



Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a bumper edition of our Festive Newsletter, it is literally jam-packed with success and achievement which is well worth celebrating. They say that the camera never lies and we can see the photographic evidence of fun and excitement in learning on every page. I am delighted to read the letters to siblings from Bevan class and the accomplished art work from the BTEC Art and Design group to pick out a couple of examples of high quality work.

It has been a very busy week here at Cambridge with a delicious Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and a talent-filled Variety Show which raised the roof of the Hall! The children are going into the Christmas break on a high after a very long and fulfilling term.

Behaviour and progress this term have been major strengths and I am super proud to announce that there have been zero fixed term exclusions, the first time I have been able to write that since I became Head Teacher here in April 2015. The only negative I have is that our attendance figure is still too low and we are going on a massive attendance drive in 2024 as we look to smash the 90% ceiling week in, week out. This is what will really accelerate attainment and achievement levels.

I wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Alan Campbell, Head Teacher



**School returns
Tuesday 9th
January 2024**



**Transport
for London**

Children aged 11-15 can get free and discounted travel on all tfl transport services with a Zip Oyster photocard:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/11-15-zip-oyster-photocard?intcmp=55575>

Franklin Class

This term Franklin class have had a wonderful opportunity to experience college life at West London College in Hammersmith. Every Wednesday our young people have spent the day tasting life in Post 16 education.



Franklin students have been doing employability taster sessions, learning about: skills, qualities, the national minimum wage, hourly, daily, monthly and yearly wages. However, what Franklin students really enjoyed were the sports pitch and the fantastic canteen where students brought their own food and drinks, sitting and eating like the young adults they are truly becoming. It was also great to see some of our alumni from the last 2 years including Ellie, Hassan, Rayhan and Daniel amongst others, all doing well and enjoying college life.



Cambridge School Ambassadors

Cambridge School have partnered up with Clarion Futures to create a community ambassador group that'll tackle youth social action and empower youth voice. It is a multi-step project, led and carried out by our students in order to address issues and concerns in their community and in school.

This is a youth led programme and they aim to have a positive impact in school and in our community. Their focus will be on intergenerational social action. Our school ambassadors will help to break down the negative perceptions the older generation have on young people.

Our Ambassadors welcomed the local MP, Mr Andy Slaughter, to the school during UK Parliament Week. He left us great feedback with words like, "I gained a lot of insight from classes", "The students were empowering" "The students had amazing questions, this is why I love my job". It's fair to say he's impressed with the vision the school has and excited to work with our new ambassador group.



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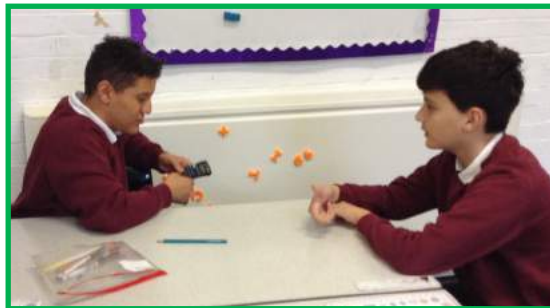
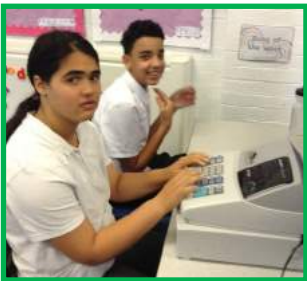


Einstein Class

Einstein welcomed three new students this year, they have been welcomed with open arms and have made great additions to the classroom. Together we have explored many topics and themes, we have written funny stories, played mathematical games, solved problems, and became independent in most classroom routines. We wanted to share some of our highlights this term with you.

Shop Roleplay

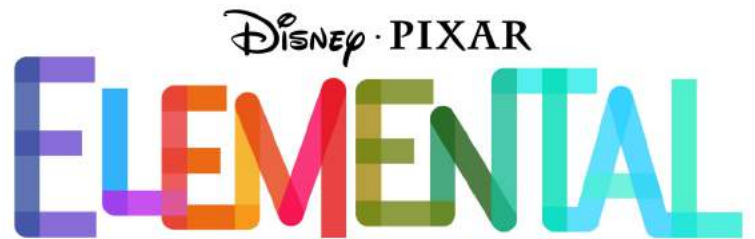
Einstein has explored writing shopping list, finding items in a store, asking questions, and managing money through Roleplaying Shopping. We have opened the "Einstein Shop" and we have worked in pairs using money and a register.



Rainbow



Even though the weather has caused us to have some “wet breaks” there has also been some positives with the rain. Here is us enjoying a beautiful rainbow, which opened up conversations about what makes a rainbow and the colours of a rainbow.



Cinema

Einstein class went to Vue Cinema in Westfield to watch Elemental. The students got to practice road safety, shopping and money managing skills while buying snacks, and social interactions with peers. Einstein was well behaved, polite and a great in public and they are always a joy to bring out on trips.



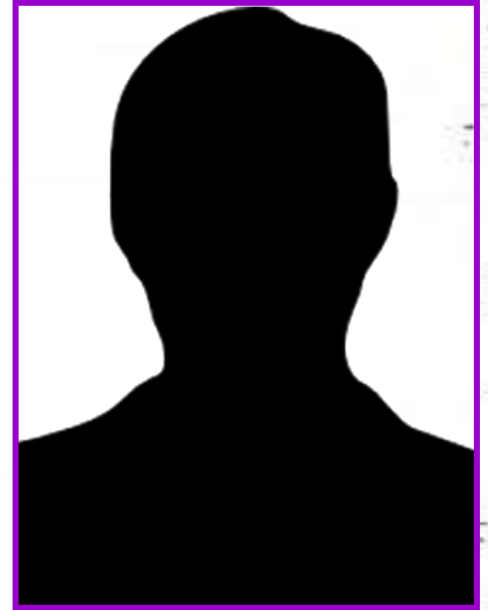
Jack Petchey Achievement Award



Bhavleer Singh



Congratulations to Bhavleer and Shane for winning the Jack Petchey Achievement Award this term.

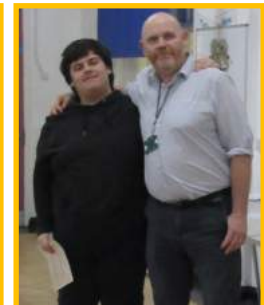


Shane Branney



Achievers Assembly

On 15th December we welcomed back some of our July 2023 Leavers to collect their assessment certificates. It was great to catch up with them and their parents, and to hear how well they are doing at college.



Charitable Events

So far this year we have raised £57 for Jeans For Genes day, £120 for Macmillan and £111 for Children In Need.



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Angelou Class

Life skills

In Angelou class, we have been learning about "The Entertainment Industry" where we have been looking at different jobs and roles within the industry. We made our own cinema set up in the classroom, where the students were able to buy cinema tickets and also the food and drinks within the cinema setting. This helps with the students' communication skills and also maths skills as they all had a certain amount of money to spend at the cinema and they also need to check that they had the correct change as well.



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Cooking

We all have been working on the different skills within a cooking lesson, which are cutting skills, reading a recipe and taking turns with giving the instructions.



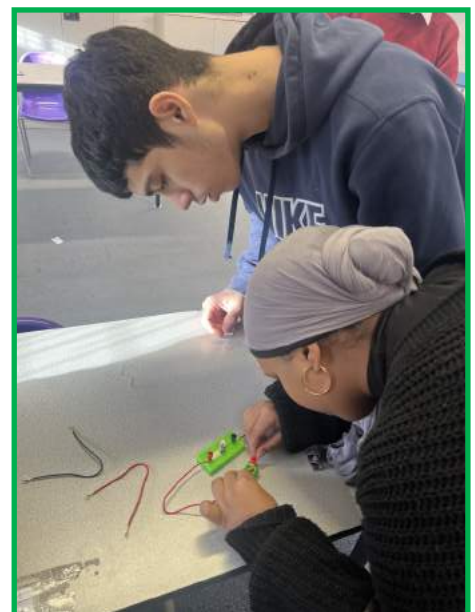
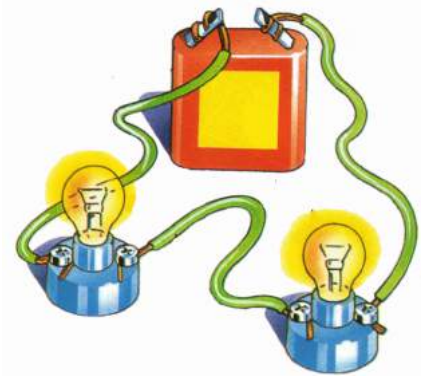
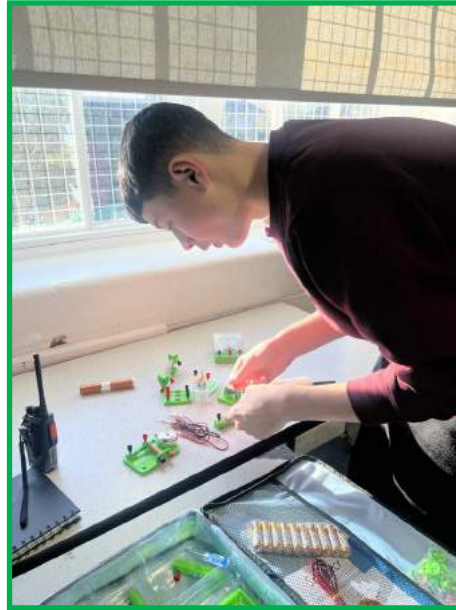
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We all have been working on different fine and gross motor skills such as hand eye co-ordination, team sports and activities to help with social skills.

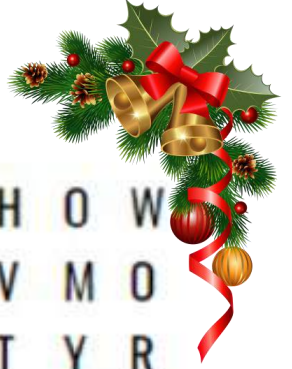


Armstrong Class

In Armstrong class this term we have been learning about Circuits in Physics, we have started to do experiments as a class and as pairs. This is engaging for our students to interact with each other and participate in something new, Armstrong class practice all year round for their exams and they will be going on a well deserved skating trip as a reward for all their hard work!



Word Search



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Word Bank

ORNAMENTS
STOCKING
RUDOLPH
PRESENTS

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COOKIES
NORTHPOLE

MISTLETOE
CHIMNEY
HOLIDAY
NATIVITY

REINDEER
CANDYCANE
SNOWFLAKE
GIVING

CAROLS
WINTER
GARLAND
FIREPLACE



Bevan Class

Bevan Class have been discussing the highs and lows of having siblings. They have written a response to a letter by 'Benjamin' a fictional character.



Dear Benjamin,

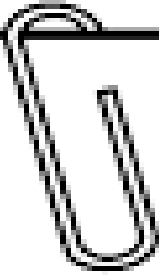
I hope this letter finds you in a better place. I'm writing in response to the letter that I received from you.

I know how it feels to be the oldest doing everything for my siblings, but you have 6 siblings - can't any of them help in the house? That's crazy! Your parents need to get another job that pays bigger and better so you guys can get a bigger house with more rooms.

How is there space for a dog in your cramped up household? I think you need a break from them. You mentioned your grandma said you're a role model but your youngest sibling isn't responsible. If your sibling is not responsible then your grandma is lying. You're no role model, you're technically a maid that doesn't get paid!!!

My half term wasn't the best. I was just chilling in my room and helping my mother with the cleaning and my siblings. When your mum or your grandma passes they need to leave something massive in their will for you! I wonder what your family is going to do when you move out. Make sure you update me so I can maybe give you more advice.

See you at school.
SCT



Dear Benjamin,

Thank you for your letter. Over the half term I played football, had some sleep, ate some delicious food, went out to play with my friends and I watched my TV.

Sorry to hear how much work you're doing at home. I know how it feels because I have loads of siblings. But remember it's amazing to have siblings because they keep you very entertained and they keep you very safe.

From CE



Dear Benjamin,

I hope this letter finds you well. I thought I would reply to your letter and see how you're doing.

My half term has been hard as well. My sister has been so annoying; she doesn't leave me alone!!! Last week Monday, I went and got some food and I went home to eat it. I was so hungry I; I hadn't eaten all day. When I got home my mum made me share my food with my sister and I didn't have that much food to share. I was angry and my mum was being so unfair, what do you think?

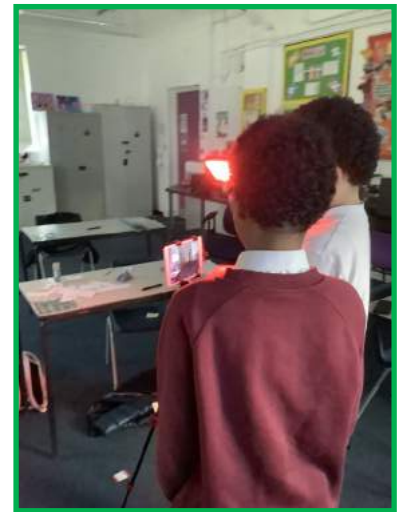
In the first week of the half term my mum bought a cat. The cat was so cute I love him. The only thing I didn't like was that I had to clean up after him because he isn't potty trained, it's kind of like your situation.

Anyway, have a good half term, see you at school. Bye.

From MD

Rashford Class

In Rashford Class we have been exploring the entertainment industry. In ICT we have been learning how to create short films and what different jobs there are in the film industry. We chose a genre for our movie and settled on a Horror film! We have been learning how to set up lighting, use microphones and film using tripods. We have been trying to create special effects and we will be editing a trailer for our movie by the end of term.

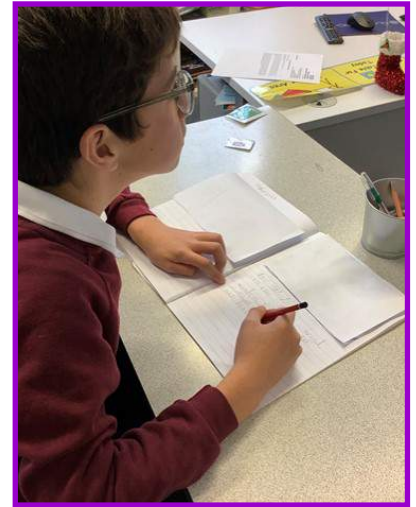


Obama Class

Our learners have settled in very quickly and have enjoyed learning, building friendships and being part of the student council.



Our first assembly was about All Saints Day



In English we have been working on winter poems.



Learning how to take turns when playing games.



In science we have been learning about the human body.



In maths we've been learning about pattern & sequences.



Enjoying a trip to the cinema.



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Healthy Relationships & Communication

Impact of Prejudice

Managing Stress & Anxiety

Using Social Media

Self-harm

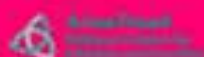
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and Hounslow

Buzzcut For The Bunnies

At Cambridge School, we have a very proud relationship with our local community, particularly the Phoenix Farm, right next to our school. For a few years now, we have been lucky enough to have students visit the farm, particularly those doing work experience prior to College in year 10 and 11, to help with growing plants/vegetables and working closely with the animals such as the chickens and rabbits.

Unfortunately, over the summer holiday break, a fox got into the cage and the farm lost six chickens and two beloved rabbits. This not only greatly affected the farm but also our students as they wondered where did all the chickens go?. One of our staff members, Nathan Kelly, who has taken students over to do work experience in the past year, kindly volunteered a unique way to raise money to get some new chickens and rabbits.

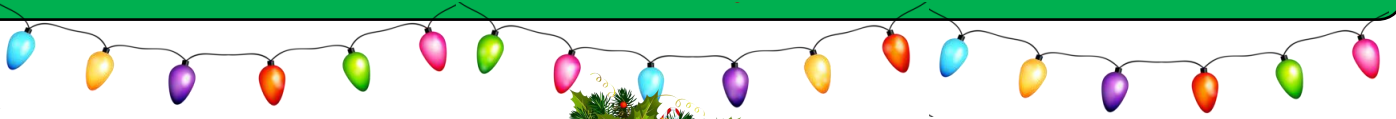


Nathan offered to get a buzzcut haircut and promised to do it in front of the school on the last day before half term—provided he could raise £150. Thanks to the generosity of our parents and staff, Nathan raised £186 and, true to his word, lost his flowing locks as everyone cheered him on in assembly.

Nathan handed the money to Michelle, who runs the farm, and who asked us to pass on her heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated.

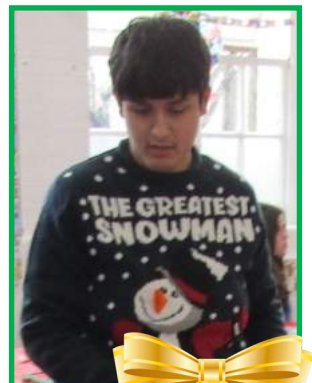


Christmas Lunch



Merry Christmas





HUGE Thanks to everyone involved in putting together such a splendid meal!

Wiltshire Class

Wiltshire class have introduced 'Circle Time' discussions as part of our morning routine. Staff select a question and all the students and staff participate in answering. The questions have ranged from quite light hearted to ones that encourage self- reflection and have found that the students are quite engaged in the discussion. Each student also has 3 question tokens that they can use during this time to encourage critical thinking and decision making. Circle time has had a visibly positive impact as this has enabled the class to practice taking turns, the importance of listening to one another and respecting other people's input and opinions.



In our most recent English lessons, Miss Camilla has been going over figurative language with a focus of using similes, metaphors and alliteration. For alliteration, we practiced some well-known tongue twisters such as 'Peter Piper' and 'She sells' with mixed but fun results. We also worked together to build an acrostic poem using our class name and attempted to apply some of these figurative language techniques

Wiltshire class have also been attending trampolining sessions at Phoenix Academy as part of our enrichment activity on Tuesday afternoons. All of the students have been learning new moves and practicing putting together a sequence, and have also enjoyed seeing staff members join in as well!





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EARNING TO LIKE LOTS OF PEOPLE



ALKING TO TEACHERS TO TELL THEM ABOUT OURSELVES



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Speed Networking

On Wednesday, 6 December 2023 Cambridge School held a 'Speed Networking' event for our Year 10 students across the school. We had employment partners from the following organisations come speak to the students about their specific job roles:

- Alvarez and Marsal (Consulting)
- British Airways (Travel and Tourism)
- Novotel Hotels (Hospitality)
- Turtle Key Arts (Creative)
- University for the Creative Arts (Creative- Higher Education)



It was a very successful event with students learning about different industries and careers, but also, learners were asked questions by the volunteers, which helped them think about their career aspirations and pathways. Even if the students were unsure about their next steps, the event was an opportunity for students to find out more about the world of work and to practice speaking to other adults and professionals.

We hope to continue hosting a variety of careers events at Cambridge School across all year groups as the academic year progresses, so watch this space!





Cambridge School

Variety Show



Well done to all the performers for taking part! Special thanks to Giles and Denis for organising the event and to Waddah and Aaron for helping out.

Book Fair

Cambridge School hosted a Scholastic Book Fair November 13th - 17th . It was a great experience for the students and staff alike.

Sales were in excess of £600! This is great as our commission will be used to update classroom libraries. Many thanks to all the parents that were able to give their children money to spend. The next Scholastic Book Fair at Cambridge School will be in March 2024.



Nightingale Class

Nightingale "careers day" with a special visitor who works in the film industry. Students learnt how to capture still life images of each other using a professional camera. Children are currently working on film and photography in ICT and Art.



Wiltshire Class

This term Wilberforce have been using our class laptops to produce plans, presentations and posters to great effect. We looked in particular at important historical figures, where each student investigated a person of interest and assembled a poster that outlined important details about their lives and why they are important. We then held a vote and a debate to decide who we thought was the most interesting figure. It's been a very productive term, with great levels of engagement from the class.

As part of a reward for all this hard work, we went on a trip to Winter Wonderland, with the class particularly enjoying battling on the bumper cars, as well as coming home with many prizes won playing games.



Rowling Class



Rowling class has worked really hard this term on a range of exam skills for English, Maths and Science. For Science, we have been focusing on Biology and the Human Body, and have moved onto Physics and Electricity. Despite the challenging work and new content, the students have shown positivity, resilience, consistency and hard work. As well as their academic subjects, students have engaged in a range of practical

subjects and skills, including cooking a range of simple meals during Food Technology lessons, and taking part in a range of sports this term, e.g. football, basketball, rugby and a whole lot more!



One of our Rowling class' highlights this term was our assembly class presentation on Children in Need, where our students had to overcome their anxiety around public speaking and present a PowerPoint in front of their peers during assembly. The audience was very impressed with their confident delivery of this.

Our biggest success this term, was one of our Rowling students, Shane, winning the Jack Petchey award for his outstanding performance and achievement across all subjects. This student, not only did his best in all subjects, he also showed exceptional behaviour as a role model to his peers.

He then helped us choose what to spend the budget on; the student chose for his peers to go on a trip, to bowling and a restaurant, the remainder of the cash prize we spent collectively as a class on sensory toys, 4K camera, board games and educational books. The student is so proud of his achievement and he has set himself the target of winning it again in the future.



House Competition

House Competition. Points are awarded for good work and good behaviour, and can be earned for winning competitions



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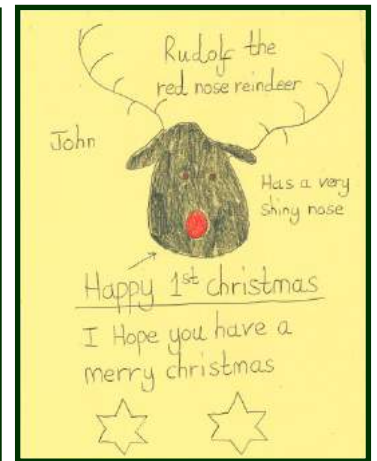
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John's Winning Christmas Card Design



Jessica's Christmas Card Design



Food Bank Winners gaining 100 points:
All Stars!

Christmas Card Competition:

John winning The Titans 100 points!

Runner Up was Jessica winning The Champions 50 points!

Overall House Team Winners this term are

The Titans!!

Turing Class

Managing Money and Budgeting

During the first term of the Academic Year, the students in Turing Class have been learning about money and recognizing the different coins in the British currency. They have learnt to find out the change from different amounts.

Students in Turing Class have also focused on activities about choosing items with budgets allocated to them and working out whether they could afford what they had chosen or not. This type of activity was very useful as it encouraged students to make choices and get rid of options that they couldn't afford.

Our students made a great effort at trying and completing these functional activities where they developed skills that they will be using in the real world such as: budgeting, making choices and taking responsibility.

Eatwell Guide/Healthy Eating

The students have been working on the Eatwell Guide, looking at the different food groups they can find in this guide and the importance of following a healthy and balance diet.

The class created lovely, yummy and balanced meals and looked a healthy menus. They also looked at safety awareness in the kitchen, as well as food hygiene and personal hygiene procedures in order to cook a meal. The students learned many valuable lessons, which they will be able to use throughout their lives, strengthening their knowledge during Cooking lessons.

These activities will help them improve their skills that will accompany them in the real world by identifying healthy food options and food hygiene.

School Assemblies

Turing class presented two great assemblies this term. The first one was about Black History Month, and they looked at important and influential black people in History. The second one looked at the famous 19th century nurse Mary Seacole who overcame racism, travelling to the Crimean War to treat wounded soldiers. The children read out loud to the rest of Atlantic Pod and gave excellent presentations!



The Balance of Good Health

Fruit and vegetables

Bread, other cereals and potatoes



Meat, fish and alternatives

Foods containing fat
Foods and drinks containing sugar

Milk and dairy foods



Akala Class



In Akala class, we have been determined to show how much courage, togetherness and empowerment the students have as a class.

Zac Hilson and Bailee Kent (*Pictured to the left*) represented Akala class amazingly well during UK Parliament Week (6th – 12th Nov) They demonstrated great executive function skills, by presenting questions to the host Andy Slaughter (*Hammersmith & Fulham MP*) as well as engaging in really insightful conversations which exhibited their understanding of Parliamentary issues.



Currently, Zac is part of the Cambridge School Council and is doing an outstanding job of representing Akala. In addition, Bailee is the Class Ambassador, who is always happy to greet parents with a volume of knowledge. Well done boys!

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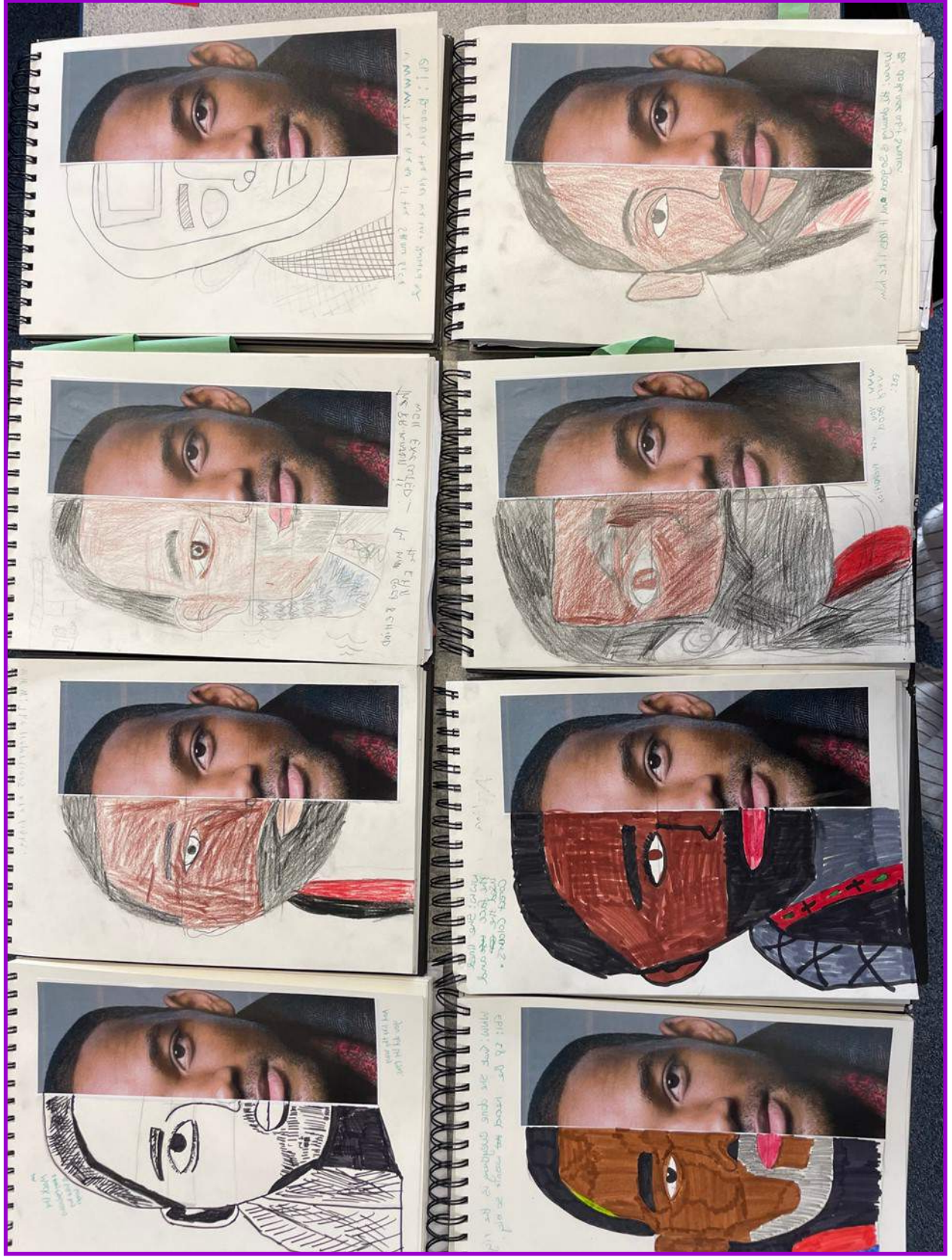
Colouring-In Fun



Doodle Art Alley ©

BTEC Art & Design

BTEC Art & Design have been exploring proportion and scale in Unit AD5, as students prepare to study Vincent Van Gogh and produce a 2D painting inspired by his famous work. We have seen great progress in student's human proportion drawing, an increase in confidence and a calm, encouraging atmosphere in lessons. The pictures speak for themselves!



Internet Safety Tips For Parents

Ask your children to tell you what websites, social networks and apps they use and what they like doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find safety advice, privacy settings and how to report and put a block on the services they use.

Encourage them to help you! Perhaps they can show you how to do something online. Explore the internet together. Are there activities you could enjoy as a family?

Internet Safety Tips for Parents

DON'T BLOCK

Avoiding technology is not a practical solution.

COLLABORATE

Take an interest in your child's digital interests and favourite apps or sites. Consider co-viewing or co-creating at times.

BE THE PARENT

You're in charge. Set boundaries and consider filtering software.

YAPPY

Teach privacy: Your full name, Address, Phone number, Passwords, Your plans



Digital Citizenship & Internet Safety TIPS FOR PARENTS

RULES

Create a family media agreement with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms and meals.

CRITICAL THINKING

Help children filter information and navigate fact from fiction.

LEARN

Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

UNPLUG

Balance green time and screen time. Focus on basic developmental needs.

COMMUNICATE

Work with your child to navigate digital dilemmas. Encourage open communication and avoid using devices as rewards/punishments.

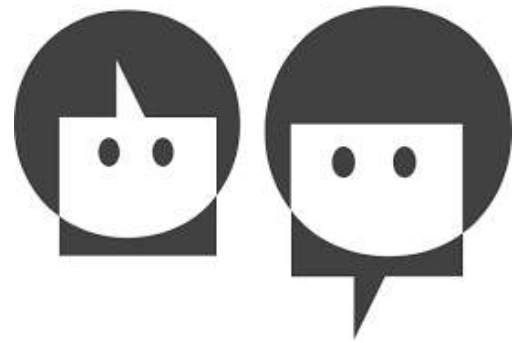
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Don't support your child to sign up for 13+ sites if they're underage.

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Attendance Award

HUGE congratulations to Turing Class for winning
this term's Attendance Award!

Einstein Class was second and Akala Class were third.



Akala Class

88%



Angelou Class

85%



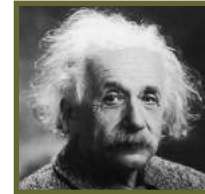
Armstrong Class

59%



Bevan Class

83%



Einstein Class

91%



Farah Class

72%



Franklin Class

87%



Nightingale Class

85%



Obama Class

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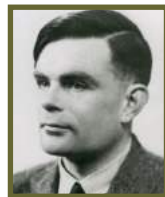
Rashford Class

82%



Rowling Class

77%



Turing Class

95%



Wilberforce Class

86%



Wiltshire Class

87%



**Turing
Class!**

(Percentages shown are averages for the term)

School Matters!



School Uniform

Please donate to the school any unwanted items of school uniform in a good condition. Trainers of all sizes are also welcome. Thank you!



Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023

Staff Inset: Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September

School Opens: Wednesday 6th September

Last day of half term: Friday 20th October

Half Term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October

School Opens: Monday 30th October

Last day of term: Thursday 21 December

Christmas break: Friday 22 December 2023 and ends on Friday 5 January 2024.



Spring Term 2024

Staff Inset: Monday 8th January

School Opens: Tuesday 9th January

Last day of half term: Friday 9th February

Half Term: Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

School Opens: Monday 19th February

Last day of term: Thursday 28th March

Easter Break: Monday 1st – Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2024

Staff Inset: Monday 15th April

School Opens: Tuesday 16th April

May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Last day of half term: Friday 24th May

Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

School Opens: Monday 3rd June

Staff Inset: Monday 1st July

Last day of term: Thursday 25th July

