



RAVENSHALL SCHOOL

FAMILY & WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

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We have almost reached the end of the Autumn term and we have certainly all been busy! Now that we are back to wrapping up in our warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves remember that we can access the Winter Uniform Exchange, so please let us know if you are in need of any uniform or warmer clothing for your child. They have already helped us to support lots of our families with clothing that is usually brand new.

Discovery pupils have settled back into school well this term. They have enjoyed spending time outdoors in our fantastic sensory garden and forest school areas. Children and staff have looked forward to visits to the local park and ice-cream parlour.

We have visited soft play, had yoga sessions, and made use of all the fantastic equipment in our Sullivan room. Everyone is working hard to improve their physical fitness and motor skills whilst working on balance and strength.

We have made progress practising our letter formations and spellings and have enjoyed a relaxing visit to the library, sharing books with one another. In maths, pupils have been ordering numbers, counting using practical equipment and building using different construction toys and materials.

Pupils have had fun spending time developing their ICT skills using interactive games to explore the keyboard.



Our Explorer pupils have enjoyed cooking and exploring different recipes and types of food. Pupils have practised their maths skills through measuring out ingredients, whilst developing their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

Everyone has taken part in lots of reading in our newly installed reading cabin and also making the most of the last days of the warm weather in our sensory garden.

During their Maths lessons pupils have been practicing using money and measurement to make 3D shapes. Students especially enjoyed a Geography lesson where they found themselves stuck needing to take shelter in a tent, they learnt how to use a compass to determine their location!



Some of our Trailblazers students have started their assessed NCFE qualification work in English and Maths and accredited work in Science. During their speaking assessments in English students showed that they were able to deliver their conversations clearly and with confidence.

Students had an amazing opportunity in our Forest School where they were able to learn how to press their own apple juice!



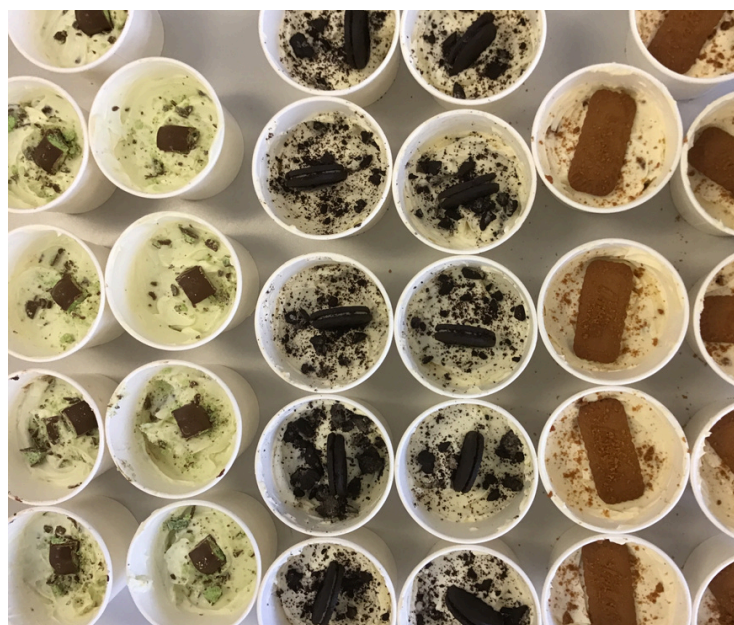
Our PfA students have been busy developing their independent living skills. Students have learnt how to safely navigate the supermarket and how to look for, and purchase what is on their shopping list. They have then gone on to make some delicious lunches at Batley Bulldogs and taken the opportunity to try out different foods.

We have seen some excellent progress made by our PfA pupils whilst out swimming. Students are really enjoying the sessions and it is fantastic to see so many smiley faces in the pool. The same applies for our trips to Kirklees gym. It is a credit to our young people to see their resilience and determination whilst using the gym equipment.

We are continuing our work with C&K Careers to support our students with conversations about their future.



Team Enterprise 180 continue to work towards achieving their ASDAN Entry Level Certificate in Employability. Our students are putting in a lot of hard work preparing complex recipes from scratch to sell to staff at our main school site. Their customer service skills have been amazing.



Whole school attendance for this year is currently 93%

We are really proud of how well our students have settled back into school and want to thank parents and carers for your support in prioritising your child's attendance.

Thank you to everyone that came along to our social bowling event over the October half term break. It was lovely to see families coming together outside of school and enjoying themselves.

Please look out for our coffee mornings which will continue in the New Year. We enjoy meeting with parents/carers and hearing you share experiences and advice. Our Northorpe Parent & Carer Support Worker is on hand to advise on lots of topics ranging from understanding and supporting anxiety, behaviour as communication and self-care. She also offers 1-1 appointments if you would prefer to chat with her alone.

We have had so much fun celebrating all things Christmas; from dinners, to jumpers, shows and parties. Even a visit from Santa Claus himself! Details of holiday clubs and activities have been shared on Dojo and also on the school website.

We hope that you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas break and look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Tuesday 7th January for the start of the Spring Term!



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all equal
all important**

