



## The Livity School Weekly Newsletter

### School News

**INSET DAY:** The school will be closed to pupils on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.**

#### **FREE Makaton taster session Friday 17 March 2023**

Parents/carers can access a range of training courses run by Evelina London Community Speech and Language Therapy, the details of this can be found here: <http://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/community-speechand-language-therapy/overview.aspx>

Some parents/carers have been expressing interest in learning **Makaton**. Please see below details for a FREE taster session which you can book onto:

#### **Makaton taster sessions**

**Cost:** free

**Delivery:** live webinars

**Date:** Friday 17 March 2023 1.30-3pm

**Please email [gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.contacts@nhs.net) to reserve a place.**

These are fun and interactive small group virtual sessions for all interested in learning about Makaton.

Session aims:

To give participants an insight into Makaton:

what it is and how it can support communication

to learn approximately 30 signs and symbols

to begin to discuss ideas on how Makaton can be used at home, school, nursery or other settings

Recommended for anyone who is interested in finding out about Makaton or anyone who is

interested in attending further training such as a Level 1 or 2 workshop in the future.

Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. You must inform the school office in advance if your child is going to be absent from school for an appointment. Please provide proof of appointment to the school office as well.

**Please remember to call the school office before 7.30am if your child is going to be absent.**

#### **Red Class**

We have planted some spring bulbs, seed potatoes and onions to watch they grow. The children enjoyed exploring the daffodil, hyacinth and tete-a tete bulbs. They used their hands and trowels to cover the bulbs up.



#### **Yellow Class**

Yellow Class children this week have enjoyed a Dough Disco session, where they manipulated play-dough with their hands while following the [www.thelivingschool.co.uk](http://www.thelivingschool.co.uk)

rhythm of different songs. They also got familiar with the new Sensory Room display inspired by the Rainforest. They had the opportunity to feel different fabrics, explore new props and continue working on their switching skills to activate lights and resources.



#### **Pink Class**

It's been another busy week in Pink Class! We've been working hard in phonics as usual. In cooking we made a delicious apple crumble and practiced our cutting skills by chopping up apples. We have continued our

work on the rainforest this week and begun an art project by doing a big floor painting of the Amazon River, and we will continue to add to it over the coming weeks.



### Blue Class

This week Blue Class learned " We are going on a bear hunt " and we linked our theme "environment" with elements of nature that will appear in this interesting story telling activity. Pupils were also able to identify the "Bear" in different positions and locations using and matching the correct prepositions. The Blue Class boys also enjoyed the swimming pool lesson with our swimming Teacher Tanya. Well done everyone!!! 😊



### Orange Class

This week in Orange Class, we read a new story "The very hungry caterpillar". Pupils were very engaged whilst adults were reading the story using a PPT and had a lot of fun exploring the props. Some children were able to repeat words from the story and others were able to name some of the items (fruits) mentioned in the story.

After reading as a whole group, pupils took part actively to small groups activities and worked well, each child according to his/her ability.



### Ladybird Class

This week Ladybirds Class have changed our theme to 'desert'. We made 's' in different colored sand and found snakes too. We made 'desert nachos' and the children listened carefully to follow the instructions in the recipe. The children have also communicated their favorite songs to sing and sensory choices during our 'environment' sensory story.



### Rainbow Class

Children in Rainbow Class have been cooking in the food tech room and linking cooking with the story 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'. Children were able to chop and slice fruit and choose what they wanted on their pancake. We will soon be measuring and following a recipe. We have also started Spanish lessons and will soon be learning Spanish words involving the class environment.



### Green Class

Children in Green Class this week have engaged very well in dough therapy. They used different sensory techniques, such as squeezing, prodding and rolling the dough.



### Purple Class

Purple Class have continued to explore the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' the children have been learning how to recognise and spell out certain food that the caterpillar ate. During art, the children have been very creative and were able to create caterpillar faces using paper plates, sticky 2D shapes and glitter. During PE, Purple Class have been working tremendously hard on their balance using benches, mats and listening to three steps instructions.



### Butterfly Class

In Butterflies this week we have been testing different ice experiments. Our favourite activity was to make coloured water, freeze it and then use the ice to complete ice paintings. We liked exploring the different states of the water and seeing our paintings develop as the ice melted.



### Bumblebee Class

This week Bumblebee Class has done an Art session using cotton wool, glue and glitter to create a fluffy and shiny Snowman. In Maths, children have been exposed to different shapes using soft gel shapes with shaving foam and using their fine motor skills to sort shapes out into the correct shape's space. Bumblebee Class has also been choosing from their favourite toys and books. We had an amazing busy week!



### Gold Class

Pupils in Gold Class have learnt about environments. This week we are learning everything about the Arctic. We explored with ice to explain how it melts with warm water and salt. Pupils are reading "Little Polar Bear" and using communication boards and Colorful Semantics to retell the story and read sentences. In our cooking lesson, pupils can count ingredients to make a "Snowman pizza".



### Silver Class

This week Silver Class pupils have been learning to identify the placement of numerals and hands on an analogue clock. For cooking pupils have been making pizza. Pupils have been learning the differences between fruits and vegetables from a horticultural perspective. Pupils have also been using their fine and gross motor skills by developing their knife and a grater skills to chop vegetables and grate cheese. For PSHE Silver Class pupils have been developing an understanding of the different roles people have in our community.



### Unicorn Class

This week in Unicorn Class our pupils have been expressing themselves through art creating self-portraits in the style of Picasso. They have also been engaging in role play, taking part in acting out a group story!!



### Don't Forget

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** - INSET day - no school for pupils
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023** - Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - INSET DAY - no school for pupils
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - INSET DAY - no school for pupils
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023** - Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023** - early school closure - buses / parents / taxis collect children 1pm
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023** - Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023** - INSET day - no school for pupils
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023** - Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023** - Parent Forum 9.30 - 10.30am

All our term dates are available on our website.

The Livity School website <https://www.thelivingschool.co.uk> On the website under 'Parents and Carers' you will find the link for **Parent Pay** where you can pay for school dinners and uniform.

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**Tel: 0208 187 5318 / 0208 187 5317 / 0208 187 5316**