



PARENT BULLETIN | 28TH FEBRUARY, 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Cherry Class



Another busy term for Cherry Class since Christmas. Our theme this term has been "China". We have looked at sensory stories about Dragons, smelled spices, tasted Chinese fruits, felt silk and other Chinese fabrics and seen the colours of Buddhist Prayer flags floating in the breeze. At Chinese New Year, we started a story involving all of the animals, lots to explore, choices to make and communication opportunities. As always, we have followed physiotherapy programmes, walking and standing whenever possible. We have been lucky enough to be able to get out into the community, shopping and to the park and we have plans for when the weather improves.

Dragon Class



Rhythm Changes - We had an excellent week practising rhythm and doing our own version of 'Let It Be'. Students are practising by clapping, playing the tambourine and singing. We are also mastering a choreography with Makaton signing and recording a videoclip. Esa and Joel did great with the Makaton. Shay and Kyran did great with singing.

Reuben is our best musician, he loves to play guitar and singing. We are really impressed when he is singing You Will Never Walk Alone since it has some difficult parts that he learnt quickly. Staff are very happy to watch Elliot joining independently; art, music and computing are his favourite subjects. Alfie practises and he is always trying to get it perfectly, great effort.

Special thanks to our best reader Gabriel, he follows the instructions of the staff in every subject and loves to read between tasks.

Kuumba Class



Just before half term Kuumba class started their external work experience placements. Some went to Scope in Aylesbury. They helped with the processing of the clothing donations. The rest of the group went to Berko Hockey club, here the jobs can range from litter picking to hedgerow maintenance. This time we did a quick litter pick and in half an hour we managed to pick two full black bags! From there we scooted off to the Oakfield Scout hut for a Preparation for Adulthood event. Lots of great information for the next steps for us as 6th formers.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

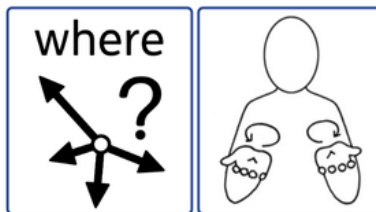
I hope that you had a lovely half term break and managed to enjoy the start of Spring. It was lovely to see the students back in school on Monday - I saw beaming smiles from students which was a fabulous start to the week.

Next **Thursday - 6th March**, we will celebrate World Book Day. This comes soon after the Story Telling Week. We will not be asking for all students to dress up as I know that this can be difficult for some, but if any student does want to come in dressed as a book character they are welcome to do so. I have heard a few staff members discussing their costumes already.

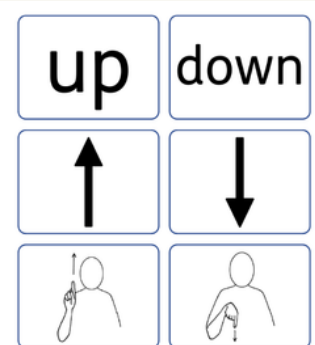
Rhonda Gosney

SIGNS OF THE WEEK

Core Word



Additional Words



MESSAGE FROM CATERING

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.





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SCHOOL CALENDAR



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

End of Term: Easter Holidays 7th to 22nd April
(School closes Friday 4th April at 3.15pm and re-opens Wednesday 23rd April at 8.55am)

USEFUL INFORMATION

Below you can find out information on various educational and employability opportunities for children with learning disabilities.



The Bucks Skills Show 2025 is your opportunity to meet over 120 employers and explore the many exciting career paths available across Buckinghamshire and beyond. Taking place at **Stoke Mandeville Stadium on 5th & 6th March**, this is the county's most dynamic skills and careers event, designed for people of all ages. You can book your free space;

Evenbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bucks-skills-show-2025-tickets-1048666027317>

There will be a mixture of provisions, and we also look forward to the SEND Confident Futures Show in June. The Bucks Skills Show is perfect for young people planning their future career paths. Parents and carers can help their children navigate career options, and is suitable for Individuals of all ages seeking a fresh start or career change.



Supported Internships for young people with learning disabilities

Mission EmployAble runs Supported Internships on the Bucks/Herts border, from September – July

- ✓ Are you a young person with a learning disability (aged 18-25) wanting to develop new skills?
- ✓ Can you travel independently (by bus, train or SEND taxi) or work towards it?
- ✓ Do you have an active EHCP?
- ✓ Do you want to train to enable you to get paid work?
- ✓ Have you passed Entry Level 1 for both Functional English and Maths?
- ✓ Does your family or carer want the same for you?

If YES to the above, a Supported Internship with Mission EmployAble could be the perfect opportunity for you!

Our Supported Internship is the perfect opportunity for young people with learning disabilities to find paid work! Running from September to July, you'll dive into classroom learning, hands-on work experience, and an awesome enrichment programme where you can make friends and have fun!

In class, you'll work on functional maths & English, plus independence, and employability skills. You'll be trained to work in the cafe, warehouse and horticulture facility in small groups. You will have individual supported work experience in a job you might like to do long-term! Plus, you can join other projects like design and marketing, tennis coaching, and mental health support. And don't forget the weekend fun including an opportunity to join Herts Super 1st Disability Cricket training. Let's make your future bright together!

In order to maximise independence and enable a smooth transition from trainee to employee we do not employ our graduates for at least a year after graduation.

Find out more!
If you would like more details about our Supported Internships or to register your interest, visit: missionemployable.co.uk/internships or email our training team: training@missionemployable.co.uk

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Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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