



Newsletter

Spring Term 2

2024





Dear Families

As we stride into the Easter term, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and commitment to our school community. It is through our collective efforts that we continue to create an environment where every student can thrive and flourish.

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to our dedicated staff team. Your tireless efforts in providing quality education and support to our students are truly commendable. Your passion and dedication make all the difference in the lives of our students.

Equally, I want to extend my deepest thanks to our parents and guardians. Your engagement and support play a pivotal role in the success of our students. Your involvement in their education journey not only enriches their learning experience but also strengthens our school community as a whole. It was heart-warming to see so many of you at the recent events such as humanities and reading week held in school, your presence motivates the pupils and brings much excitement.

I also want to express my profound gratitude to our Governors. Your dedication and commitment to ensuring that Woodlands Meed receives the resources and facilities it deserves are truly commendable. Your tireless efforts in fighting for the New College demonstrate your unwavering advocacy for our students' futures. Your support is invaluable, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such passionate advocates on our team.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter term filled with joy, growth, and endless possibilities.
Warm regards,

Adam Rowland
Headteacher



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Badger Bulletin



Badgers have had such a busy half term. We have been learning about real life heroes—people that help us. We have been role-playing being police, nurses such as Florence Nightingale and firefighters.

In geography we have been learning about our local area with a focus on our school grounds. Alongside this we have been looking at signs of spring, and natural materials as well as man made.

The Badgers have weekly SALT and OT sessions and their progress in this has been fantastic and their skills are developing, helping them to work towards their personal targets.

We completed our JOLF sessions and are excited about the JOLF festival to see their skills that they have developed.

We have been creative in Art and have sent home some beautiful examples of their work to be enjoyed at home too, watching their focus and concentration on these tasks has been amazing. Well Done Badgers!



Desert Class Newsletter



Red Nose Day



Tug of War!



Today we made bread rolls.



Sawing wood in Forest school!



Wheelchair football



Humanities Week



Desert have had a very busy term!

FOX CLASS

Fox Class have been focusing on their new topic of World War II. They have also been persevering really hard with learning new skills like division and basketball!



We went to the Wings Museum where we sat in the cockpit, held a gun and jumped out of a plane!



We did a Cake Sale for Comic Relief and raised over £100!



We have been working really hard in Maths and persevering with division.



We tried out Basketball! Everyone loved it and got the hang of it really quickly!



Glacier Class News

It's been a busy term with some fantastic learning taking place. We've enjoyed; a trip to London, learning about human and physical geography, Red Nose Day, World Book Day and Reading is my Superpower week!



Amazing fancy dress for World Book Day



**Enjoy the Easter
Holidays everyone!!**



Hedgehog Herald

This half term we have continued with our weather topic and also been working hard on our physical skills.



Lake Class News

We have to start this terms update with our super exciting trip to London, as part of KS3 humanities week. Several students had never been to London before and to add to the excitement we had a boat trip on the River Thames. Lake class excelled themselves and were a pleasure to take out and everyone had a great time.



We travelled to Horsham for the My Future 24 – Inclusive Careers & Transitions Fair. Students showed some excellent independent and communication skills during the visit .



Visiting stalls and conversing with unfamiliar adults about the opportunities available. We were so proud of the maturity lake class showed.

A cartoon mole character with large, expressive eyes, a wide smile showing two small teeth, and pink inner ears. It is emerging from a pile of brown dirt, with its hands visible on the edges of the mound.

This term we have been learning about the Egyptians. The pupils have enjoyed designing and making their own board games, recreating the mummification process using action figures, breaking hieroglyphic codes and turning the classroom into an Egyptian home!

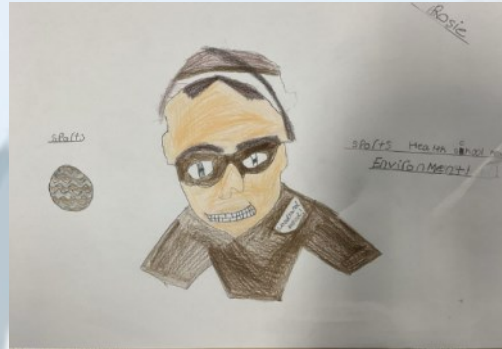


Mountain Class: A cut above the Everest.

This half term we have...



Been to a Careers Fair and held a giant snail!



Formed our own political parties and manifestos!



Met the MJC at the Careers Fair!



Been to London!



And learning Shakespeare!

Ocean Class



Ocean class have been busy this term meeting people who help us in the community. We visited the fire, police and ambulance stations before moving to public transport to watch the buses and go on a train ride to Haywards Heath.





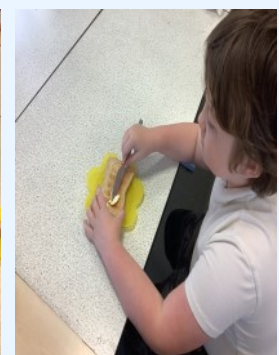
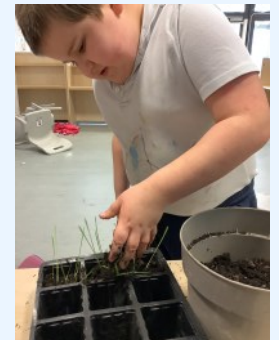
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In Otter News



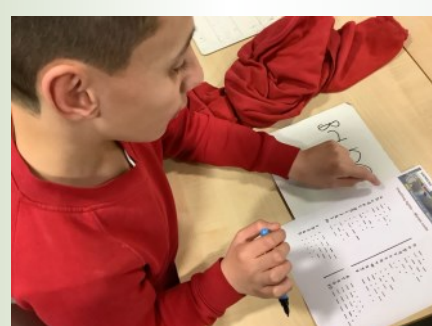
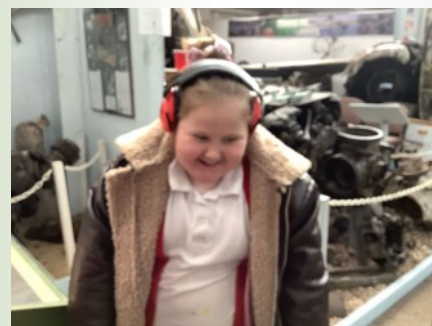
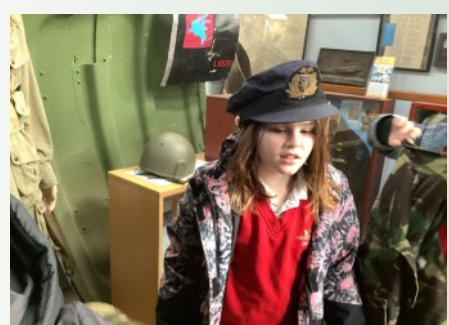
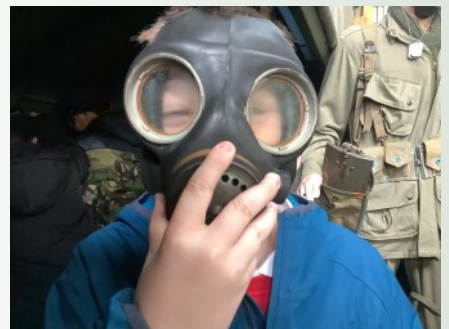
We have had a lovely half term working on our topic Farming. We have grown wheat, learnt where eggs and milk come from and used them in food tech.

The highlight of the term was our trip to the farm and meeting all the animals and having a play in the barn.



Owls

We have continued with our World War II topic. We had an amazing visit to the Wings Museum and had a lot of fun exploring the planes and pretending to jump from them. We have been learning dances and songs from the era ready for our tea party.



Rabbit Class

Tales from the burrow

This term we have loved learning all about the Egyptians! We enjoyed wrapping each other up as mummies, making pyramids and solving hieroglyphic codes.



River class news Spring 2

River class have had a very busy half term! On Friday we celebrated wear grey for the elephants, which was a huge success!



In science we have been busy separating different mixtures and using different pieces of equipment to help us.



We had a fun day for Red nose day this term! We enjoyed lots of different activities and especially the cake sale.



Robins newsletter



We have had a term working on our topic 'The Weather'. We have explored... Rainy days, sunny days, windy days, snowy days, and Rainbow days.



Squirrel Class



We have been reading a lot in Squirrel Class this term, and really getting to know our core books—can you spot any stories you know?



Waterfall News

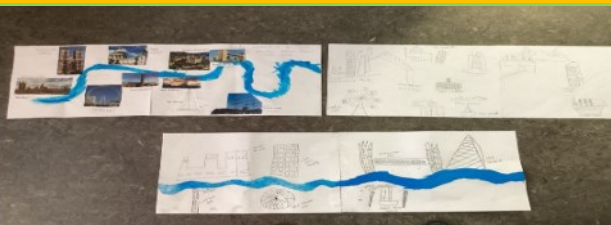
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This term we have had our humanities week. We learnt about London. All our activities were London based and we went on a KS3 trip to London and on a boat trip on the Thames. Our chosen building was the Tate Modern so we created some of our own art pieces



Jackson Pollock



Kusama obliteration room



This half term has also been Careers week. We have enjoyed talks from The Albion, JubyLee Bakes, Rik's Bikes and Network Rail



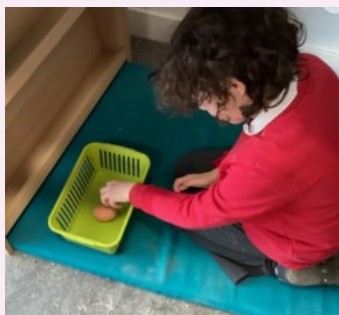
In PE we have been learning different techniques to boost our fitness. At the end of the lesson we had a staff vs students tug of war.



As part of comic relief we took part in a keepy uppy challenge. Thomas was our champion with 18

A fantastic Spring term
Waterfall

Wonderful Woodpeckers



Woodpeckers have had a brilliant half term! We have loved our topic about Farming! Woodpeckers have enjoyed visiting the Oaks Farm and Fishers Farm and role played being farmers!

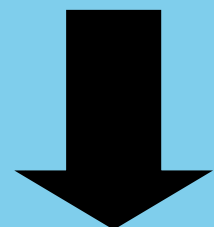
FoodTech



During Careers week we had a visit from Chef Toni from The Grand Hotel in Brighton. We learned how to make Pork Stir fry with a Japanese dressing. The students all got stuck in and made some great tasting food.



Fancy a go? Here's the recipe



Stir Fry Pork with Japanese dressing

Cooked Pork belly

½ Pak choi

¼ pepper

¼ red onion

2 spring onions

¼ courgette

20g sweetcorn



For the Dressing:

2Tbsp Squeeze honey.

¼ lime

Pinch chopped coriander

20ml Soy sauce

10 ml sesame oil

Method

1. Finely slice the peppers, red onion, courgette, and spring onions – set to one side.
2. Slice the pork belly in to 3 pieces – set to one side.
3. Make the dressing by combining all ingredient listed and whisk together
4. Roll the Pak choi in sesame oil and salt and pepper and place on to a baking tray.
5. Roast the Pak choi in the oven at 180oc of 15 minutes
6. In frying pan Stir fry the vegetables with a little oil, salt and pepper
7. Season the pork belly and pan fry until crispy and lightly browned on a low heat – no oil.
8. To plate the dish, Place the stir fried veg on the plate, add the Pak choi and top with the crispy pork belly.
9. Eat and enjoy.

Motor Vehicle

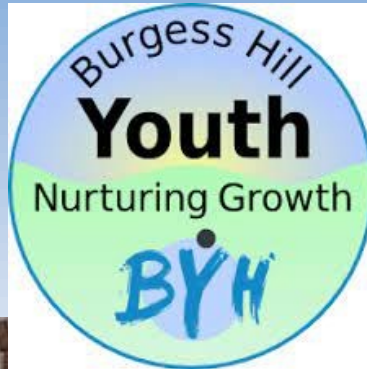


The students were in a different workshop. They all worked independently changing wheels and checking brakes. They were then given the opportunity to sit in a car, switch it on and give it a rev!



Woodlands meed School Council

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We have spent much of this half term thinking about Burgess Hill town centre and getting opinions from others, using our Youth Council surveys. The school council is the voice of the school, and we will share these opinions at our next Youth council meeting on 24th April 2024



We class walked to The Railway pub to deliver the plastic tubs for recycling!

The school council would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen, Brenda, Diane and Jane for all their assistance in the BHYA meeting and the opportunity to make some real changes in our local community. The BHYA have been given a budget of £1,000 to spend on a projects of their choosing.

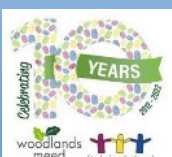
The group have also been told that the Town Council would like them to make the final decision on some new park playground equipment that will be installed, hopefully in our local Chanctonbury park.

A big thank you to parents of all students at WMS:

With your help, we have collected plastic toys, pringle pots, crisp packets, batteries amongst other items, and enjoy working alongside Eco-schools

Finally, we have lots of logo school uniform jumpers available for free, if you would like to request a size/ quantity please email your class teacher.

Vicky French and Nicky Lauterbach

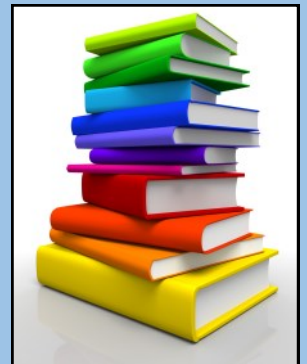


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School council



Earlier in the month two of our students attended the 1st Youth Council meeting at Burgess Hill Council Chambers. There were representatives from most local schools and Freya and Brayden both spoke clearly and with enthusiasm, representing the college brilliantly. They will attend the next meeting in April too where one of the local pupils will be made Youth Major and will be given the opportunity to attend events with the town Mayor.



We held a rainbow disco in order to raise money to start an LGBTQI+ section in the college library.



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Thank you for all the plastic containers. We collected 25 tubs and took them to the Railway Pub in Burgess Hill so that the plastic can be recycled and money used to support Macmillan Cancer support.



We have a new option for Wednesday afternoons called Eco Sense. Over the coming months the group will learn about biodiversity, waste, energy and marine life. They have already been out on a litter pick and are beginning to build their own bug houses which will be put around the grounds of the new college building later in the year.

If you would like to borrow any litter pickers for a weekend then please ask. We would love to see photos of the students litter picking in their local community added to Seesaw.



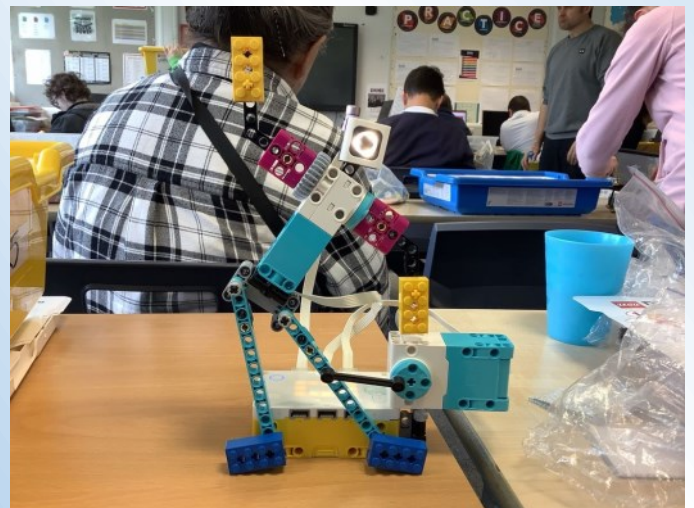
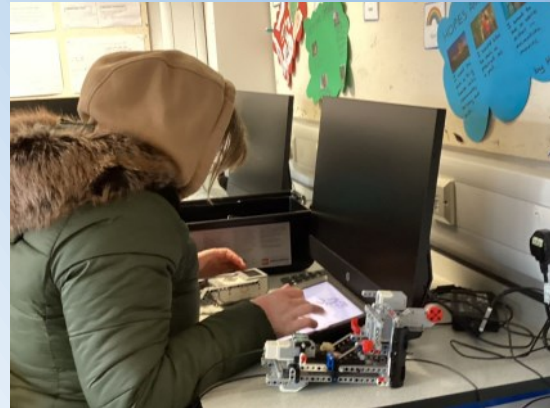
Some of our Eco councillors met with the senior management team recently to discuss making school policies that will ensure we are more environmentally conscious in our use of glitter, balloons and laminating at the college site.



Robotics



This term pupils have been developing their skills in building and programming our Lego sets. Pupils have used problem solving skills to find the pieces as well as programming skills to make their robots work. Well done all!



Enrichment KS3



Our Music group have been busy creating a song which the broadcasting group played on their radio show!

Baking group have been working in pairs and learning new skills such as icing this term, and are getting ready for the final bake—off to be judged.



Broadcasting group have had many visits to college, collaborating with students there to produce some great shows.

Gardening group chose what they wanted to grow and have really enjoyed growing their own food.



Travel Club went to the Wings museum and jumped out of planes and then they went to Gatwick airport to watch planes land!

Community Visits have enjoyed playing board games and engaging with the residents.



Swimming group have enjoyed splashing around in the pool and practicing their swimming skills.

Our sports group have been very energetic, had lots of fun and improved their fitness levels.



Life Skills group have met people who help in the community. They visited the fire, police & ambulance stations before moving to public transport to watch the buses & go on a train ride to Haywards Heath.

Performing Arts



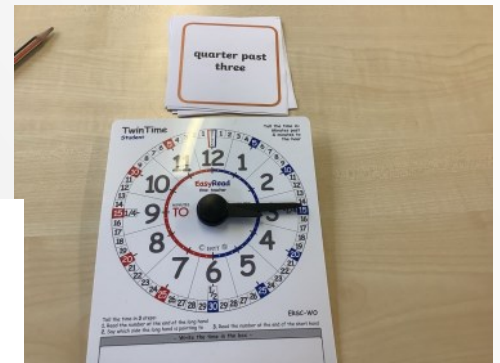
This term we have had a lot of fun collaborating with students at Hurst College. Together we have been devising a performance based on the seasons. We have had the opportunity to perform and rehearse in the theatre at Hurst College!



College Maths

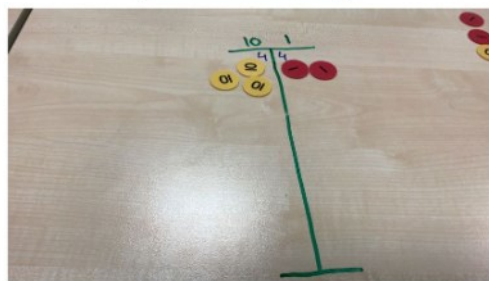


This term college students have continued to increase their fluency and problem solving skills through maths completing a range of activities.



As well as topic based qualifications the students love to take part in games to increase teamwork, communication and respect.

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Functional maths ensures that the pupils are learning life skills to prepare them for adulthood.



Pupils in Key Stage 4 have continued to work on their problem solving skills this term. Can you solve Gabriel's problem that was set during one of their sessions?

Tom's termly teaser

Gabriel wrote the numbers 1-9 in a 3x3 grid.

He then multiplied together all the numbers in each row and wrote the resulting product next to that row.

He also multiplied the numbers in each column together, and wrote the product under that column.

He then rubbed out the numbers 1-9.

Can you work out where Gabriel placed the numbers 1-9?

			24
			40
			378
60	21	288	

SCIENCE

Year 10 Science

Those preparing for qualifications have started our new topic on the environment. Students have created and labelled food chains. They also identified how factors such as overfishing negatively impacts food chains and food webs. They also found out about a range of interesting adaptations.

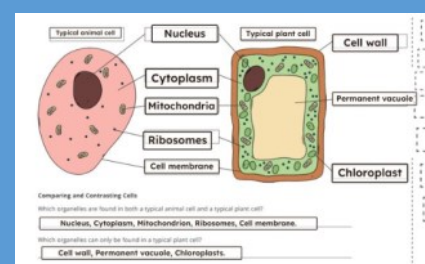
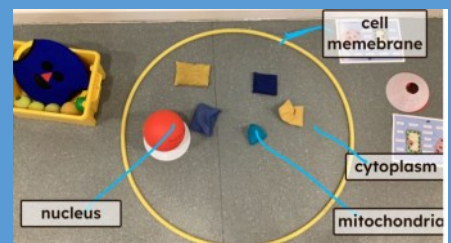


Year 10 Science

We have been learning about how exercise affects our heart beat and breathing. We counted our breaths before and after and found our pulse to count our heart beats. Students have labelled muscles in the body and talked about how we use them.

Year 11 Science

We have been learning about the human body and those studying GCSE Biology have been revising and working hard practicing assessments. Students have learnt about the heart, lungs, digestion, tissues and organ systems.





Design and Technology Enterprise Jim Green Challenge



Enterprise

Students have continued to make planters using recycled materials, as well as working on personal projects.



Jim Green Challenge/DT Group

The Group enjoyed taking part in the Jim Green Challenge at the South of England Show Ground, where they were in competition with other colleges and centres from all over the South of England. Woodlands Meed won land clearance and window box categories.

Our scarecrow and sheep sculptures are being displayed later this year in the South of England Show.

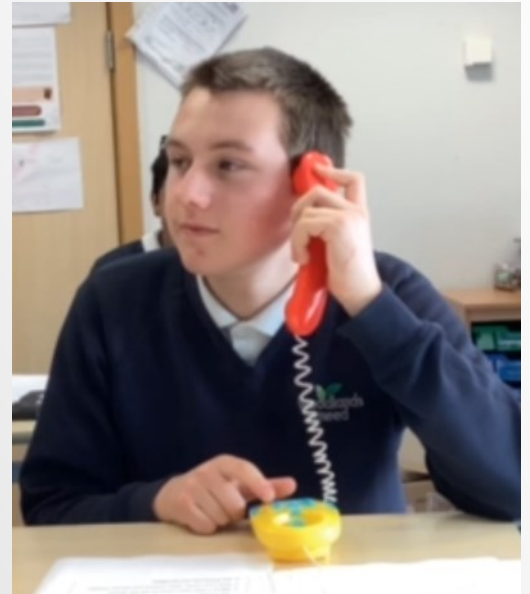
KS4 English

Our topic this half term was 'The World of Work'

We considered the different skills and qualities required for different jobs, and we learned about the different stages in the job application process, including CV and cover letter writing and interviews.



We practiced our telephone skills in formal situations, asking and answering questions and giving personal information when making appointments.



We practiced our interview skills, talking about the skills we have that would make us suitable for the job.

We used our Next Steps 'PRACTICE' skills to help us in this activity.



We read books and shared stories in Reading Week.
Some classes also learned about William Shakespeare and his works in celebration of Shakespeare Week.



Spring PE

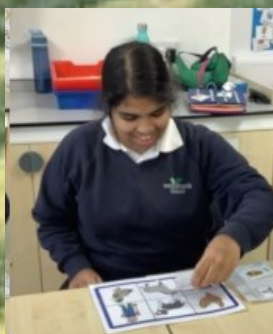


During PE this half term the students have been working in their class teams. Rotating between sports such as Swimming, Badminton and Hockey. Building on their learning from last half term!



5JJ

Our topic this half term was farming. As you can see, we have had a lot of fun!



5CH Down on the Farm

This term our topic has been on the Farm. We have had chances to visit some farms here we are at the Oaks Farm. Where we were shown around, got to meet some of the animals up close and got to ride on a tractor.

