

# NEWS ROUND UP

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## KS4 Class



This week, students in Key Stage 4 have engaged in outdoor learning lessons focusing on their team building, communication and interaction skills by participating in adventure and strategic games. Students were able to discuss tactics, listening to instructions and sharing ideas with each other as part of a team, this enabled them to succeed in the activity they were doing.

Students were also able to engage in basketball sessions learning specific techniques when throwing the basketball enhancing on their hand eye coordination skills. Students enjoyed these lessons as there were lots of game situations, they could take part in.



## Class ERA



This term in topic we are learning about Mountains, volcanoes and earthquake. The children are becoming more confident at reading and interpreting OS maps and grid references. We have enjoyed learning about Mount Everest and the skills you would need to climb to the summit.

Science this term is proving to be not for the faint hearted. We have been learning about the human heart and circulatory system. We have been looking at how the human heart works and were able to observe a real human heart pumping online which was amazing but a bit unnerving too.

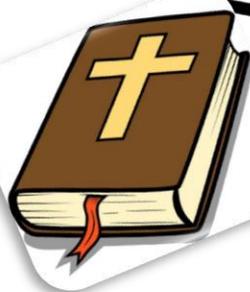


Everest



This year we have a new subject on our timetable Religious Education. This term we have been learning about Christianity focusing on The Creation Stories. The children were given resources to work out which order they would create the world and then compare it to Genesis Chapter 1 and 2 in The Bible. This was an activity that sparked lots of discussion and "big questions". The children responded in different ways through storytelling and working with clay.

Class ERA are a class that loves to take learning outside and be out and about. Please support us by making sure your child has a coat, wellies and a water bottle in school every day.



## News From The Farm



Students have made the most of the good weather since the start of term and have enjoyed being outside at landbased.

Students have been busy doing routine treatments for the sheep, goats and alpacas such as foot trimming, fly treating, health checking and worming. We have been busy getting winter fields ready and putting woodchip in areas it will get muddy.

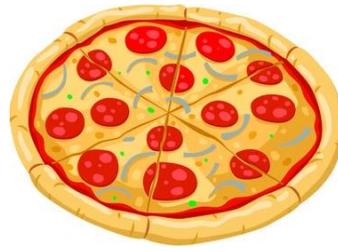
The ponies have had a bath and are starting to grow their winter coats.

In the Stinger Patch we have begun to dig a new fire pit.



## The Link Oakfield

Students this term have been learning to prepare a simple meal, linked to students studying for their BTEC in Prevocational studies. So far this term students have had the opportunity to make pizza and chicken fajitas, plus breakfast items such as porridge. Some students have been involved in visiting the shops to buy the ingredients each week, being able to follow a simple list, identifying the price of items and locating items within the shop.



Students have also been exploring local murals' as part of their ongoing project to design a group mural for our forest school area. Students have visited several sites in and around the local area identifying features they like and dislike and potential ideas they would like to use for our own mural.

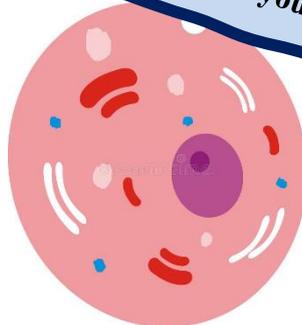
## CHO/EGU Class



We have settled into our new classroom and are getting used to our new staff, timetable and the building work that is taking place!

We have worked very well in many lessons so far and have enjoyed playing in the barn, working down at landbased and our individual and class reward time.

In topic we have learnt about mountains, in English we have learnt about the mystery of George Mallory and Andrew Irvine climbing Mount Everest in 1924 but never returning. In Art we have looked at 36 Views of Mount Fuji, a set of prints by Japanese artist Hokusai. We then had a choice of media to use to re-create it.



Jeans for Genes Day takes place each September when people across the UK make a small donation to wear their jeans to work or school. Students and staff were delighted to support Genes for Jeans day, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>, as they arrived for school sporting a slightly different look. Class teachers collected your generous donations, and we raised a total of £29.40p which will be sent to the charity. Thank you for all your support.



Over the summer holidays the music department has been given revamp!

A lot of time and money has been spent on making a space that allows the students to explore their creativity.

We have 3 new iMacs with the latest industry standard music production software, Logic Pro X.

We also have several new acoustic, electric and bass guitars, both left and right-handed.

We have a top of the range electronic drum kit; this has been great for students to release some tension on!

We have already seen several students pick up a brand-new instrument and flourish in the first few weeks of term. With modern technology lowering the entry point to music and the accessibility of the music room to students we are hopeful that the investment will have a very positive affect on the students, the school, and the overall atmosphere of Headstart School.



## Music Department



**Post  
16**

**INTERVIEW  
SKILLS**



The students have returned after the summer in great spirits and the late summer sun has helped of course. We have welcome two new students to Post 16 and they have settled in well. A big focus for this year in Post 16 will be getting ready for the world of work and the Careers group recently practiced interviewing someone who had just returned from a work experience.

A big well done to all students who achieved so much in a very challenging year. We received the fantastic news over the summer break that 2 of our students achieved grade C in their AS level art exams. Both students worked hard to achieve this, helped along by their fantastic art teacher Clive Barber.



The goats have enjoyed their summer and are now much friendlier. They enjoy story time with the LINK students and now have lots of enrichment toys in their enclosure.



## MST Class



**This term the children have been learning about themselves through our topic 'All About me'. We have read a variety of different high quality texts to develop their understanding of different families around the world, learning about their senses, understanding that we are all different, plus many more. We have conducted hygiene experiments which the children have really enjoyed watching the changes. We have been learning about the difference between old and new by looking at stories, pictures and playing with toys to understand how times have changed over the years. We have been developing our social skills this term through playing games with our peers and leaning to take turns. We have also been developing our knowledge of numbers, through 1:1 counting games and some children learning how to make simple equations and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. In Art and design we have been learning to use different techniques to create a desired affect through creating collages of our names and faces and experimenting with different materials. The children have particularly enjoyed attending beach school, Forest School, Music and 1066 this term.**

## Message from Maria and Ross

There has certainly been excitement at school as colleagues and students have returned to school, ready for the new term. We are looking to an exciting and rewarding year ahead. As you can see there is so much news already. News from the farm, the fantastic new music room at Crouch, cooking and creative work, taking the learning outside.

Thank you for supporting Jeans for Genes, we are committed to fundraising at Headstart and supporting both national and local charities. This month, we have Raystede visiting to receive their cheque, nearly £300 was raised. Whilst you are shopping this weekend, please pop an extra item into your trolley for our Harvest Festival contributions, we are supporting our local Foodbank in Bexhill. We welcome any contributions from Monday please.

Please can you ensure that every student comes in with a coat, welly boots and a water bottle. Outdoor learning is the foundation for learning at Headstart school. As they say, there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing. The farm doesn't stop on a rainy day.

Important note: Nasal flu vaccinations on Monday 11th October - please respond to your email from Sussex immunisation if you would like your child vaccinated.

With kind regards

Maria and Ross