



PARENT BULLETIN | 7TH FEBRUARY, 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT UPDATE

Rowan Class



In Rowan Class we have been learning about the weather in our World About Me science lessons. We have all enjoyed being caught in a shredded paper snow-storm with the wall fans blowing it around! Our Dance lessons are all about cause and effect, so we are beginning to understand that by moving parts of our body to music, we can make musical instruments play different sounds. We have been tapping with chopsticks and boomwhackers, shaking socks with different fillings to create a variety of sounds, and wobbling wobble boards.

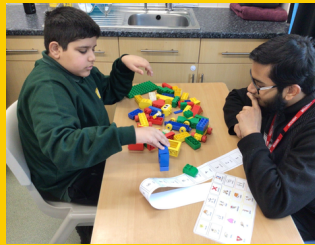
One of our students started an unexpected Conga line at the end of one of our Dance lessons, which was great fun to join in or to watch! Our Story Massage theme for this week has been Feelings and Zones of Regulation. In recognition of Children's Mental Health Week this week, we had a short story and two songs all about how feelings can change, and that it's ok to feel a range of emotions.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

I hope that you found today's Preparation for Adulthood event helpful. We plan to do this every year - if you have any feedback or suggestions of anything you want included next time, please get in touch.

I wanted to share a few of the photos I took while spending time in class this week - here are just a few of them.

Rhonda Gosney



SIGNS OF THE WEEK



Core Words

happy sad



Additional Words



SCHOOL MEALS

We would really love to hear from parents and carers regarding their children's eating habits at home and invite you to take less than 5 minutes to complete this survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/FpB7tzkuwC>

The results will help us to design a menu which incorporates more of your children's favourite meals.

We also welcome any suggestions or feedback you may have.

Thank you





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SCHOOL CALENDAR



Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February – Last day of term

Half-Term: 17th to 21st February
(School closes at 3:15pm on Friday 14th February and re-opens at 8:55am on Monday 24th February)

Monday 24th February
Students return to school

3rd – 7th March
National Careers Week

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day

7th – 16th March
Science Week

Wednesday 12th March
Parents' Evening

Monday 17th March
St Patrick's Day

Friday 21st March
Comic Relief

24th – 30th March
Shakespeare Week

Wednesday 2nd April
World Autism Awareness Day

Friday 4th April – Last day of term

Easter Holidays: 7th to 22nd April

(School closes at 3:15pm on Friday 4th April and re-opens at 8:55am on Wednesday 23rd April)

USEFUL INFORMATION

The Makacafe is reopening!

Makacafes are making their return on Thursday 13th February at 6.30pm.

Parents and carers fed back that they found it difficult to access the Makaton Cafes during the school day. It was also difficult to find childcare in the evening, so I am bringing Makacafe to you.

Sit down with your tea/coffee and cake/biscuit and join me online, to either brush up on your Makaton signs or learn new signs. Join with your family or alone.

The sessions will last between forty five minutes and an hour. There will be time at the end of the session for parents/carers/siblings/students to feedback what signs they would like know. This will enable me to ensure the next session is tailored to suit your needs.

I will ask for permission on the day to record the session. This will give those who were unable to attend to opportunity to watch the session at a time more convenient for them. Those attending can also watch again go through the signs covered.

Just click on the link below and I will see you there!

Denyse



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Denyse and Ellie are running a very long way to raise money for a drive deck.

What we are doing:

Running, walking, crawling the Brighton Marathon on 6th April 2025

How you can help:

Sponsor us by clicking on the link. https://www.justgiving.com/page/denyse-craig-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Share the link to your social media pages and any companies you feel would donate. Support and motivate us with words of encouragement.

What we are raising money for:

Many of our children are wheelchair users and are reliant on their carers to help them access their environment. A Drive Deck enables wheelchair users to gain vital independence skills in mobilising and accessing their environment.

The Drive Deck is designed to enable access to powered mobility through the comfort of their own supportive seating system. It can be set up to meet each individual child's needs and access abilities, making it a powerful motivational tool to support the development of independence skills, sensory processing, social skills and community involvement.

Due to the NHS's limited funds, they do not provide powered mobility unless there is evidence to prove safe and capable powered mobility skills. The Drive Deck provides us with vital evidence to support the provision of powered mobility, enabling our children to have life changing opportunities for a more independent future.

The Drivedeck recently appeared on the BBC documentary "A Special School"

<https://www.smilesmart-tech.com/drivedeck-featured-on-bbcs-a-special-school/>



Have a great weekend.

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