

GILL LOVELL—TEACHER



- Dates for your diary:

Monday : swimming starts back

Tuesday: horseriding

Wednesday am : café

Advanced notice : next parents' evening—appointments in school or telephone calls on Tuesday 31st Jan from 4pm until 7pm—letters to follow.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend, - Gill, Jess, Tash, Maria and Ange and Becky our MDSA

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

Penguins newsletter

Happy New Year! 6th January

It is lovely to see all of Penguins back in school on Tuesday....welcome back Jaxon!

We started the week with a wind up dinosaur head in the attention autism bucket, followed by an assessment session to look at ways we explore objects. Each child had a tray covered with a cloth and various objects to feel underneath.

In the afternoon, Aimee (PE teacher) got everyone moving with a mix of yoga and Sherborne movement. Before some singing games with Susie (speech and language therapy assistant).

Wednesday and our lesson on sounds was all about the sound / l / for lemon, lips, lolly and lion! - objects we found in the bag. Lots of smiles when I produced lollies to lick and get the tongue forwards for making the /l/ sound while looking in mirrors. Richard was very attentive.

In the afternoon we split into 2 groups ...some in the sensory room doing intensive interaction and some in the classroom learning to press the go button on the beebot robotic bugs. Rossi was particularly



In our sounds focus lesson we worked on / l / ...this ended with licking small lollies and looking at tongues in mirrors before making the vertical mark in a tray of salt.

Vocal in the sensory room. After this we had our cookery session—this week making carrot houmous to practise our cutting skills. See the photos on the next page. Olu in particular did very well with cutting and Owen had a great session with complete focus.

We have also practised our painting skills with brushes and had a few laughs with the "I like to wake it" turntake in attention autism.. Our café visit didn't happen this week due to a problem with the bus.

Star of our week goes to Millie for the most amazing toilet and communication skills!!!

What I have been hearing about ...

Please don't forget to send back your signed permissions for swimming—without these your child cannot swim on Monday. Thank you for the ones that have been returned.

Don't forget riding clothes for next Tuesday—it is very likely to be pretty chilly!

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Practising cutting up cooked carrots to mix with lemon juice and hummus for a dip and using toasted pitta to eat it with.

Owen and Rossi loved the hummus but managed to sift out the carrot pieces whereas others managed to only eat the carrot pieces. In cookery this term we will practise cutting skills with all sorts of vegetables.



Wow for Rhiannon, for enjoying sharing her reading and re-telling stories to Millie during lunchbreak.