



Christmas Newsletter 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

We come to the end of a very busy term. I am delighted to confirm that the heating on the main site is now repaired. I am optimistic that there will be no further disruptions to school being open.

Our Year 7 pupils have settled well into school. I think we were all very pleased to have a school filled with pupils when we returned in September. It has been good to meet our families at EHC reviews even though we have been wearing face coverings or talking over the phone or via Teams. We now have 200 pupils on roll.

Despite COVID pupils have enjoyed super learning activities: Harvest assembly, Remembrance Day and Christmas activities.

Staffing updates

Mr Scrivens will be leaving at the end of the week and we wish him the very best of luck in his new school.

Mrs Mooney is retiring this week. She has supported many pupils over the years and brought lots of fun to her role as a teaching assistant. We wish her a very happy and healthy retirement.

Staff appointments for January 22 are Miss Goodman and Mrs Mc Conville as teaching assistants . Mrs O' Brien will be joining us as a teacher. Miss Blair will be taking over as the teacher of class Denali in January.

It has been good to maintain contact with families at our virtual parents' evening and annual reviews. Please try your best to attend your child's review. We pay for administration support for these meetings regardless of whether you turn up.

Your child's individual education plan will be updated next term and sent home at the end of January.

We have had lots of fun in the run up to Christmas decorating the school, our COVID friendly Christmas activity fair for pupils.

Thanks for supporting Christmas jumper day last week. .

We have had a great Christmas dinner day and panto all planned for Wednesday on the main site and Thursday at the sixth form hub. Pupils are not required to wear uniform on Wednesday.

On Friday 17th December we will close for Christmas break.

COLLECTION TIMES

PARENT PICK UP 1.15PM - 1.30PM

Reminders for all parents and carers:

- Pupils (except for 6th form) must wear school uniform - black trousers or skirt, black polo shirt, royal blue jumper, plain black sensible shoes. Pupils require a coat for activities outside of school.
- Toys and games must not be brought into school. Mobile phones must be handed to a member of staff during the day.
- Dropping off and collecting pupils - please ensure that you social distance, wait in your vehicle until we are ready to receive your child, wear a face mask and social distance from other families. (The Government have moved to plan B and we want to try to keep everyone safe in school)
- Attendance - holidays will not be authorised during school time. Please take your holidays during school holiday time.

I would like to thank the staff team for their hard work supporting the pupils of North Ridge. On behalf of the staff I wish all parents, carers and pupils a very happy Christmas and healthy peaceful New Year. School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Bernice Kostick
Head Teacher

Ben Nevis

This term in maths we have been looking at money. Ben Nevis have been calculating amounts of coins and notes. They have also been learning that they need to wait for change and calculating how much change is needed from an



In D&T we have been making Christmas baubles. Ben Nevis have been designing their own baubles. They have made these baubles out of clay and painted them using their designs!



Class Endeavour



This term as part of our personal and social development lesson we visited Sea Life at The Trafford Centre. The pupils were very excited to see all the amazing and colourful sea creatures. They even got to stroke a starfish before buying themselves a souvenir from the gift shop. We then enjoyed eating our McDonalds in the food hall!



This term in our Enterprise lesson we have been learning to work together as a team to design and make games for the 6th form Christmas fun day.

We have also been getting very creative in our manufacturing lessons. We have been making beautiful ceramic candy canes which will be for sale on our Etsy page!



In Maths we have been learning about money, We have been looking how to create different amounts using coins and notes.

This has really helped us during our weekly shopping trip to Tesco.

Class Endeavour wish you all a safe and very happy Christmas

Class Everest



During our Maths lessons we have been looking at Money. We have been using role play to help us learn to buy items. This has meant that we have been able to use lots of different denominations to make amounts. We have also been estimating the cost of common household items and working out the difference between estimated

During our Film It sessions we have been using different camera angles when taking a photo or recording a video. We have also been looking at how to carry simple and complex editing tasks within Movie Maker. We have been able to storyboard our film by selecting the event and



For the past term we have been exploring the seven continents of the world. We have been locating the equator, hemispheres and poles on a globe. We have also been identifying the location of northern and southern tropics. We have been using IPADS to search

Class Everest would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Class Fuji

This half term Class Fuji have been very busy. We have been working on the features of a leaflet in English and ICT and have become familiar with how to recognise features such as the 'title' 'image' 'persuasive text' and 'contact information' and how to place them correctly on a leaflet.



In cultural studies we looked at famous places to visit in France including the Eiffel tower and the Louvre museum. We had a go at building our own 2d Eiffel towers with paper straws. We then moved on to Claude Monet the famous French artist. We had a look at his work and tried to recreate one of his paintings using waters colours.



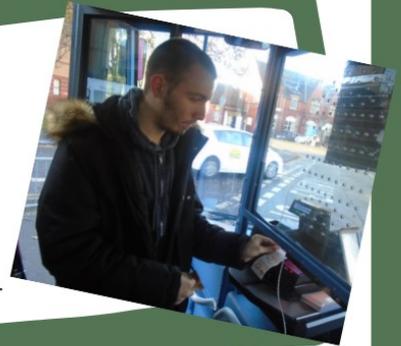
CLASS DISCOVERY

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Class Discovery have had a fantastic start to the academic year, with all students settling in well. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



This term we have been working at St. Pauls Church. We have been doing a range of housekeeping tasks, as well as working on our teamwork and communication skills. We have been travelling to St. Pauls using public transport so we can develop our independence.

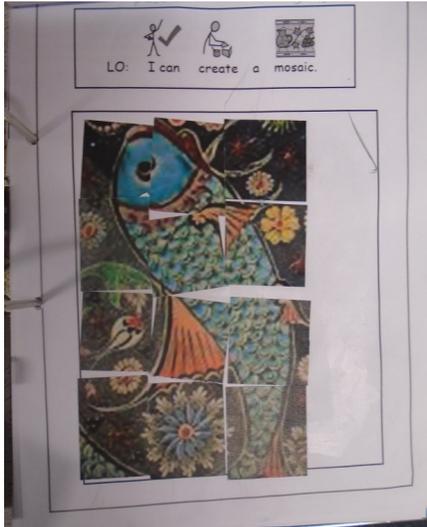


This term in maths our topic has been money. We have been learning how to add up the cost of items and identify items that are within our budget. We have taken part in lots of fun role play activities, as well as using our functional maths skills at our work experience placements and during our weekly visits to the local supermarket.



Class Matterhorn

This term in Class Matterhorn we have been going on an adventure with our topic of 'Journeys'. We have looked at how we can travel and also visited different countries examining their foods and culture.



In maths we have enjoyed looking at money using different sensory equipment.

In enterprise we worked together to paint a game for the Christmas fair for everyone to enjoy, with some help from Miss Bibi!

Class Matterhorn would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the new year.





Class Crossfell



This term in class Crossfell we have been learning about our topic of journeys. We have been exploring different countries around the world



We've enjoyed exploring a range of equipment in the gym and deciding which we prefer



We have really enjoyed exploring the sensory room as part of our English topic- 'Around the world with Max and Lemon.' We've explored a range of different environments



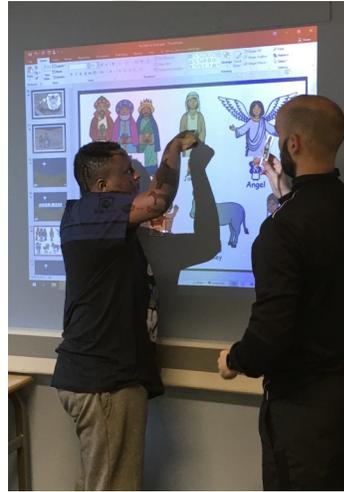
We have really enjoyed our money topic. We've been practicing matching, naming and counting out coins.





Class Denali

Class Denali have been working really hard this half term and having lots of fun. We have welcomed both new staff and new students. We have learnt lots of new things.



In theme we have been looking at Journeys and learning about different religious journeys. We have looked at the story of the Monkey King, the Nativity story and Noah's Ark. We have had lots of fun exploring them through sensory stories.

In Maths we have been learning about money. We have been working hard to recognise the different coins and what we need money for. We have also been adding up coins to make different amounts.



In Life Skills we have been working on our enterprise project. We have had lots of fun planning and making our Christmas themed game and Christmas cards for the special people in our lives.



Class Denali would like to wish you all a Happy and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Class Eiger

This term in class Eiger, we have looked at the sensory story the Arrival. We have changed the story to include different characters and we have even took part in role play where we dressed up to become a part of the story.

We also had a careers morning, where we looked at different jobs, and even tried doing them ourselves!



In maths we have been learning about money. We even went to our own 'shop' to see what we could buy.

We made a Christmas game for our friends and had lots of fun playing with them.



**Class Eiger wish you all
a safe and very happy
Christmas**



CLASS ENTERPRISE



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Class Enterprise have worked extremely hard this term, both in the classroom and on work experience. It has been wonderful to welcome four new students to our 6th Form class at The Hub.

THE ALLOTMENT

We have been working hard at the allotment, come rain or shine! We have made a great start on digging out the beds and constructing a new raised bed area. We have learnt how to use a range of tools safely.

We are hopeful that we can plant a range of healthy and delicious vegetables in the new year.



We have been developing our functional maths and English skills through our weekly visit to Tesco supermarket.

We have been focusing on social signs and safety signs used in our community. We have also been developing our understanding of the cost of household essentials and working towards a set budget.



Class Enterprise would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas holiday!



Class Etna

This term Class Etna have been very busy! We welcomed new students and staff to our class and have all been getting to know each other. We have worked really hard in our lessons, and learnt lots of new things. We have also had lots of fun this term.



In Theme this Autumn we have learnt all about journeys. We have learnt lots of things about different places in the world. We have had lots of fun making and trying food from around the world. We have made bread from Egypt, pancakes from France and Pasta from Italy.



In maths we have been learning about money. We have been working really hard to know all of the different coins, and how much they are worth. We have been adding coins and making amounts. We set up a shop in class and made amounts to buy stationary and biscuits!



Class Etna would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Class Grasmoor



Grasmoor have been so happy to be in school and see their friends this term!



In Science, we have been exploring what a cell is and the different parts that make up a cell. We have even used balloons and crafts to create our own cells!

In Music, we have explored a range of percussion instruments, matching them to symbols and creating our own sequences!



In Art, we have been investigating examples of nature art. We have also created our own pieces of nature art using leaves, rock and technology!

Have a great break!

CLASS HELVELLYN



This term in PE we have been exploring badminton. We have been learning how to use our badminton rackets to hit the shuttlecock, and how to catch the shuttlecock in our hands. We have also been taking part in a badminton rally. It's been lots of fun!

In Science we have been learning all about cells and DNA. We learnt that all living things are made up of cells, and we used jelly babies and strawberry laces to replicate a DNA strand!



In Geography we have been learning all about volcanoes and tsunamis.

Our favourite lesson was when we used baking soda, food colouring, washing up liquid and vinegar to create our own volcanoes!



We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2022!



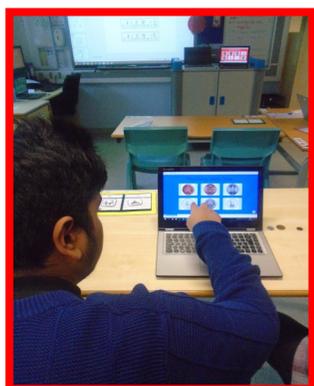
Class Hunter



Class Hunter have worked extremely hard this term to develop our knowledge and skills. In our Theme lessons we have journeyed around the world to different countries and made some traditional dishes from each country. We have visit France and made crepes, Spain and made a Spanish omelette, Italy and made a healthy Bolognese and to China and made a stir fry.



In Maths we have enjoyed using the laptops to explore money. We used clicker 7 to identify and name different coins. Then we moved onto sorting and adding coins using an online game. We have also explored where to use money and how to use it e.g. handing over money and waiting for change.



Class Hunter would like to wish everyone a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Class Mont Blanc



In Theme Mont Blanc have been learning about journeys. This term is religious journeys for Hindu pilgrimage, the students enjoyed making flower garlands and exploring ash on their faces which is a tradition.

In Maths we have been learning all about money and identifying different coins. We have also been looking at places where money is used. The students enjoyed matching and adding coins together.

For the Christmas Fair class Mont Blanc made a board game, Christmas chimneys and ladders. The students coloured in numbers and decorations to go on our game. They also enjoyed playing the game when it was finished.

Mont Blanc would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Class Nightingale

This term we have been working hard developing on our life skills, we have been developing our independence travelling around the city.

Our year 14 students are based at North Manchester General Hospital and are showing fantastic professionalism. We have a brand new classroom which we are very proud of.



We have been working on money and understanding personal budgets. Working out how much money we have and what we can afford to purchase in shops. Paying on the tram around the city.

As well as all that hard work we love to take part in Health and Wellbeing at the Hub. Year 14 students lead sessions at the hub and are role models for younger students.





Class Olympus



This term a group of students have been attending Mirfield Community Garden to complete work experience.

Students have been able to participate in a range of activities to help maintain the gardens.

As part of our Science lessons we have been learning about our bodies. We have been learning about key organs within the body and what these organs do. One of our favourite lessons was when we got to dissect a heart to see all the different compartments.



We have been taking part in cooking lessons as part of our ASDAN work. We have been building on our skills to make a variety of different healthy meals as well as baking brownies which we sell in our Community café which we are hoping to invite Age UK to after Christmas.

Class Olympus would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Class Rainier

Class Rainier have worked really hard this half term. We have learnt lots of new things and had lots of fun exploring through our senses.

In English topic we have been learning all about the story of "Max and Lemon around the world". We have had lots of fun exploring the story and making a postcard to send to our friends in school.



In Theme our topic has been "Journeys". We have explored under the sea and in Space looking at different sea animals and planets. We have also looked at Religious journeys including the story of Noah's Ark, The Nativity and The Monkey King.

In Maths we have been looking at Money, we have explored coins in different sensory items and then sorted them by colour and size.



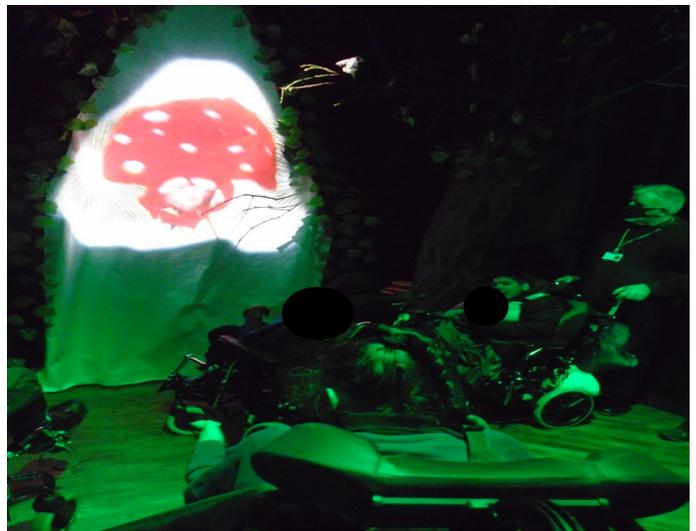
Class Rainier would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Class Scafell

This term, Class Scafell has welcomed two new pupils. Both Joshua and Qirat are settling in well and are now very much part of the Scafell team. Our Theme for this term has been 'Journeys' and everyone has enjoyed our sensory story based on the book *The Arrival* and exploring different places and ways to travel in our Theme and PE lessons.

The highlight has to be our very own journey to the Boo Theatre in Rossendale to experience 'Midwinter with Mossy'.



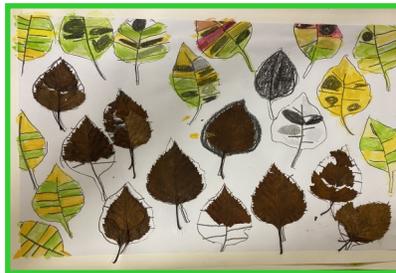
Class Scafell would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and send special seasonal best wishes to Ammar and Hussnain - we hope to see you soon!



Class Snowdon



This term class Snowdon have enjoyed looking at Nature in art. We all have enjoyed taking pictures outdoors and making collages using leaves and petals.



In Science we have been looking at our bodies, we have learnt about our organs and the importance of them.

We have been learning about money in Maths. We enjoyed sorting coins and paying for items in the class shop



We wish you all Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year from class Snowdon





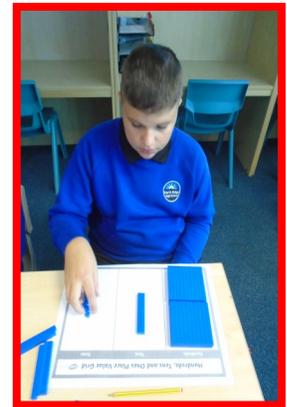
Class Vesuvius



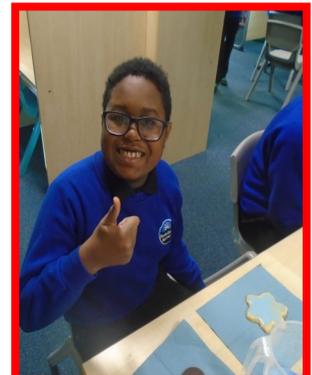
Our theme this term has been Journeys. We have travelled around the world exploring life in different continents. We researched each continent on the iPads exploring the countries, landmarks, rivers and mountains in each continent. Also, we learnt about different food and drinks in the continents and made milkshakes, crepes and noodles. While in Africa, we learnt about the Ancient Egyptians and how life was different for them in the past.



Our maths topics this term have been Number, Money and Statistics. As part of our Number topic, we used dienes to help us represent, partition, add and subtract different numbers. In our Money topic, we went shopping and used coins and notes to pay for items.



In our life skills lessons, we have designed and made our own Christmas biscuits as part of our Enterprise Project. We decorated them with icing and coloured sprinkles. They were delicious! Then we created posters to advertise them to be sold.



Class Vesuvius would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Attendance



This term, pupils have been working hard to come into school on time every day. Pupils who reach 100% attendance for this term will have a 'cinema afternoon' treat in school where they will be able to watch a film of their choice.

Here are the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this term!

Ezekiel
Aryan
Hamza
Raja Hassnain
Radiya
Hafsa
Mohamed
Callum
Matthew
McKenzie C
Tiger Lilly

Cameron
Reanne
Dominic
Emmanuel
Abdul-
Rehman
Aliza
Divine
Abbieleigh
Harvey
Ryan

Mercedes
McKenzie Y
Thabiso
Hanzala
Jakub
Princess
Amy
Jesse
Obinna
Lucas
Mason



Attendance



Congratulations and keep up the Good work!

Pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the whole academic year will also be placed into the big prize draw at the end of this year for a special prize!!

Did you know ...

Arriving to school late will also affect overall attendance.

Top Tips ...

- Help your child pack their school bag the night before.
- Help your child put out their school uniform the night before.
- Put your child to bed at a reasonable time to help them have a good night's sleep.
- Set your child's alarm early enough to allow enough time for them to get ready.
- Give your child a time-scale to get ready in. This could be done as a fun game. A visual timer would be useful for this.



CUP & CAKE

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cupandcakecafe

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Cup & Cake this year. We wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday!



KEEPING SAFE

Our topic this half term has been 'Allergens'. We have been learning about 'Natasha's Law' and how this affects our social enterprise business. We have worked really hard to develop our understanding of how to keep our customers safe by labelling our products and using our functional English skills to check ingredient labels and packaging.

BUFFETS

In October, we produced our first large buffet order of 2021. A team of students worked really hard to put together a selection of food and desserts for 25 people! The team used their cooking and food preparation skills alongside valuable soft skills such as communication, teamwork and problem solving. We had excellent feedback from our customers and are looking forward to fulfilling more orders in 2022!



We would like to say a special THANK YOU to the new students who have joined the Cup & Cake workforce, as well as their experienced peer mentors.



NR Plot @ Crumpsall Allotments

This term has seen our 6th form classes working endlessly to develop this space into the beginnings of a working allotment. As we continue to build the beds and improve the pathways, we can look forward to a fully blooming, edible season ahead.

Well done!



Week 2



Week 5



Week 7



By week 12 pupils have dug out clear pathways and growing areas ready for further development & growing season.



Merry Christmas from



This half term has been extremely challenging at the shop.

The students have worked exceptionally hard making 2nd Hand Made covid safe for all their peers and customers.

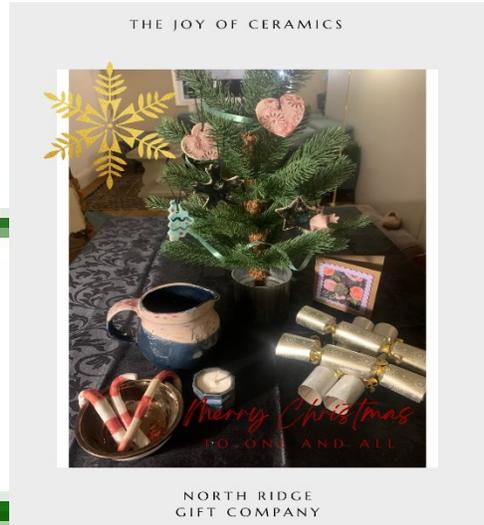
The 6th form students have worked very hard in The Hive, checking donations and Developing life skills by cleaning, washing and ironing items to sell in the shop. The hive is proving a great asset to the shop and café.

Our students would love to welcome you and your support by coming down and visiting us at the shop. You can also see what an amazing enterprise it is and how much hard work the students put into it.

The staff and students would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday.



We feel very proud of the team at North Ridge Gift Company. Not only do the pupils work so hard to create beautifully crafted gifts, they have also been developing team work and communications skills for the future.



North Ridge Gift Co.



Pupils have been increasing their independence, working together, decision making & quality checking their own production. It is amazing to see our young pupils developing skills that will empower them to work confidently with others & transfer skills for a successful happy future.

Well done team!

