



PURPLE OAKS ACADEMY

Issue 2

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BUILDING!

Where has the term gone?

This term has flown by! We've seen lots of learning within classrooms from the Lady of Shallot to the animals of Antarctica! Students have been busy learning in all of their subjects, undertaking life skills visits far and wide and developing their social skills too.

Alongside this there have been events linked to our new building including burying our time capsule, planting Purple Oak trees and a radio interview.

As we all look forward to the Christmas holidays I know that students and staff will all need a well-earned rest ready for the excitement, and anxiety, of moving into our brand new building in January.

The new building is looking fabulous and while it brings many opportunities it will also be a challenging time. Please bear with us through the teething problems which will undoubtedly arise, and help us to support your children to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Dates for your diary

Training Day: Wednesday 3rd January

New term for students: Thursday 4th January

Tea/coffee for parents: Tuesday 9th January 9.30a.m.

Parents and carers' evening: Thursday 1st February

Last Day of term: Friday 9th February

Birch class have been learning about the continents as part of their topic this term. They looked at different geographical features.



Willow class have been learning about fractions of shape during the Maths lessons. We have linked this topic with our life skills and the children have been busy making their own pizzas! Incorporating cooking with fractions has given the children a great opportunity to see how important fractions are in real life situations.



During PE lessons Cedar class have been working on forwards and backwards rolls, forming different bridge shapes, and moving around a space using high and low shapes. The children then combined their moves into a considered sequence. In addition, the children started to explore the wall apparatus, each time climbing just a little bit higher than they were comfortable with.



As part of the France topic, Falcons class each made a straw Eiffel Tower. Before construction began they learnt facts about the monument and all of the boys showed a keen interest. The building work took focus and determination but we were delighted with our colourful results. Falcons class have worked incredibly hard on this topic and we particularly enjoyed watching them present their French speaking role plays to each other. A lovely term, well done.



Sycamore class were exploring how to expand their noun phrases in English this week. They decorated baubles and described their features. The baubles they have created were used towards the classroom's Christmas decoration and they were all very proud to stick up their lovely and festive work on the whiteboard.



Sycamore also did some festive cooking this week, making gingerbread men of all shapes and sizes. After our successful baking we decorated the biscuits and the students were able to share them with their families.



Students all contributed to putting together the contents for our time capsule. We were pleased to feature in the Northampton Chronicle and Echo. The article can be read here:

<https://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/time-capsule-buried-at-northampton-academy-ahead-of-opening-of-new-multi-million-pound-building-1-8266861>