

Spring and Summer Term Newsletter 2021



A message from our Assistant Head

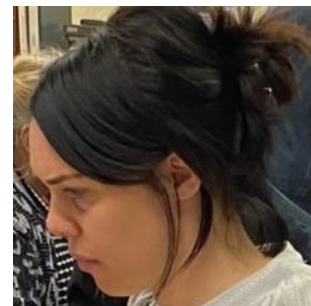
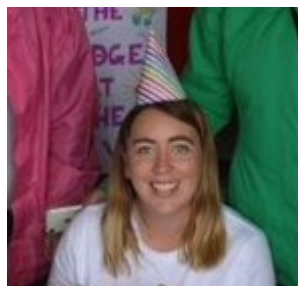
We are now at the end of what has been a very challenging year for staff and pupils. As a Nurture school it has been particularly difficult as it is the positive relationships we build with the pupils which break down many of those barriers to learning.

Staff have upskilled very quickly in areas of ICT, in which many were not confident, and we now have work updated regularly on TEAMS which pupils can access from home. This is still a learning curve for many as we start to explore different ways of continuing those relationships through a variety of mediums.

Some pupils continued to attend school over the various lockdowns and it was a pleasure to get to know those pupils better and to have the opportunity to try out new activities with them. For those pupils who worked from home I know that staff really enjoyed coming out to see them once per week during lockdown when they delivered the food parcels and had a catch-up.

However, we are pleased to have all the pupils back in school, it was too quiet without them and once again it feels like a busy, happy and vibrant place. It has taken time to build attendance back up to pre-covid levels but we hope that this will continue in September. Some pupils have been able to take their functional skills exams and others produced enough evidence to be entered for their GCSEs.

We have lost some staff over the Covid period and will also be losing some staff at the end of term. We are sad to see them go but wish them all the best in their new ventures. Emma will be moving on to become an Inclusion Hub manager and Gemma will be training to be a social worker.



We would also like to say thank you and goodbye to Pamela Wilkinson who has been a great help volunteering with us this past term, she also will be moving onto pastures new within the Early Help service.

Mathematics with Mr Darrington

It's been a strange term for maths in lockdown at the PRU. Highlighted by attendance issues due to COVID, However, learning continued - some of it online.

Y10 have covered volume of prisms and cylinders, perimeter and area, coordinates revision, scatter graphs, expanding brackets and simplifying and rearranging equations. Alongside revision of the four operations. Liv worked tremendously throughout the term, demonstrating fantastic mental arithmetic skills.

Y11 have been plotting equations on graphs, equations of straight lines, area and circumference of a circle. Then we used past papers to help inform estimated GCSE grades. Josh began using a calculator more to check his amazing mental arithmetic.



KS3 looked at pictograms, bar charts and coordinates. Area of a triangle, parallelogram, trapezium and rectangle, area of simple compound shapes, column subtraction and addition. Christian's times tables improved enormously. Lizzie worked well all term. And Charley made a good start.

I installed TT Rock Stars, a times table learning consolidation game. All pupils were given their own password. Pupils that gave an opinion really enjoyed it.

I think everyone is looking forward to the summer holidays and a fresh start in September.

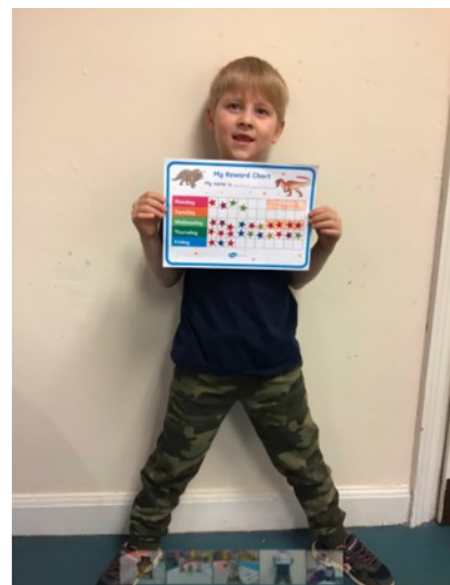
Primary Provision With Miss Goodman & Miss Grainger



It has been a busy term for our Primary Provision. Even though we have been in lockdown we have had all our children in over this term on a part time basis. Our topic has been Rainforests. We have been researching where all the rainforests are in the world, what the biggest rainforest is and where it is, what the climate is like, what animals live there, Aleisha was astounded to learn that there are over 2000 species of butterfly living in the rainforest!



We have done a lot of work around the Zones of Regulation and helping pupils recognise their emotions and put strategies in place to deal with them. The pupils have done some lovely pieces of work around this and Arthur has made some really good progress in this area. We are very proud of him.



Primary with Miss Goodman and Miss Grainger

We had a show and tell afternoon at the Alexandra Centre. This really boosted our pupils' confidence and they enjoyed showing things they had made or they had achieved at school or at home. Miss Grainger and myself learnt a lot about our pupils. Ryan had made a huge board game based on the different eras in history, starting at the dinosaur age all the way through to the modern day. It was amazing! It was factually correct with some fabulous artwork! He could not be beaten! Well done Ryan. Aleisha brought in a selection of SOME of the trophies she has won in quad biking.

She explained how she got into it, how a quad bike is ridden and how she won the trophies. She had some very interesting stories. She also brought in a trophy she had won for learning sign language. Aleisha learnt sign language to help one of her friends. What a lovely thing to do!



For World Book Day Miss Grainger and I wrapped up a selection of books and wrote some clues on the front. The pupils read through the clues, found one they thought was the most interesting and they would enjoy reading. Inside was a book review they needed to fill out when they had finished reading. Konnah was very excited and the next day he said he got 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl and had started reading it that evening.

We have also welcomed Freddie, Trenton and Sophie to the Alexandra Centre. We have already found out Freddie is a Connect 4 champion and Sophie is has a very creative

English at The PRS with Mrs Ford.

There has been some excellent work completed in English at the Pupil Referral Service this term, with pupils working towards their GCSE English Language, Functional Skills and Step Up To English qualifications. We have been researching our favorite music genre which has been used as part of the Speaking, listening and Communication part of the exam

Various pupils have completed their Speaking, Listening and Communication exams for their Functional Skills exams. Conner was able to complete an amazing power point about his favorite music artist and able to verbalise this.



Josh has particularly liked reading "Don't Call Us" and has informed me that he will continue to read in his spare time.

Millie and Michael C, have completed work on Teams throughout the there time at home and I am really proud of them for showing a fantastic work ethic throughout the Pandemic.

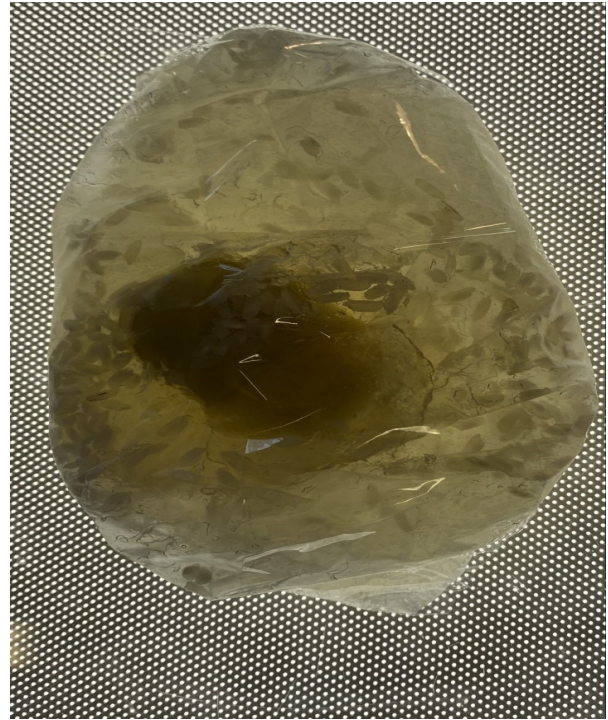


We celebrated World Book Day by some of the staff coming dressed as a book character. It was fun to see Mr. Moreno dressed as "Action Man", whilst Mrs. Ford was "Dorothy" from the Wizard of Oz. Mrs Rogers made an excellent farmers wife whilst both Mr. Togwell and Mrs Allison were characters from Harry Potter!

I have enjoyed teaching English to all the pupils and wish them all a happy summer holidays.

Science with Mr Togwell

Key Stage 3 pupils have worked on the Biology B1 topic on Cells. Here Charley is working on making a model cell from a food bag, wall paper paste, a plastic ball and curled wool. The parts represent the Cell membrane, cytoplasm, nucleus and Chromosomes in a cell.



Key Stage 4 Have been working on units in the biology GCSE on Plants and Photosynthesis. In this picture pupils are removing the green Chlorophyll from leaves to test them with Iodine for starch. Leaves that turn black contain Starch.



For World Book Day, we created a Harry Potter inspired investigation into identifying potions mixed up by Dobby the House Elf. Here we can see Christy doing a flame test on 'Magic Wand Power' to work out its identity.



ICT with Mr Cosgrove and Miss Broadbent

This term in ICT our pupils have been making their very own menu for an Italian restaurant on their laptops using the application Microsoft Word. The pupils enjoyed making these and the menus look fab! Lizzie W did a Mexican twist with hers adding tasty foods from Taco cups to Mexican chicken lasagne and finishing with Mexican fritters. Liv C made an amazing start on her menu here's a taster!

L'ultima Cena

Welcome to L'ultima Cena! Here we have a variety of the top quality Italian food made by our professional chef. We hope you enjoy your meal here today!

Starter Menu:

Minestrone Soup (V) - £4.50

Traditional mixed veg soup

Garlic pizza (V) -£5.00

12" pizza with garlic butter & tomato

Garlic pizza with cheese (V) - £5.50

12" pizza with garlic butter, tomato & cheese

Muscles Italiano - £4.00

Muscles in white wine, butter, garlic & black pepper

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Our pupils are currently working on how to use and produce Spreadsheets on Excel. Liv C has completed a test on working on Spreadsheets and did amazingly well getting 100%!

Our pupils now know to make a spreadsheet they need to click on the cell, type in the formula, press enter then the result of the calculation is shown in the cell. Josh C really enjoyed using the spreadsheets and said he will need to use them to manage his books when he becomes a self-employed window cleaner!

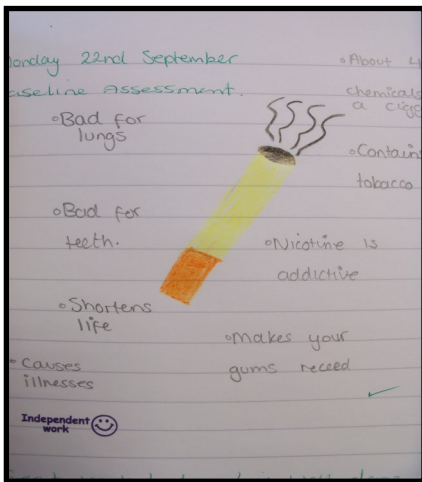
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7	Gas	2323.00	650.44	743.36	394.91	534.29	2323.00	
8	Water	1074.00	300.72	343.68	182.58	247.02	1074.00	
9	Garbage	286.00	80.08	91.52	48.62	65.78	286.00	
10	Shop Phone	825.00	231.00	264.00	140.25	189.75	825.00	
11	Internet	490.00	137.20	156.80	83.30	112.70	490.00	
12	Alarm Service	275.00	77.00	88.00	46.75	63.25	275.00	
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HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

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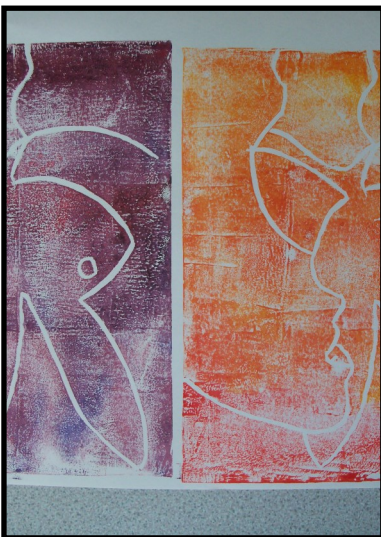
- Vegetables:** Carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, heart-shaped vegetable.
- Fruits:** Apples, grapes, banana.
- Sports & Fitness:** Bicycle, soccer ball, basketball, tennis racket, dumbbell, jump rope, sneakers, running shoe.
- Health & Wellness:** Water bottle, glass of juice, apple core, leafy greens.
- Other Symbols:** Clock, smartphone, alarm clock, heart rate monitor, fish, blueberry.

and her blender, raspberries and kiwis never tasted so good.



Art - Mrs Aveyard

Christi has a passion for the gym and wanted this to form the main focus of his finished piece. It would seem he is a potential adrenaline junkie as you can see from the images he chose to include.



A collage of images related to fitness and sports. The collage includes a person climbing a rock, a person swimming, a person lifting weights, a person performing a gymnastic move, a person playing basketball, a person running, and a person performing a backflip. Text labels include 'TEARS', 'BLOOD', 'WEIGHTS', '66 KG', 'GYM', 'Muscle mass', 'Endurance', 'FITNESS', and 'Stamina'.

Art - Mrs Aveyard

A special mention has to go to two pupils for the mature attitude they have shown towards their artwork. Although she has now officially left us at the end of year 11, Charlie White asked if she could continue to come into school to do what she does best and create a large scale canvas. How could we say no? Once a week Charlie came in and worked diligently, taking her time on an artwork with the theme of food. Her detail is painstaking and for this reason we will have to leave the unveiling for a little longer but it will definitely be worth the wait.

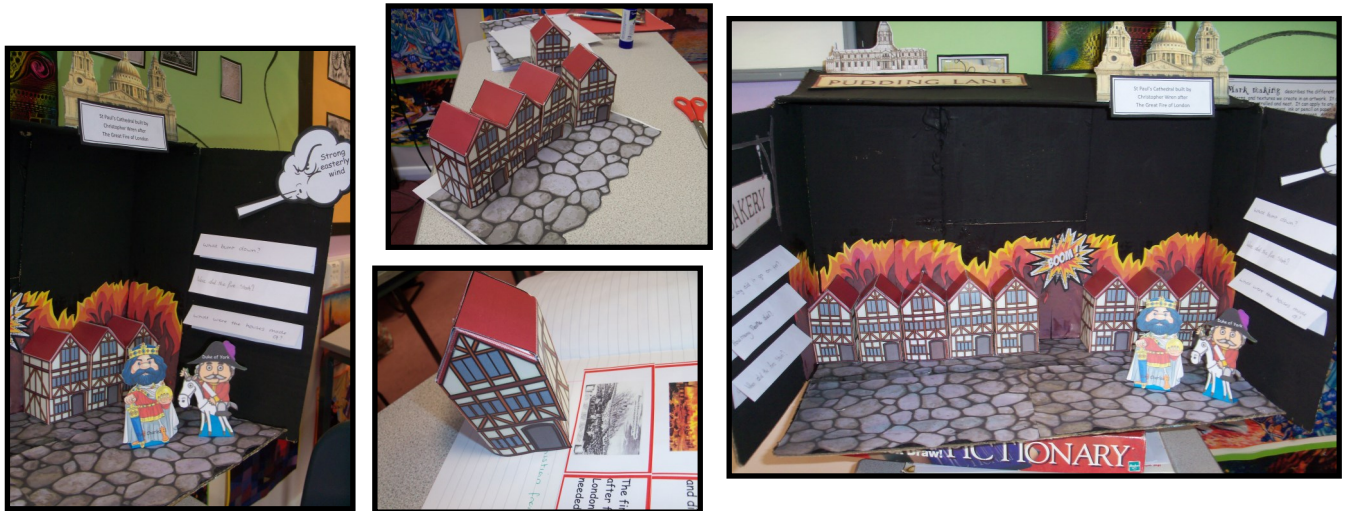
Lewis has taken a very personal journey through his artwork this term. He has explored lots of different materials and developed lots of new skills. At the heart of all of it was the memories of his dearly loved and greatly missed late sister Jess. A family memorial to Jess needed some finishing touches and Lewis knew just what he wanted to do. With his fantastic eye for detail and very exacting standards he produced a beautiful fitting tribute.

A very big well done has to go to both these pupils. WELL DONE!!!



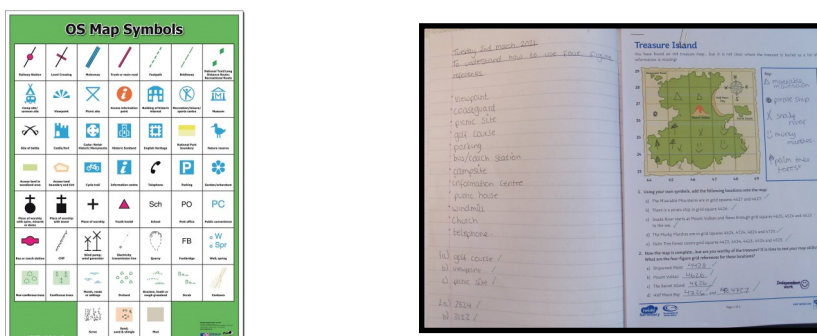
Humanities with Mrs Aveyard

In history we thought it made sense to learn about The Great Fire of London since it happened just after The Great Plague of London which we had just been studying before Christmas. As terrible as the Great Fire was it was important to look at the positives to come from such a disaster. It ended up being one of the main contributing factors to stopping the plague that had wreaked havoc and had taken so many lives. Liv was astonished to discover that only six people died in the fire considering the amount of buildings that were destroyed in such a short space of time. We set to work building our own version of Pudding Lane. Our chief architect Christi constructed most of the buildings including the main culprit Thomas Farriner's Bakery. Charley and Lizzi were our main fact checkers, making sure to include details of elements that had helped it spread so quickly. A strong wind, very dry Summer, poorly maintained buildings made of wattle and daub and packed tightly together led to an unfortunate result. Thankfully what was learnt from this disaster helped build a much improved London with a shiny new cathedral courtesy of Christopher Wren and the beginnings of the first proper fire service that we come to rely on these days.



Geography - Mrs Aveyard

We went back to basics and threw out the GPS. How would we find out just where on earth we were? On closer inspection of our Ordnance Survey maps we were able to identify exactly where we were in relation to the nearest wildlife reserve, church, viewpoint or main railway station. Our new knowledge of OS symbols, compass directions and four and six grid references put us firmly on the right path, or was it bridleway, I forget now. Thankfully Alfie knew exactly how to read grid references, so we wouldn't get lost.



Careers with Mrs Rogers

In careers this term the year 11 pupils have completed their applications for college.

Some year 11 pupils have already had their interviews and have been successful being offered provisional places at their chosen colleges. A few of the year 11 pupils are wishing to gain an apprenticeship, and will have to complete applications for this in May/ June but we are confident they will also be successful.

In other year groups we have been looking at the format of CV's and completing our own CV ready for summer time, hopefully some pupils will use their CV to gain employment over the summer.



Also we have been looking at our own personal likes, dislikes, skills and qualities. This will help pupils to realise where their strengths are which can then help to identify where they might like to pursue an interest which could then develop later in school life to college or university.

Cooking with Miss Starbuck

We have started using our kitchen at the Alexander Centre this term and are making it our own. The pupils who have been coming into school have been able to access cooking every week and have been cooking a range of dishes and desserts from cottage pie and pizza to flapjack, biscuits and buns.

We have been trying to encourage independence in the kitchen, giving ownership of the session to the pupils and only interrupting to ensure they are using the oven and knives in a safe way. Hopefully this will lead to them being more able to cook for themselves in the future. Pupils are expected to follow the recipe instructions, find the ingredients and equipment themselves, wash-up and clear away.

Some pupils have therefore decided that they would like to cook meals which all the family would be able to eat that evening, often pasta based meals but it has also been positive to see them adding vegetables and herbs which they might not necessarily eat themselves.

Please let us know if you have any requests and we'll see what we can do!



Joinery at Scarborough Tec



Pupils have had the opportunity to develop their joinery skills at Scarborough TEC. They have learnt how to make different types of joints such as the half-lap, mitered butt and dovetail as well as completing projects such as picture frames, skirting boards and shelving. Our budding 'chippies' have also learnt how to use a range of tools including saws, marking gauges, chisels and drills.

Hopefully some of our pupils will be inspired to continue learning and pursue a career in the construction trade.

Leon is enjoying joinery and doing really well. He is now using electric drills and sanders safely.

Andrew has only been once but also did really well and got stuck in at making his first corner.



Year 11 Post 16 with Mrs Rogers

Since January I have been working closely with year 11 pupils to ensure they have secured post 16 education. We have explored various options and researched different courses in the local area. Pupils have chosen destinations which they have shown an interest in and they have started to feel positive about their futures.

We have explored a wide range of colleges and further education providers, including, Scarborough TEC, Scarborough Sixth Form, East Riding college, YH training, York college, Bishop Burton, Future Works, The Hair Academy, Skills Village and apprenticeships.

We will be attending open days at a number of colleges for pupils to feel supported in their transition and for them to be able to meet staff and explore their new education setting.

The further education settings which our pupils will be moving on to include Scarborough TEC, York College, Skills Village and The Hair Academy.

Some pupils would like to explore apprenticeships which we will look at in the next few months.

Egg and Spoon race for Comic Relief

In March for Comic Relief an egg and spoon race was arranged with both staff and pupils taking part. All participants paid a small donation as an entry fee for the chance to win a Red Nose Day mug that was filled with sweets. Names were randomly picked in pairs to race over a 30m course in the school grounds with the winner of each race going through to the next round in a single elimination format. After several highly contested rounds Frankie Morrison, a year 10 pupil, emerged victorious with a total of £42 being raised for a very good cause.



High Pass

This term for High Pass on a Friday the pupils and staff have enjoyed various activities to celebrate achieving high pass.

Liv and Millie enjoyed soaking Mrs Rogers and Mrs Chopping in a water fight at Oliver's Mount.



The pupils went exploring at Hayburn Wyke with Mrs Alison, Mr Moreno and Miss Ellis- Whittaker. Lizzie enjoyed looking at rock pools and the waterfall.



Harley and Leon went to Gilly's to play pool as a reward for high pass with Mr Booth and Miss Starbuck. Charley choose to go for a walk around the seafront followed by an ice cream at Groovy Moos.

Cristy, Charley and Tammy visited Cedar Barn for strawberry picking in the sun.

Attendance with Mrs Rogers

After such a difficult year with COIVD it is great that we are starting to slowly get back into a routine and attendance is starting to increase at school.

If you feel that your child may be struggling with the early starts or feeling anxious about attending school, please get in touch with me and we can discuss options to slowly transition them back into school. This could include starting at a later time or a reduced timetable for a while to support your child back in to school.

The attendance lucky dip is back during Friday's assembly for the highest attender each week! Lots of little prizes to be won.

Our highest attender this half term is Lizzie, with an attendance score of 90%, well done Lizzie, this is amazing.

PE with Mr Moreno

After this stress of isolation and partial returns to school PE has proved to be a way to blow off steam as well as reconnect with friends and fellow pupils and also to get used to working as a team again. We have taken advantage of different locations for PE including walks in the local urban area, local forestry and or regular location of Raincliff Sports Hall. We have engaged in football, dodgeball, rounder's and basketball. A small contingent has been regularly attending the Scarborough Amateur Boxing Club at various skill levels, introductions all the way up to refining sparring combinations. We intend to attempt to offer further activities with staff training to teach at the Beach and in the forestry and with a newly qualified RNLI lifeguard the option of Surf school may be in the near future.



A message from our Governors

The stresses and difficulties of Lockdown had to continue from the previous year until the present time, but hopefully most restrictions will soon be eased and we may be able to return to what is considered 'normal' life.

We have a new Governor, Professor Chris Cooper of Leeds Beckett University who brings expertise in tourism and business to the experienced Management Committee.

A reduction in funding caused a staff restructuring and we are sorry to have lost some valuable staff members. The current financial situation is now stable and we are able to approve a positive budget for the next three years.

A planning application to develop private residences in the former Westborough College building with an annex below the PRU site of further homes, has been approved with some amendments following our representation to the Local Planning Authority. We continue to have concerns over the condition of our current building and press the Local Authority to relocate us.

The Local Authority requested the temporary services of our Head teacher in supporting Brompton Hall school to which we agreed and we appointed our current Assistant Headteacher Mrs Wendy Chopping to the post of Acting Head teacher, who continues to maintain a calm learning atmosphere.

Jim Martin

Management Committee Vice Chair

PRS Success story

One of our school leavers Owen Shevels has passed his *CSCS* exam with flying colors and is starting his work experience to hopefully lead onto an apprenticeship with *Guy Bentley Groundworks*.

We want to say how proud we all are of Owen and Good luck!!



Before you go ...

Hello and Goodbye's

This year we have said goodbye too:

- Mrs Allison
- Mr Cosgrove
- Miss Starbuck

We thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the PRS. We will be sad to see you go and we wish every one of you all the best in your new adventures.

Hello to:-

Mrs Fox, who joined us in May. Since joining our team, not only has she been working in the English department, she has also played a supportive role in many other aspects of our school. We appreciate everything she done for us here at the PRS.

Pupils transitioning back to mainstream

As a Nurturing School, we know the importance of transition in children's lives.

Here at the PRS, we have two of our pupil's transitioning back to mainstream school, Tammy and Lizzy. Tammy and Lizzy have both made fantastic progress whilst being at the PRS and we wish them both every ounce of success on their journey back to mainstream.

Term dates

Below is a reminder of the school holidays for the year 2021—2022, which we hope you find useful. We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back into school on Tuesday 7th September 2021

Autumn term

7th September to 17th December 2021

Half term 22nd October—1st November 2021

Spring term

5th January to 8th April 2022

Half term 18th February—28th February 2022

Summer term

26th April to 22nd July 2022

Half term 27th May to 6th June 2022

Training days

Monday 6th September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 25th April 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

School Day

Monday—Thursday 8:45 to 2:30

Friday 8.45—2.30

Catch-up—1 hour at the end of the day