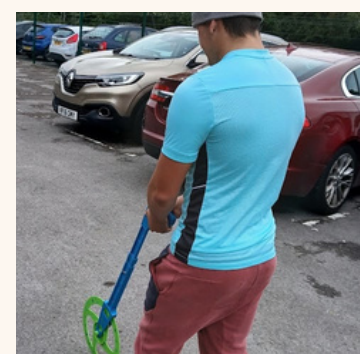
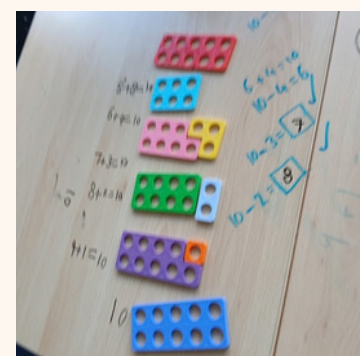
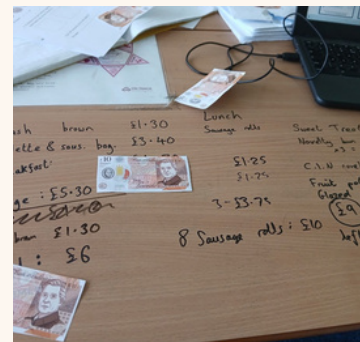
Our students have been getting creative during their Practical sessions! Before getting started, students must complete their Health and Safety training, learning how to use equipment such as the band saw safely and confidently. They also learn the importance of wearing the correct PPE and following safe working practices at all times.

Once the health and safety work was complete, it was time to get creative! Students have been putting their new skills into practice, making some fantastic creations including cats, coasters and gnomes.

Maths

Our students have been getting creative during their Practical sessions! Our students have been getting hands-on with their Maths learning, using a variety of resources and practical activities to bring their lessons to life!

Students have been putting their measuring skills to the test by heading outside to measure the school grounds, as well as developing important everyday money skills. They have been working out how much money they would need to buy different items and calculating the correct change. Using Maths in real-life situations helps students understand how the skills they learn in the classroom can be used every day, while building their confidence and independence along the way!





Jeans for Genes



This month, we celebrated Jeans for Genes Day, helping to raise awareness of the challenges faced by people living with genetic conditions. As part of the day, our students created kindness chains, writing positive and thoughtful messages to help spread a little kindness throughout the school.

It was a lovely opportunity to encourage students to think about kindness, inclusion and supporting others, while learning more about why Jeans for Genes Day is so important.

A simple activity with a really positive message that kindness can go a long way!

Our World, Our Future

Sometimes, the best way to learn is through experience!

As part of their BTEC Our World, Our Future qualification, some of our students experienced what it might feel like for a turtle to become tangled and trapped in discarded fishing nets in the ocean.

This hands-on activity helped students to think about the impact humans can have on wildlife and our oceans, while giving them a different perspective on how marine animals may be affected.

Activities like this are a great way to bring learning to life, encouraging our students to think about the environment, sustainability and the part we can all play in protecting our planet.





Our Outdoor Education students have been busy getting out, exploring and making the most of the local area!

Students have spent time at Dilton Community Garden and have enjoyed exploring a variety of local places, including Cley Hill, Shearwater and the White Horse. These experiences are a great opportunity to get outdoors, discover new places and build confidence outside of the classroom.

Back at school, students have also been getting stuck into creating a composting system for the school garden, learning about sustainability, reducing waste and how compost can help our garden grow.

Lots of fantastic hands-on learning whatever the weather!

