



Dear Parents / Carers Welcome to our Newsletter

Spring 2, April 2021

Welcome to our Spring 2 newsletter which after an extended period of time remote learning I am pleased to share with you some of the amazing learning we have been doing on site.

The next phase of keeping safe sees us move to home testing and you will have received letters and testing kits from us. Our staff have spent time demonstrating how these kits need to be used, there are instruction booklets and videos to help and as always if you have any questions please be in touch.

Thank you for your engagement with our virtual review days, I appreciate the feedback provided and as a team we really value your support, we can't achieve the success with your child without out.

I am extremely proud of the staff team for their care and work. It has been a challenging time for us all this year. I have worked in Alternative Provision for nearly

15 years, the attitude and quality in the classroom is some of the best I have ever seen.

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Governors View

‘On behalf of the governors I want to thank you all for your dedication to the wellbeing of our students during this term. It’s been another tough term due to COVID-19 but we are gradually moving back to normality, hopefully for good. I’m looking forwards to seeing you all in person soon. Have a good Easter break.

With kindest regards
John Cottingham, Chair of
Governors

I hope you enjoy the newsletter!

Phil Hutchinson

Executive Principal

Phoenix House

KS2 & 3

All Key Stage 2 & 3 attendees have made 100% progress in both Literacy and Maths. All of the student's assessment scores increased from their enquiry quizzes at the start of the term, with some learners increasing by over 50% - fantastic progress!

Sensory Circuits

Our sensory circuit room has had a huge, positive impact on our learners, with some great competition between students in both Key Stages. Mr Cook has lead the sessions, with him creating a range of different circuits for the students to complete and try and get the best score against their peers! They have also now started to plan and design their own sensory circuits, which has resulted in a light hearted, competitive edge between students.



British Science Week

At Phoenix House, both Key Stages took part in British Science Week across the sites. The impact was superb with a count of student participation minutes in science totaling an impressive 925 minutes! The range of activities included experiments and practical sessions on friction, bottle flipping, orienteering, reaction times, paper aeroplanes, baking bread, dunking biscuits and making sweet rainbows! A great engaging week!



KS2— English

Pupils have engaged particularly well with the end of term assessment- to write a sequel to the book 'Gorilla'. Pupils showed significant interest in the story from the beginning, and have learnt a variety of skills throughout the term which have enabled them to produce such brilliant pieces of writing. Pupils have demonstrated their creativity, responsibility and perseverance during the writing of their

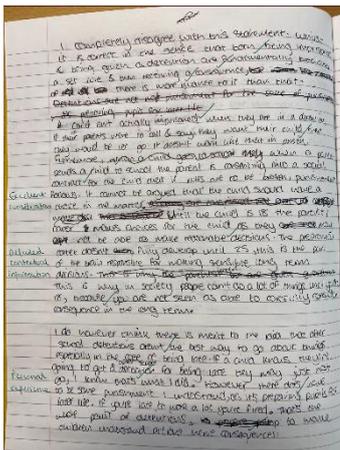
Park House



This term during National Science Week, students took part in a range of activities and experiments aimed at sparking an interest in the subject and informing students of potential career paths.



Our Sports group spent an afternoon picking up litter and improving the local environment, this is now a weekly activity.



One learner wrote a magazine article about school detentions and their past experiences. Students in Parkside have been looking at online safety and staying safe within the community. We have seen a lot of group discussions and posters created to help people stay safe



Students in Art have been working on their final unit looking at 3D modelling. Part of this unit has required them to design a head, using a range of materials; the only requirement was to be as creative as possible!



Sevenhills



Our learners from the virtual world were welcomed back this term and we were impressed with how well all students adapted. As you can see, there has been plenty to celebrate and we look forward to welcoming students back after the Easter break.

Comic Relief

To celebrate and raise awareness for Comic Relief this year staff and students decided to spread some joy by writing down their favourite jokes which were then displayed on the fence for the local community to enjoy as they walked by!



National Science Week

Students fully embraced National Science Week, participating in a range of interesting activities and experiments to enrich their learning.



School closes for half term on Thursday 1st April 2021 and we open on Tuesday 20th April 2021. Please keep safe and follow the Government guidance during Easter. We look forward to seeing you after a well-earned rest.