



Dear Parent/Guardian,

A new academic year has begun and I am sure that we will be celebrating Christmas before we know it! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and that you have been able to enjoy the sunshine and good weather.

We welcomed six new pupils this term, they are building new friendships and are settling well into their new school. We have had a few classroom changes but no major staff changes this year.

We are sadly saying good bye to two valued and much loved members of staff, Mrs Gaynor Swan is moving on to a new challenge working in a hospice for children. Miss Anna Lannon is off on an exciting travel adventure before returning to University to study Music Therapy. We know that these new challenges and experiences will be amazing and that both of them will bring a great deal to their chosen situations. We will however miss them both greatly and they go with all our best wishes and luck for the future.

We have interviewed for two permanent staff and one temporary staff member to start after the October week which will be exciting for the school. Miss Tazmin Patterson who is currently an apprentice with us got one of the permanent post, we will also be welcoming Miss Zoe Blyth and Mrs Simone Griffith on a permanent contract and Miss Hannah Dungait on the temporary contract. We are very excited to welcome them to the team.

Thank you all for your support with lunches, we are so sorry that we had to ask you to provide pack lunches since September. We now have our new cook Mrs Pauline Simpson who is excited to join our team and we know will make lunch times interesting and exciting.

We will be supporting our sixth form to plan for their future, this maybe a college place or perhaps a supported social care package. We have lots of information available on our website for parents to look at to learn more about what there is on offer. Please be aware that there are lots of changes happening and that it is not the case now that pupils will be able to stay at The Grove School until they are 19 years old. A Year 14 young person will only be funded on case by case situations and only if the young person can make progress towards training or employment, this place may also only be funded for three days a week. Please contact school if you would like to know more, it is never too early to start planning for the next steps for your child.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries





Maple and Willow have been sailing at Kielder as part of this terms theme 'Christopher Columbus'



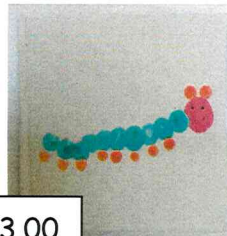
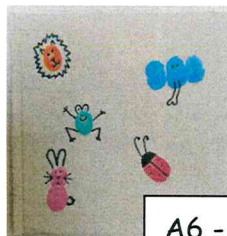
The children enjoyed being able to steer the boat. It was very choppy but we had great fun.



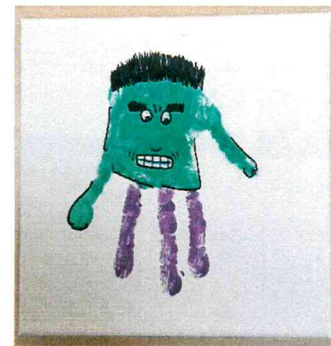
We have been working with Joe from Jessie's Fund and following up with music sessions in the classroom.

Our under the sea music which was inspired by the sinking of Christopher Columbus's ship the Santa Maria has created a magical multi sensory experience.

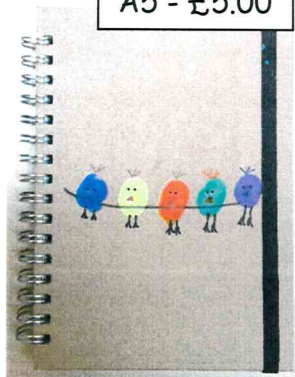




A6 - £3.00



A5 - £5.00



Elm Class

We have been working very hard in our new class business 'The Sticky Kids'.

We use fingerprints, handprints and footprints to make products to sell.

So far, we have printed on to A5 and A6 notebooks and a range of small and mini canvas pictures.

We will soon be printing on to A4 notebooks with pictures and messages such as: a handprint peacock with the words 'Be a proud peacock' and a flamingo with the words 'Be a flamingo in a flock of pigeons'.

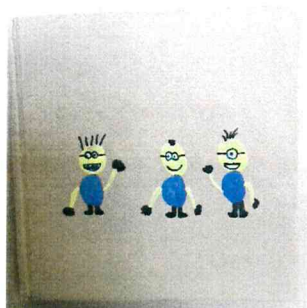
We will also be printing onto greetings cards, pencil cases, bags and terracotta pots.

We will be selling our products: in school; at a pop up shop at Homebase (to be arranged); at our school Christmas event.

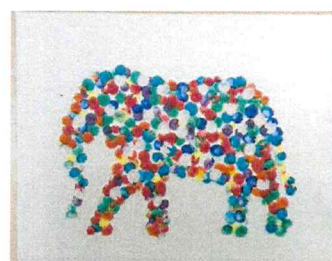
We can also make products to order if you see something specific you would like or have a specific idea.



Canvas - £5.00



Mini Canvas - £1.50 each



Beech Class

Outdoor Learning



At the Beach



Social time
at the park.



Autumn Hunt
at Duns Park



At the farm

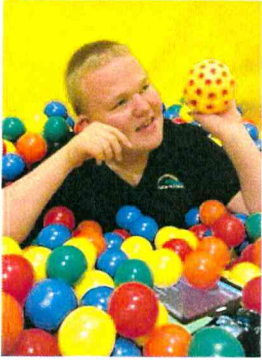


Beech Class are thoroughly enjoying their Outdoor Learning with learning happening in all different locations!

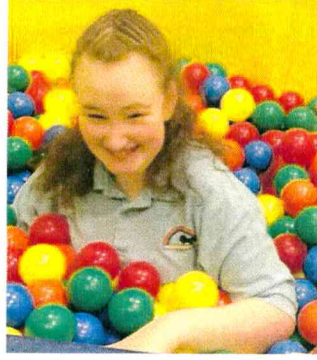


Sycamore Class News

Sycamore pupils have settled well into their new class. We have enjoyed getting to know each other and have discovered what our favourite activities are. There are so many things to enjoy at school. We have been busy with our learning and are always finding time in our day to have fun!



We love soft play and the park!



Picking apples and getting busy in the kitchen.



Silly hat selfie!



Exploring shapes and pattern.



Giving the swing a go!



Having a chat!



We have enjoyed reading 'Kitchen Disco'.
Check out the song on www.kitchendisco.com

Oak Class

It has been a really busy start of the year in Oak Class where our students have been filling the gap whilst we wait for our new cook. We have practiced cooking for lots of people as well as preparing the hall for lunches. We have developed some great skills that we can use in the future.



The sixth form members of the class went to a careers and preparation for adulthood day at Woodhorn Museum. We found out lots of information to help make choices about where we would like to go in the future.



We also listened to a really inspirational talk by Paralympian Steven Millar helping us to realise what we can all achieve.

We had a fabulous day at Jonte's Dad's bakery where we all learned how to make delicious bread. Everyone really enjoyed the experience and made some delicious bread to take home to share. Many thanks to Mr Rawlings for the opportunity to see him in action!

