



Spring 2022 February

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing this on a blustery evening in February with the news that the UK is about to be devastated by Storm Eunice. I am hopeful that it passes us by, mainly because I'm not sure our little school can take much more of a battering! This term Covid, heating, transport, trees and generators have all done their best to bring us down, but I am delighted to say we are still standing... just!

I attended a meeting earlier this week that covered attendance and learnt that this term, Birmingham schools were more adversely affected by Covid than the rest of the UK. I am sure that you and your children/young people have all felt that, with continuous requests to complete Lateral Flows, isolate and regular classroom closures. As this half term draws to an end, we seem to have stabilised our infection rates with only one class closure this week. Advice from Public Health is that this trend will continue into the spring.

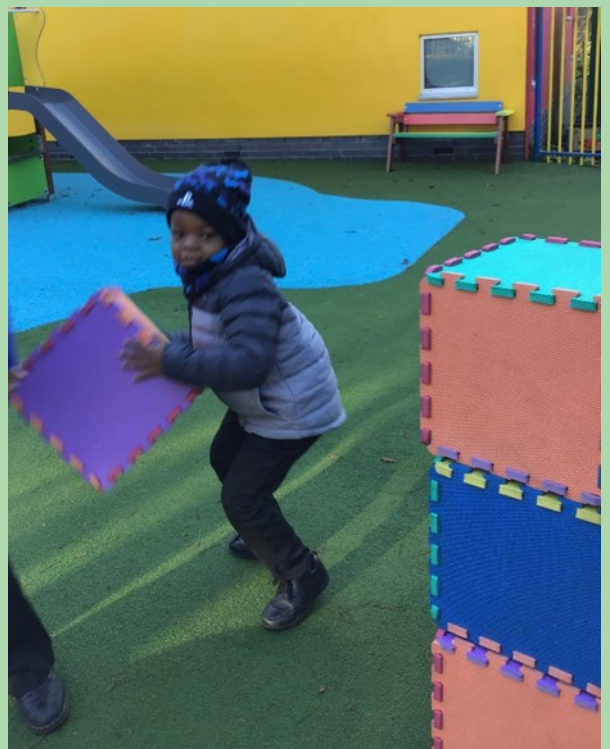
Despite that good news, this week has brought about additional challenges with a significant fuel leak on the Woodlands site. Monday morning brought the news that 1500 litres of red diesel had leaked from our emergency generator. I can't tell you how devastated we were to see the pollution run across the car park and into the Forest School and Pond. Gaynor and Amy (our Forest School Leaders) were faced with a bleak recovery and rebuild. As the week has gone on, we have learnt more about the impact and the plan for recovery, assisted by our partners at Birmingham City Council and Environmental Services. I am pleased to say that all is not lost at Forest School and I'm hopeful that we will see the pond filled with wildlife soon. Thankfully our resident badgers were unharmed. We will be bringing videos and photos of their wanderings over the next term as our newly installed night time videos show us all their spring activities, well... maybe not all of their activities.

As you all go into a windy few days this half term, I hope that the weather is dry enough that you all manage to get out and about to catch sight of the snowdrops in bloom and possibly some early crocuses. Regardless of the challenges that buildings, viruses and even diesel bring, it is glorious to be see the new life springing up around us. It fills me with hope for what, with a little hope and a lot of hard work, we can achieve over the rest of this year.

Have a calm and thoughtful break.

Charlotte

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Charlotte.



In Foundation we have had fun building a tower and knocking it down!

In Foundation we have been exploring the great outdoors. We love being in Forest School and using our senses to discover and play.

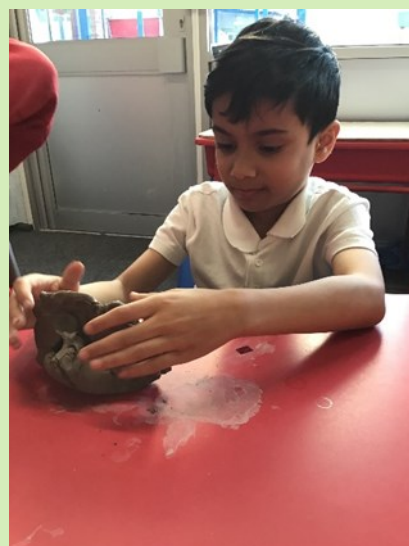


In Squirrel class we have been visiting Little Forest School to explore and collect lots of different natural objects and materials. We used the materials to make patterns in clay. We made the clay patterns into moulds and cast them with plaster of Paris to make tiles we can touch and feel.





In Bunnies class we have enjoyed using clay this term. We are really calm when working with clay as we concentrate on using our skills to make different



In Owls we love exploring the great outdoors



Woodpeckers
have created
stepping stones
for our garden
area.



In Class Darby, we love doing Yoga and exploring the sensory room to keep us calm. Our creative topic this term is *Under The Sea*. It has been very relaxing for us to watch videos of sea creatures and then create artwork using different techniques including painting, printing and texture rubbing.





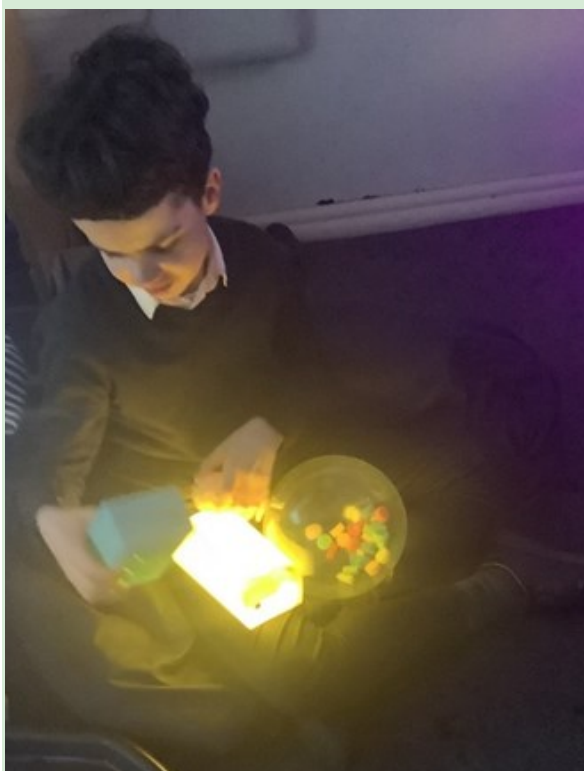
In class Osbourne we are taking turns in Leisure, playing games and having sensory engagement sessions.



Calm



KS3 Knight really enjoy our calming sensory session on a Friday afternoon, winding down from a week of fabulous work.



This term KS3 Harewood have been practicing mindfulness and activities to help keep them calm. We have been practicing regular meditation and visualisation to help us clear our minds. We also been sat enjoying nature in forest school as part of this terms theme.



KS3WT Zephaniah

Students have been learning climbing skills and developing their confidence and resilience.



The moment before attempting something new

A new horizon comes into view.

The heavy mix of anxiety and fear

The feeling that everything is unclear.

Move past the signs of falling strength

A push of the foot of the vertical length.

One step closer to the end

"You can do it!" Cheer your friends!

A joyful high five with tired arms

A laugh and smile; a happy calm.

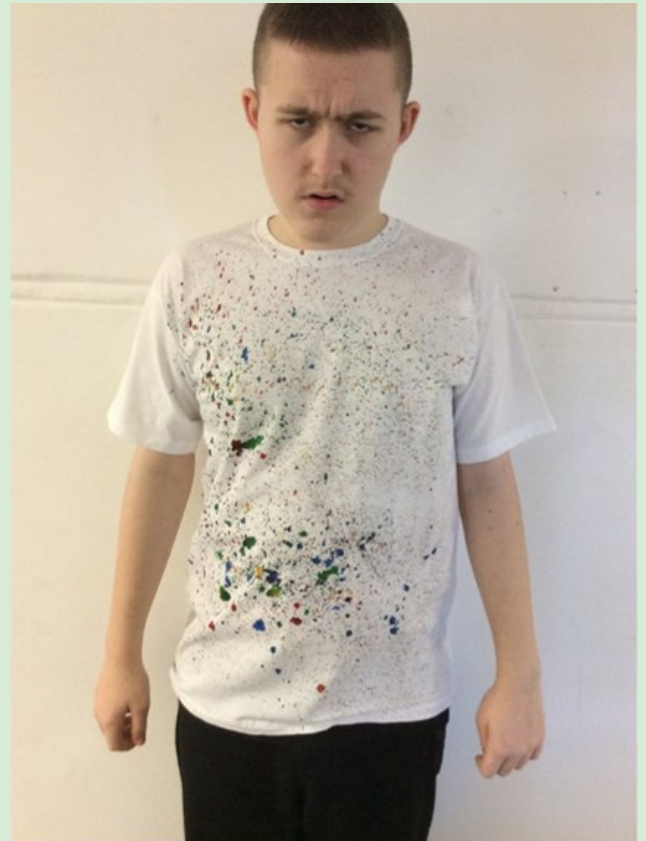
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Class Priestly have found baking bread and making sandwiches to be very relaxing!



KS4 Cadbury designed their own graffiti-themed t-shirts – a very calming activity!



On the 19th January we took 6 students from Mrs Stephenson's class to Acocks Green Bowl to take part in the Panathlon 10 Pin Bowling Competition. There were 5 other schools in attendance:

King Edward VI Sheldon Heath (KESH) Academy

Holy Trinity Catholic School

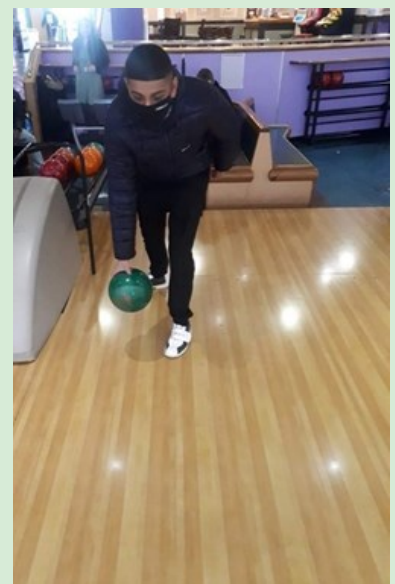
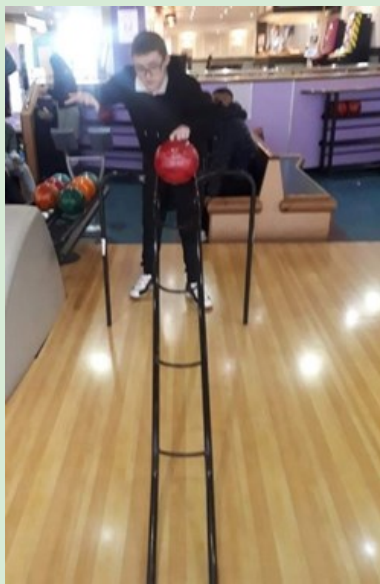
Core City Academy

Broadway Academy

Calthorpe Academy

We encouraged our students to stay *calm* and bowl freely. That is exactly what they did, and they won the competition! We were all very proud of them.

Mr Jones (PE Co-ordinator)

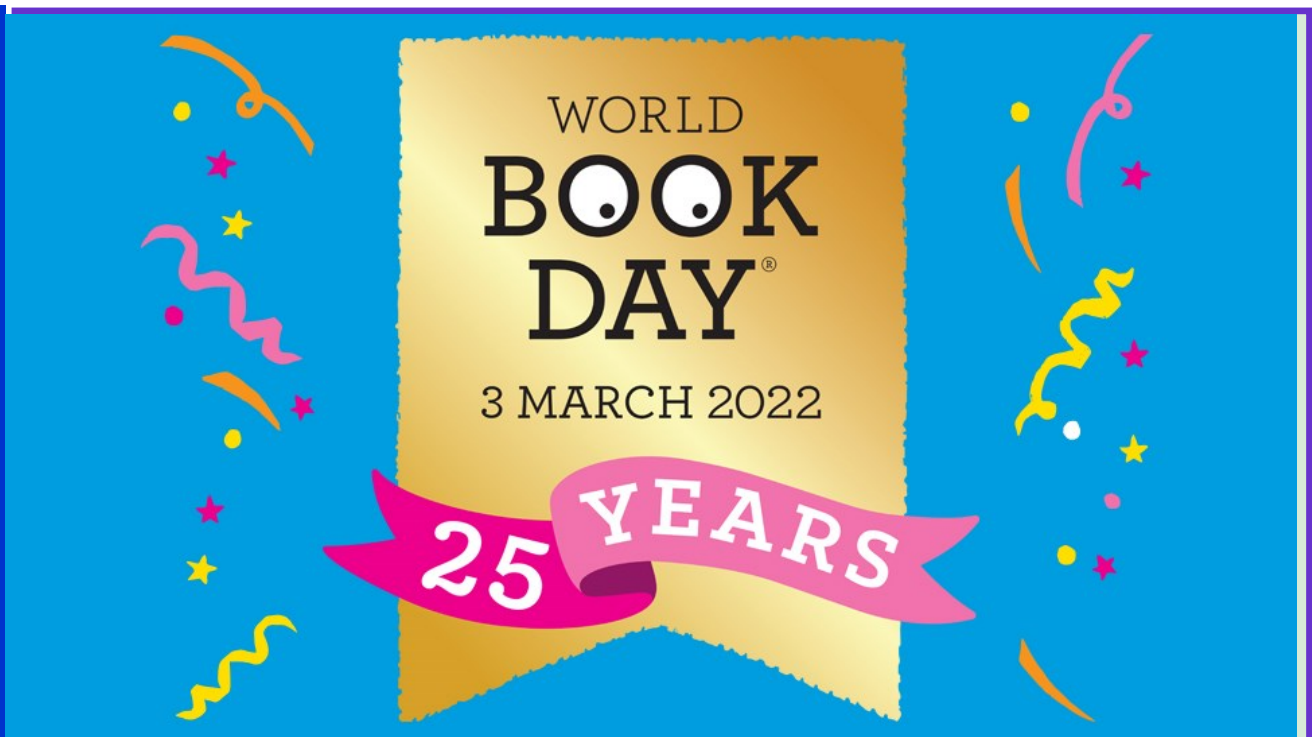




KS4E have been busy learning how to make different meals, we have prepared the ingredients and served our friends. We have also really enjoyed accessing community venues. These have included different cafes, the library and bowling.

KS5M have been making papier-maché bowls for their Enterprise project. Our students found this therapeutic and relaxing!

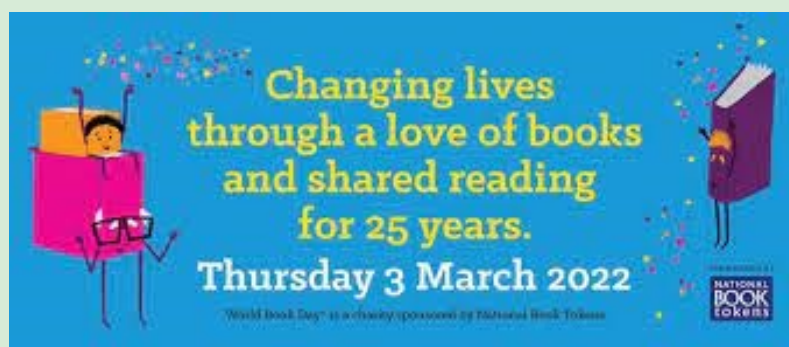




This year's World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. To celebrate, classes will be participating in activities based around their favourite stories.

We would like to invite pupils to dress up as a book character if they wish. Alternatively, pupils may choose to wear their school uniform with an accessory related to a story i.e. character jumper or hat. Participation to dress up is optional. There are lots of ideas on the World Book Day website.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/> If pupils wish they can also bring one of their favourite stories from home to share with their class. It will be a day to immerse pupils in the joy of stories.



Home to School Transport

Applications

Please note that Uffculme School does not manage the Home to School Transport agreements. This is done by the Local Authority. It may be that your request for Transport may not be approved by the Local Authority. If this is the case, you will need to raise your concerns to them through appeal.

Home to School Transport applications are now completed online:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/xfp/form/902> (link on school website)

Queries, Issues or Complaints

If you have any queries with regard to your child's transport these should be directed to Travel Assist using either of the following contact methods:

Tel: 0121 303 4955, Option 3 then Option 2

Email: travelassist@birmingham.gov.uk

If a bus is late to pick up or drop off your child please contact your transport contractor:

Primary Routes UFP01 - UFP08, All Secondary and Post-16 Routes UFC01, UFC03 & UFC04:
Contact National Express Accessible Transport (NEAT) on 0333 241 2745.

Primary Routes UFP09 - UFP13:

Contract Green Destinations on 0121 553 3369, 07737 024 090 or by WhatsApp on 07534 927837.

Primary Routes UFP04 & UFP05 will be run by Green Destinations on a temporary basis from 16.11.2021.

Post-16 Route UFP02 will be run by Green Destinations on a temporary basis from 22.11.2021.

Please note that if the school is made aware of any delays to transport a text message will be sent to parents/carers.

Transport Updates

Updates from Birmingham City Council regarding transport can be found here: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/home-to-school-transport/home-to-school-transport-news/> (link on school website).

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School Meals

When your child first starts at Uffculme School, we ask what their meal booking pattern will be. Over time, your child's requirements may change. If you would like to change your child's meal booking pattern please email enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk and include the following information:

- Your child's name
- The new meal booking pattern for each day
- The date you would like this to start from (please allow 24 hours' notice for any changes)

All payments for school meals must be made on ParentPay **in advance**. If you require any support with ParentPay or require your activation details, please contact the school office.

If your child may be eligible for free school meals you can complete an online check: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham> (link on school website). You will receive an instant decision and the school will also be notified of the outcome by email. You only need to apply once, if your eligibility changes since the initial application school will be notified automatically.

Children in reception class that are of compulsory school age, until the end of year 2 are currently entitled to universal free school meals. When your child moves into year 3 you will be charged for school meals unless your child is eligible for free school meals or you make any changes to your child's meal booking pattern before then.

If you have any queries regarding school meals, please contact the school office.

Term Dates

Inset Days

17th December 2021 - School closed to pupils

24th June 2022 - School closed to pupils

27th June 2022 - School closed to pupils

Spring Term 2022

Spring 1: Starts Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring 1: Ends Friday 18th February 2022

Half Term: Monday 21st February 2022 – Friday 25th February 2022

Spring 2: Starts Monday 28th February 2022

Spring 2: Ends Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Summer 1: Starts Monday 25th April 2022

Summer 1: Ends Friday 27th May 2022

Half Term: Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Summer 2: Starts Monday 6th June 2022

INSET Day: Friday 24th & Monday 27th June 2022 (**School will be closed for all pupils**)

Bank Holiday: Friday 22nd July (Bank Holiday in lieu of the 3rd June for the Queens Diamond Jubilee) - (**School will be closed**)

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

You will no doubt have heard the announcement made confirming that an additional bank holiday has been agreed on Friday 3rd June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Birmingham schools will already be on their summer half-term holiday on this day. The additional one day holiday will therefore be taken on Friday 22nd July 2022, meaning that the Summer Term 2022 will now end on Thursday 21st July 2022.

School Contact Details

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Be Empowered...



Be Empowered Workshop – Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

We warmly invite you to join in a series of Evening in-person workshops that have been written and led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, following diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

MARCH – APRIL 2022 – On a WEDNESDAY, 6pm – 9pm

Starting Wed 2nd Mar 2022, then continuing Wed 9th Nov, Wed 16th, Wed 23rd, Wed 30th Mar and finishing Wednesday 6th Apr 2022.

Please note there is no charge for these workshops.

Venue:

1st Flr Training Rm, Old Hall, Moseley Hall Hospital, Alcester Road, Birmingham B13 8JL

If you would like a booking form please email
enquiry@uffculme.bham.sch.uk

Forms must be returned to BeEmpowered@Birmingham.gov.uk by Wednesday 16th February 2022

JOIN US!



MONDAY 6-6.45PM

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AUTISM FRIENDLY FAMILY BOXERCISE

POP UP SESSIONS
SAT 19TH FEB

- ✓ Build strength and confidence
- ✓ Inclusive and fun activities age 6+
- ✓ One adult must partake per family
- ✓ £15 per family

Selly Oak Methodist Church
Langleys Rd, Selly Oak, Birmingham
B29 6HT

1:30-2.15pm, 2:30-3.15pm

LIMITED SPACES, BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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