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Biddick School Sports College

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Learning in the Unity Centre this week:

This week in **Opening Minds** and Mr Jackson's **English** lesson, students have continued with their Harry Potter topic, reading the book and creating their own chocolate frog card..

Callum, Emma, Sean and Connor are starting to learn about birds as we are taking part in the **RSVP's Big Bird Count** on January 30th. This week we made hides so the birds won't see us at the window.



In Mr Jackson's **Social Skills** lessons students have been discussing thoughts, feelings and emotions and will be moving on to sexual thoughts and feelings, in response to some questions that students have been asking staff. This will be taught with sensitivity and tailored to our students understanding, ability and individual needs.



In Mrs Sehna and Mr Houghton's **Maths** class the group have continued with data handling—continuing to use the results from their car park survey to create tally chart and graphs.

In **English**, Mason and Keiran have been writing about theme parks.

In **Science** Keiran and Matthew have begun a topic on Living Things and considered what elements that all living things have in common.



Christopher and Mason have shown great interest in their new **Science** topic— Classification and Cross breeds (Liager and Zeezonks!). They also came back to the centre very excited after a practical experiment which they'd thoroughly .

In **Thematics** Keiran, Matthew, Mason, and Christopher have been carrying out an activity designed to demonstrate how business works.

Year 8 learning—In Maths Keiran and Courtney have been learning about area, perimeters and algebra. In English they have watched a documentary about the events of 9 / 11, whilst in **RE** they have considered morality. In **DT** students have begun designing a 'Pugly' - in order to make their own 'ugly' soft toy!



Biddick School Peer Mentors

by guest journalist Sean Curry



Sean interviewed our school Peer Mentors:

What do you do?

We meet with students and talk to them about any problems they are having or anything they want to discuss. We also go to Year 7 form groups to meet the class so they get to know us.

Can you tell other people what they say?

Anything students say to us is confidential, that means we do not tell anyone else. The only time we would pass on information would be if someone told us something that meant they were in danger. If that happened we would tell Mr Jackson or Mr Frazer but no-one else.

Who organises the Peer Mentors?

Mr Jackson

Peer Mentors interviewed:

Lucy Goffon

Alexandra Heather Michell

Lucy Wilkinson

PUPIL OF THE WEEK— Courtney Evans

Courtney joined the Unity Centre this week and we have been delighted at how quickly she has settled in and began to build relationships with staff and pupils at Biddick.

It is not easy coming to a new school and Courtney has coped fantastically this week. She has a lot to bring to the Unity Centre and Biddick School and we are very happy that Courtney has joined our school 'family'.

Well done Courtney!



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PE Kit for SPARK

We may have caused confusion by telling you that PE kit is now needed on **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays**.

Students do need to come to school in sports wear on those days (with uniform to change into afterwards).

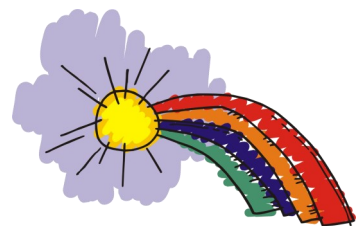
However they still need PE kit for timetabled PE and Dance lessons.

If getting the kit washed is a problem, then it is fine for students to wear their own joggers / tee shirt for SPARK in order to keep PE uniform for main school PE and Dance lessons.

Apologies for any confusion caused!

The majority of the students are really enjoying taking part in the exercise. Students use one part of equipment from the fitness suite— exercise bike, rowing machine, treadmill or cross trainer—for 15 minutes

Next week they will be taking part in a 12 minute Cooper run to get a baseline indication of their current fitness levels.



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