

Springboard Spring Newsletter



As we come to the end of another half term, I know that warmer weather is close by as the clocks go forward the days become longer, and our students will once again enjoy our outside spaces.

The outside of the school building is also looking forward to a long awaited lick of paint as the Site Manager is beginning to make improvements, fingers crossed for dry weather!

Finally we welcomed Debbie to the team as the school cook, students are enjoying the fruits of her labour.

We have also employed Alice, Scott and Katie to support in 6th Form!



Look inside to find out about
All we have been doing this term

Update

As I am sure a lot of you have already heard we had a visit from Ofsted Tuesday 14th March, once again a no notice visit, the inspector Clive Dunn arrive at 8.20am. He stayed the whole day doing tours, meeting students and staff to ensure that we are meeting the Independent School Standards.

I was so very proud of the whole team including students who really demonstrated to him how special our school is. Our ethos and values really shone out on that day.

Of course we have to await the official report, but I know that everyone worked hard that day.

I wish you all a lovely Easter Break and look forward to seeing the students back on Thursday 20th April

Many Thanks
Leanne



Look to see what Class I have
been up to!

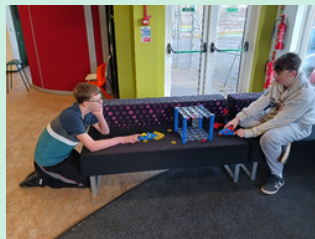
Class 1



Class 1 have been busy this term! We have covered a lot of ground in 'Speaking and listening', 'Non-fiction writing', and on a variety of Maths topics.

In 'Speaking and Listening', we have done a number of discussions and presentations on: the pro's and con's of gaming, fizzy drinks in schools, pet adoption and on the introduction of homework. In 'Non-fiction writing', we have learned how to write letters, emails, reports, articles and instructional texts. The class has also cooked a number of delicious meals for the school such as: fish and chips, all-day breakfasts, burgers and chips, sausage and bacon buns, and sausage and mash. The students have enjoyed trying their hands at being chefs, and the school has definitely enjoyed eating their food!

We are very proud of the work that Class 1 has done this term. They have learned a lot, and they have also had a lot of fun. We are excited to see what they will accomplish in the next term!



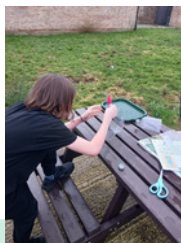
Look to see what Class 2 have been up to!



Class 2

This term has seen Class 2 explore the topic of Extreme Earth, learning about the structure of the Earth and the natural cycles and extreme weathers that come with this. Class 2 have taken part in experiments relating to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, as well as creating a rain gauge that has been continuously monitored by the students.

World book day was a great success this year at Springboard, with Class 2 students opting to dress as their favourite characters for the school day.



Class 2 have also ventured to the RSPCA in Brighton to deliver a charitable cheque that the students had raised from selling crafts they themselves made, being shown around and meeting all the different animals!



Look to see what Class 3 have been up to!

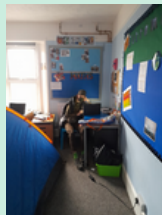


Class 3

This half term we have started the topic Extreme Earth, so far we have learnt about temperatures, drought and climate change. We still have a lot to cover so we will be continuing this topic after the Easter holidays.

In Math's, we have been working towards and taking part in AQA assessments, we have managed to complete all of them. Well done Callum and James. Our favourite English lesson this term was learning about imperative (bossy) verbs. Callum had to instruct James and a member of staff step by step instructions in putting a tent up. Unfortunately the weather was against us on the day, so we had to be very creative with space and put it in the classroom. It was a bit of a squeeze but we successfully managed.

We have been going out into the community when travel training, going to parks and finding new spots to go and explore. When working on life skills we have been going to the local shops to buy lunch and snacks for school, with a budget that we have to stick to. We also use the interactive tills to pay, so the students can become more independent and adapt to different types.



Look to see what 6th Form have been up to!



6th Form

Students have been enjoying going to Splash Point each week for a session of swimming. It's a great time for the students to get moving and spend some energy. The students have gotten better at respecting other swimmers and listening to staff when needed. It's always a highlight of the week for them and their excitement is often contagious.

Some of the students have been preparing for spring by getting involved with some gardening. Milo has enjoyed planting a variety of seeds around our garden. In the future, we hope to see sunflowers, tulips, pink wildflowers and even chilli peppers! Corey and Adam continue to attend the gym regularly and it has been a welcome surprise to have Tyler and Jake contributing to recent PSHE lessons on subjects such as alcohol/drugs misuse and social issues.

Springboard now has its own unofficial barista! Milo has taken a liking to taking staff and students orders and making them all coffee and hot chocolate.

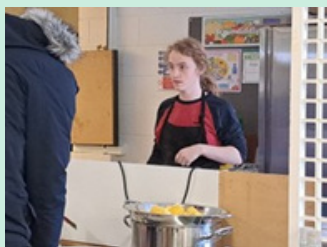
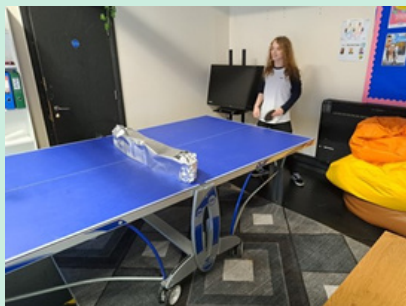
At the beginning of this term, Springboard did not have a cook, so the student took turns volunteering and helping to cook and prepare lunches for the rest of the school and the staff. The 6th Form students appreciated the chance to be able to try new recipes and make their favourite dishes for everyone. Adam thoroughly enjoyed this, he made cheese and chorizo balls for lunch. Corey also helped a few times by making supplement dishes for lunch time.

This term the 6th form students have been learning an array of different life skills, some of the students have been learning how to do laundry, putting on the wash for swimming sessions. The 6th form has also been learning how to conduct themselves in an interview setting. Milo and Phoenix have been doing mock interviews and most of the students attended sessions with a career's advisor. Corey had an interview for a job at Café Domenica and was successfully offered a job!



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PASTORIAL

In the pastoral team we have supported some of the students in variety of areas. We have encouraged friendships, helped students with their life skills and promoting positive behaviours. We have seen a massive improvement this term through person centred learning.



One of our students now attends school every day with 1:1 support and has built up their confidence to engage in work that they previously struggled with.

Through pastoral sessions we are managing to support the student to be able to transition back into a classroom environment. We are really proud of the progress the students have made and we look forward to continuing this in the summer term.



Information from the
Office next!



NOTES FROM the Office

Just a reminder regarding our Attendance Policy and procedures....

Please can all Parents/Carers advise the office by 9am if your child is going to be absent that day. This will need to be done on a daily basis. You are welcome to leave an answerphone message before the school opens. If we have not heard from Parents/Carers by 9am, we will attempt to contact. In the event of not being able to make contact, our procedure is to visit the home or call the local Police for a welfare check on the student, to ensure they are safe.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for you diary!

Easter Break Starts March 30th

Term starts 20th April

May Bank Holiday 1st May

Coronation of the King -

Bank Holiday 8th May

Last Day of Term 26th May



Look to see what other useful information is in this terms edition

Safeguarding

Keeping our young people safe has always been a priority

We work hard to teach them about keeping themselves safe both in the wider world and the virtual world, please find some helpful links that you might like to use at home



Parents' Toolkit
- BBC Bitesize

Parents Protect

Together we can prevent
child sexual abuse

Parents Protect -
Internet Safety

NSPCC

Keeping children
safe online
NSPCC

**Protecting children from
radicalisation**

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried about the radicalisation of a child. We've got advice to help.

YOUNGmINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

Gaming & Mental
Health | Parents
Guide To Support

We hope you find these helpful

STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council members have been working towards obtaining Springboard Hoodies. During the meetings, the students used their communication skills to agree on terms and conditions of the hoodies. This includes the price, design, logo and how the hoodies are earned by students.

On Tuesday 21st March, Lucian (Chairman of the Student Council) proposed the agreed plan to Senior Leadership Team (SLT) members Judy, Leanne, and Pedro during the weekly SLT meeting. Lucian used a PowerPoint created by Adam, letter proposed by Milo and all the good points raised by Ethan and Stan to present their proposed plan.

Great work from all!



Find out about tutor time

TUTOR TIME



Have a look at our Tutor Time Timetable. Through these activities, students have the opportunity to work towards targets relating to Our Springboard Way, get in the right headspace for morning session and gain an understanding of what is happening in the world around them.

Tutor Time Timetable

Monday – Target setting

Tuesday – Mindfulness
colouring

Wednesday – Newsround

Thursday – Assembly theme
activity

Friday – Target review



Wellbeing

Assemblies this term have allowed space for students to reflect on ways to improve their wellbeing. Can you complete the following activities relating to the assembly theme?

Nutrition and Hydration week:
Can you drink 4 glasses of water and eat one piece of fruit/ vegetable a day?



Emotional Health Day:
Can you write 5 positive affirmations about yourself?



Spring Equinox:

Can you list the changes we will see during Spring time?

