

ASTON HALL SUMMER 2 SEND



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HELLO!

Hi, everyone! The sun is shining! Ok, we've had a few days of sunshine, let's hope the holidays bring us more. I can't quite believe they're here. What a crazy, manic adventure in learning we've had this term!



Here is a snippet into the world of SEND in school, this term we have...

- Summer term loose-lips meeting!
- Dyslexia Accreditation training
- SATs
- Y4 Times tables assessment
- Careers in the curriculum - PE / Paralympic focus
- Sports day / SEND Sports morning.
- Transition meeting / whole school / Secondary
- SEND Summer term review catch-ups.
- Summer fayre.
- With me in Mind audit and planning for next year.
- Meet the teacher
- Sensory Gardens - Gardening club!
- Production planning
- Audit and evaluation of SEN provision and registers
- Intervention planning and evaluation.



THE ASTON HALL WAY

Congratulations to our Eco Council! We have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award!



This award means we are recognised as an eco-friendly school and we have worked hard to receive this. We have had our solar panels fitted, taken part in eco-initiatives, taken part in the great British spring clean, learned about how to make our school eco-friendly, and looked at lots of ways we can recycle and reuse. We have created an eco code for the school in which we now follow and the children have enjoyed taking part in achieving this special award. We will continue to keep this up, trying new initiatives and we hope you can all get on board as a community too! Well done Eco-council! You are superstars



CAREERS

We had an exciting Careers assembly delivered by Luke Williams.

Luke is a lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University but has worked in the PE and sport industry for many years within the Youth Sport Trust and School Games. He has also been involved in major sporting events such as the Winter Olympics, Commonwealth Games and London Marathon - and he even got to interview Sir Mo Farah!

He shared information with us about the roles he has had and also his current job. He also brought some special memorabilia from some events to show us, which the children loved to see.



SPORT

Sports Day!

WOW!

We had a fantastic sports day!

All our children demonstrated their sporting abilities with massive smiles on their faces!

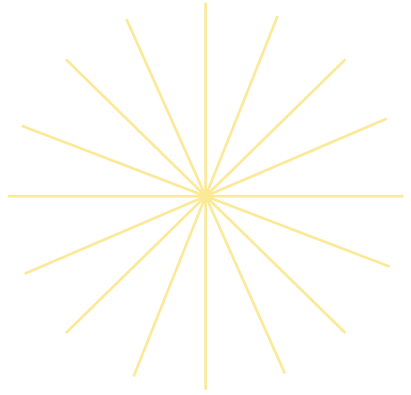
Well done, everyone!



FUGGLE TOWERS

Fuggle is off to stay in the Ginger Mansion for the summer holidays where he will lap up the sunshine at Fuggle Towers. He has had such an amazing year at Aston Hall - he would want to give everyone a high paw to say thank you. Without your love, care, and donations - he would be a lost little bunny. He is a great friend, therapist, and all-around good hopper to the children, staff, and families in school.

Thank you!



Roll on Year 2 at Aston Hall and all the new adventures we will create with him!



SNOOP AROUND...



EYFS - The children made fruit kebabs ready for the Summer Fayre. We've also painted a banner together.

The children were so excited to take part in the Summer Fayre! (P.S. No germs were spread in the making!)



KS1- had a wonderful morning with a professional storyteller, Beth Guiver. Beth told exciting and immersive folk tales using props, instruments and songs.

The children were so engaged throughout and especially loved joining in with the pirate song!

Rainbows

Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you! It was so lovely seeing all the parents that came to Rainbows for our open night!

It's always a pleasure talking and inviting you in. If you didn't get the chance to speak to me or pop in and would like to please just drop me a message.



SEND PE Open Day

Rainbows took part in their weekly PE session but this week we invited our parents to watch and join in!



We had lots of different activities including the long jump, skittles, climbing, Hoops, trampolines, and the big colourful parachute. Well done, Rainbows!

Y1/2MH

What an amazing time the children had!

The planetarium was brilliant and the kids loved it. We looked at the earth and how it moves around the sun, we watched Apollo 11 blast off and land on the moon and we found the constellations!



Y3PB

In Science, Y3 have learned about plants. We have set up an investigation to see

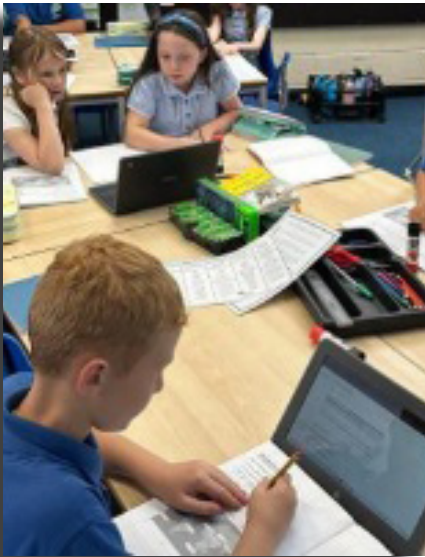
what they need to grow successfully. We have thought about making a

fair test and also using a control sample to compare results.



Y3/4KW

Our bags-for-life design project is complete! Whoooooooooooo. What great designs everyone - Well done!

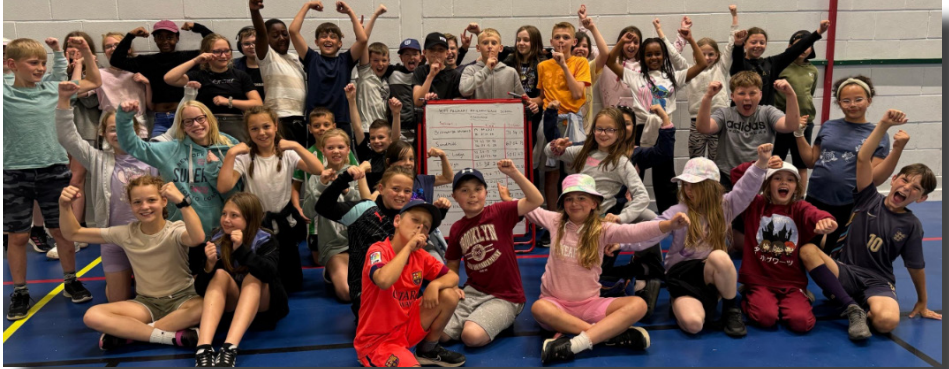


Y4HS

We have enjoyed geography, using the Chromebooks to research deserts around the world

Cranworth Residential

A huge well done to all of Y5 and Y6 for another brilliant residential.



Gardening Club

Outdoor club have the beginnings of an allotment! What a lot of hard work it was to dig out the ground for the raised beds but it will be absolutely worth it when we can grow our own vegetables. Thanks to Hannah's grandad for helping us to dig. Well done everyone



Paralympics Assembly

On Wednesday 3rd July we joined Paralympian MBE Stef Reid in the biggest assembly in world attempt, to learn about the journey to become a world class athlete ahead of the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics. Steph Reid is the British Paralympics long Jumper and Sprinter.



Summer Fayre

What an amazing turn out at our Summer Fayre! to everyone who came, we hope you enjoyed it. We couldn't have done it without all of your generous donations!

New ActivAll Boards

These are for all children to use in school during break / lunchtimes and during PE sessions.

These amazing boards have been funded by our Friends of Aston Hall fundraising, so by all of our school community, thank you.

They are an amazing piece of equipment for children to play single and multi player games, develop their focus, motor skills, memory and provide exercise.



Playground Leaders

The playground monitors have been trained on how to work the ActivAll boards and the different games that the children can play. They'll be starting to introduce the games to the rest of the children and making sure they are using the boards correctly.

They had a great time using them and can't wait to show the rest of the children.

STAFF TRAINING

How to Develop and Support Working Memory

Working Memory is our ability to both store and process information. This is one of the most important abilities that children can develop and provides them with the foundation to learn across reading, maths, and most curriculum areas. With Working Memory being so important for children's learning, then what happens to those with

WORKING MEMORY STRATEGIES


Kids OT Hub

 Bring lunch		
CREATE VISUALS AS REMINDERS	PROVIDE SHORT AND SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS	DO VISUALIZATIONS
 Kids OT Hub	 Kids OT Hub	 Kids OT Hub
BUILD DAILY ROUTINES	PLAY CARDS	PLAY MATCHING GAMES

poor Working Memory? Without testing for it, you'll already know who these children are. They are the ones who struggle to follow instructions, who forget

what they are doing, and who can't think as quickly as the other children. They are the ones who struggle with reading, spelling, or maths. They are the ones that we intuitively help by acting as their Working Memory and breaking down tasks for to give them less information to process.





INFORMATION & RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PARENTS WITH SEND CHILDREN AND DISABILITIES

- Rotherham Parents Carers Forum - for support and weekly family activities/days out www.rpcf.co.uk
- Rotherham Send Local Offer Page - www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk Information and training courses
- Autism Information and Advice Service - 01709 336404 - must have an Autism diagnosis or have been accepted onto the Autism pathway to attend the Autism training courses (not Teenlife - need diagnosis)
- Chat n Chill Youth Club - contact 01709 559805 or email
- Georgina@kimberworthpark.org.uk
- New York Stadium youth club - Every Wednesday 7-12yrs -5-6pm or 13+ 6.30-7.30pm. Children with SEND - FREE session.
- Nexus after school and holidays clubs- Operated by Nexus affiliated specialist schools through Kelford, Newman and Hilltop. Must have a disability and high need. Discuss with relevant school or Nexus manager Amanda Hobson.
- Tumbi/Elephants Instep youth club- Tumbi 8-12yrs and Elephants 13+ based at Dalton youth club once a month- can arrange transport. For more information, please contact: claire.haddon@rotherham.gov.uk / 07791789570.
- Fun4u2 holiday clubs- based at Wath central primary school. Contact: 07884 072141 or email: fun4u2limited@yahoo.co.uk
- Healthy Holidays - Funded school holiday places for children that meet criteria. Contact schools or worker to email healthyholidays@rotherham.gov.uk for code and information.
- National Autistic Society - For FREE resources, information, communication techniques, helpline and family days out. www.autism.org.uk



TRANSITION TIPS FOR PARENTS

If your child is transitioning from Y6 to Y7, or going through a significant change in their life, take a look at Young Minds' 10 Tips for parents to help their children cope with change.

Going through change can be scary or challenging, but sometimes it's just the small things, like showing an interest in your child's hobbies that can make a difference.

Choose health

Know what affects your child, what makes them grumpy, upset, disconnected...

- Do they need snacks throughout the day?
- Do they need lots of sleep?
- Do they need to get out and about and do exercise?
- Do they need time alone?

Trust that you know your child and give them the basics that they need to cope with difficult days

Work together

Share ideas about how to:

- create action plans
- have a problem-solving approach
- enjoy achievements
- be forward-looking
- show them that we can all get things wrong



Move on up

Encourage independence.

- help them to move positively from child identity towards teen identity
- increase their responsibilities
- be positive whenever they act maturely



Be aware of your child's changing needs. Sometimes it might feel like one step forwards, two steps back.

Be calm

Try to stay calm whilst your child is feeling distressed. Your child may show:

- highs and lows
- blame
- melodrama
- self-centredness
- anger



Communicate

The small things you do make all the difference:

Keep talking, texting, listening, hearing, hugging, sympathising, smiling, reassuring, checking, sharing, suggesting, encouraging, respecting

Get learning

Be involved, find out more and talk about:

- social media
- internet benefits and dangers
- new music
- language and slang
- current affairs
- what it's like to be young in the current world



Be wise

As they discover new things, try to:

- be interested
- listen to their point of view
- be non-judgemental
- choose your words carefully
- guide
- act on warning bells
- give boundaries
- see it from all sides



Be the anchor

In times of change you are:

- constant
- family
- familiar
- routine
- in-jokers
- irritating
- comforting
- home



Have fun

Provide lots of light relief:

- be silly
- be embarrassing
- play games
- laugh together
- do stuff together
- make jokes
- make things
- be outside



Look after yourself

Support yourself, to best support your child:

- lean on friends
- offload on other family
- find 'me time'
- see the GP
- relax, exercise, sleep well, eat well
- remember tomorrow is a new day



LOOSE LIPS

Loose lips never sink ships at Aston Hall. It's a safe space for grown ups to come and sound off, seek support or just have a coffee and cake. See you there!



The Loose Lips coffee afternoons need you! Next year we want to see more of you come and join us for a chat! Every child has a superpower and parents need to support each other through challenging times. It would be great to see a few more friendly faces in the forthcoming school year.

The next meeting is in September - watch out for further details.

WITH ME IN MIND



Jemma, Rachel, and the team have been in school supporting staff to audit and evaluate our current provisions, celebrating the successful work we all do to support children in times of need and support. We are working hard to focus on next year's targets which can only strengthen our provision for the children in our care.

Plans are afoot! Mrs Wall is joining the team, she is so invested in the children's mental health and wellbeing.

Mrs Wall, along with Mrs Woodcock and Mrs Stickland, will form the school's Mental Health team. Mrs Wall will have protected time to support children with SEMH support. The team will work together to take referrals from staff and parents, which will see rigorous evaluations and triage to offer the best support at the time or seek and signpost for additional agencies' support, working closely with the Me in Mind team. The team will carry out focus interventions that will give strategies to help support arising anxieties and worries, including bonding through play, art therapy, lego therapy, emotional regulation and understanding, and just be that ear that children and families might need from time to time.





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