

Spring Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a lovely, if rather rainy, half term. We ended Spring 1 with some great learning for Safer Internet Day. Online safety is such an important topic for young people with many spending lots of time online, which can be a difficult world to navigate, especially for pupils with SEN. Moonstone Class created some great posters to share their online safety tips. Well done to Jacob who won the poster competition with a really well thought out and well-presented poster!



Spring 2 has started with a new topic in Primary - Ancient Greece - and a new Futures Curriculum in Secondary. Please see the attached Topic Overview for Primary with further information about our Spring 2 learning from week to week. We will be doing a virtual and then an actual visit to the British Museum to find out more about this period of history from the range of artefacts held there. Secondary students have begun Spring 2 with an inspiring visit to meet a Paralympian to find out how barriers can be overcome and people can go on to achieve amazing things!

The site development at Coombe and at Denmark has continued during half term. Coombe now has a newly refurbished continuous provision classroom with access to a sheltered outdoor learning space. Denmark now has 2 newly created group learning spaces, where students will be able to access small group lessons. This is really key in helping our young people develop their communication and collaboration skills to prepare them for re-integrating back into a class group provision and setting them up for future success in the workplace.



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Jade Class enjoying the new topic for this term, 'Ancient Greece', role playing as the Greek emperor Alexander the Great!



Topaz Class mark making in the brand-new continuous provision outside space.



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It has been great seeing how well students have settled back into school this last week and their enthusiasm for their new learning. I can't wait to see what the rest of Spring 2 brings! We will write to you again in 2 weeks' time and then again at the end of term.

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2 weeks ahead. As always, if there is anything we can support with in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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Maths Update



In Maths lessons this term, we will be learning about a variety of topics including fractions, decimals, multiplication, and division and shape. Different classes / pupils will have individualised focuses within these units so please speak with your child's class teacher to find out the precise topics /skills your child will be working on.

E-Safety



Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 6th February 2024. This special celebration, which takes place in February of each year, aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. Please have a look at the website for more information: <https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

At Primary we held an assembly to discuss ways to stay safe online and ran a poster competition for students to demonstrate their understanding of online safety.



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Our Year 7 students at Denmark Hall have been collaborating during blocks sessions. Please see their creations below:



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Denmark Hall - Paralympian Visit

This week our secondary pupils went to Allianz Insurance in Croydon to meet Paralympian Ashley Facey. Ashley, who was raised in London, has played both nationally and internationally for Team GB men's table tennis team. Ashley shared his story with the students, about how he became interested in sport and his disability. As a young person, Ashley was diagnosed with Erbs Palsy, and it affected the nerves in his right arm and hand. Ashley initially felt ashamed about being a disabled sportsman but eventually with support of a specialist coach he became a success.

The students all introduced themselves to the group and talked about their hobbies and interests, the students felt that staff needed to introduce themselves too and encouraged them to do this. Students independently asked Ashley lots of questions and showed a keen interest in his life and career. Students demonstrated confidence and maturity. Students then asked Ashley to sign autographs. Everyone had a fantastic time and got to meet a rising sporting star, we are very proud of them.

You can read more of Ashley's inspirational story here: <https://paralympics.org.uk/athletes/ashley-facey>



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Student can be seen using his Microbit to measure the temperature outside of Denmark Hall!



Our secondary students visiting their local park for some daily exercise...and fun!



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IMPORTANT UPDATES

- Please note the contact number for Aspire Learning School Office: **0204 501 4941**
- We will be celebrating World Book Day across Aspire. We will send out further information on how you can get involved!

IMPORTANT DATES



Thursday 7th March 2024 - World Book Day

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March 2024

RE Day: Easter Celebration - Wednesday 27th March 2024

End of Spring Term 2- Thursday 28th March 2024 (**12:30pm** finish)

Easter Holiday - Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024

Start of Summer Term 1 - (students return) - Monday 15th April 2024



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RED NOSE DAY IS BACK!

