

## **Rue's Remarks**

It's nearly beginning to feel like summer! It's been so lovely to see so many young people out and about, whether that be on school trips, working in the woodland walk and horticulture area or playing with the new basketball hoops outside. The recent stormy weather had a bit of a negative impact on us as a school, we lost a potting shed and temporarily lost our MUGA surface, however this was put back really quickly by our friends at play fitness. We have more exciting developments on going, we have a new Yurt which we can use in lesson times as well as break times, we are also extending our phase 1 yard and creating a new yard at the front of school. Lots of families and companies have been in touch to support the school, one company is donating and building us a brand new potting shed!

Meanwhile we have also been recruiting new staff for June - in total we will have another 6 support staff added to the team - we were so impressed with them at the interview, they bring lots of experience, qualities and skills that I'm sure will further support children at Epina y.

**Best wishes  
Mr Rue**

## **South Shields F.C. Work Experience Week**

Students worked on various tasks throughout the week at the training ground, cleaning, setting up the function room for breakfast service, maintaining the grounds and documenting the events on film.



**Ready to listen,  
ready to learn together.**



All students worked with determination and blew SSFC away! We fuelled the first team with a delicious breakfast so they were ready for the sports group to put them through their paces! Drills and training led by our sports leaders group, preparing the team for vital matches ahead! On match day, students enjoyed being mascots and flagbearers. We raised money for school and our total was a huge £832!!

## **SEND IT**

Following on from last year's SEND IT project 'Exploring Symbol Based Communication' Ms.Hayes, Ava, Jackson and Mitch were invited along to see their work in action at South Tyneside Children's Day Unit. Following a short trial period, the symbol based resources will also be shared and implemented in Sunderland Royal Hospital. "It was absolutely amazing to see their work being used and the impact it is having on children and their families. I am so proud of what our students have achieved" said Ms.Hayes.



## Thank you Hafiz!

In Brown class, as part of their RE topic, *Local Religious Diversity*, they explored the South Tyneside census data and discovered that Islam is the second largest religion in our local area after Christianity. Wanting to learn more, they were fortunate to welcome a very special guest speaker to their class to share his experiences of life as a Muslim in South Tyneside. Hafiz from Black Class thoughtfully answered all of the questions Brown Class had prepared, speaking with great confidence and eloquence throughout the session. It was a valuable and inspiring opportunity for us all to deepen our understanding of diversity within our community. Big thanks, Hafiz!



## Excellent Teamwork- Inclusive Badminton



Purple Class took part in an inclusive badminton event at John Spence High School. They displayed excellent team work to complete a range of balancing, hitting and rallying activities. They represented the school excellently and were very proud of the medals they received.

'It was challenging and lots of fun', said Kaya.

## Important Dates

### Half Term Holiday

Mon 25th May- Friday 29th May

### Inservice Training Day

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**  
Friday 3rd July

### Summer Holiday

Commence- Mon 20th July

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