



# Finches newsletter

Ohhhhhhh, we're half way thereee! 20.01.17

- Dates for your diary:
- Monday: Swimming and Attention Autism Art. Julie will no longer be with us on Mondays but we are welcoming Claire who will be her cover!
- Tuesday: Shopping at Tesco. I have slightly altered the timetable to ensure that we have the bus ready for our community visits and that Julie is available to drive us.
- Tuesday: Drumming for some.
- Thursday: Soft play for some and focused numeracy/literacy for those staying at school!
- Friday: Our community visit and some time chilling to some relaxing music in the sensory room!

We are officially half way through this term and, it has to be said, it has been a successful one! The students are continuing to make good progress and work solidly towards their individual targets.

Monday morning was spent experimenting with our new swimming groups, which are being trialed based on ability. It seemed to be effective and targets will continue to be worked on and refined over the next couple of weeks. Tom demonstrated some fantastic swimming and was very keen to complete lots of lengths! Likewise, James showed some good engagement in the water and, with support, floated on his back! The afternoon saw a very colourful art session where we made marble paintings. Alfie was especially keen to create several masterpieces and made lots for our display!

Tuesday was our usual shopping trip to Tesco. Due to staff numbers being a little low, the class separated into two groups, with some staying at school to take part in shopping tasks and the others going to collect our ingredients.



Wednesday saw some great engagement during our sensory story. The children were attentive and were able to use symbols to sequence sections of the story with a little support, so that is fantastic! We finished Wednesday by making spinach and feta filo parcels. They were delicious, if a little soggy from all the sauce!

Myself and Nick were not in school on Thursday so Jo and Caroline held the fort! They led a very good maths session as well as literacy, which focused on asking and answering questions. Today we visited Tesco to collect some shopping and we had a drink and a snack in the café. We then walked the scenic route back. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Wishing you an exciting weekend! - Dan, Caroline, Jo, Nick, and Julie

Don't forget to keep checking our school website for lots of info and links to useful sites.

What I have been hearing about ...

**We raised £89.48 for BBC Children in Need!**

**The Christingle Boxes raised £78.06.**

**We as a class were observed last Wednesday by Mr Cook during our sensory story...I was emailed the results last week and Mr Cook determined that the lesson was of "Outstanding" grading, which was fantastic news! Great job team!!**