#### Newsletter - Autumn half term 2 - Week 2

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## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers

It is lovely to see all the yellow and spots today. We raised £71 for Children in Need and it is always a fun day.

Thank you for your cooperation with our new pick up and drop off procedures. It is helping to keep our students and staff safe as the infection rises, and as we approach the winter months. If you have a reason not to wear a mask, please do let us know and we can support you and our school community with other measures to ensure everyone is safe. We also have questions raised from other parents and carers if they see people picking up and dropping off without a mask and if we know why, it enables us to reassure them we are aware, there is a

good reason and other measures are in place.

Coming away from the subject of COVID, we have some wonderful projects going on at the moment. A huge thank you to FoMP, whose fundraising has enabled us to buy a piece of music equipment called a Soundbeam. This creates beams in the air, which when broken by an object, creates a note. It is accessible to all our learners and enables those who otherwise would not have the motor skills to play an instrument, to create music. Each class is working on a Christmas song with Alex and we will have a virtual performance of them all at the end of term. We were also incredibly fortunate to have been the chosen charity for the senior's captain at Studley Wood golf club. Even during COVID, he managed to raise over £5000 for us and he is keeping us on as his charity next year. This money is now ensuring every class has an ipad to aid communication for the students who can access various programmes. It will also add to the equipment we use to record learning so we are able to accurately identify next steps and ensure progress is made. The secondary students now all have an Echo in each class and those who are able, are learning to speak clearly to ask questions, request music, make shopping lists and request jokes. Others are enjoying the music and the jokes! On primary, each class now has a Switch toy, so students can explore the concept of cause and effect. We are also developing the Quad area at primary with money raised from various sources. This will ensure we have a large outdoor learning space in the centre of the school. Finally, our primary library is having a much needed overhaul. We are looking at new books, modular furniture that will be accessible to all learners, and a means of using 'Audible' so all students can access books. We will keep you updated with photos.

Have a good weekend and please do contact us with any questions or comments.

Best wishes

Lucy

Orange: Riley	Purple: Marcel
Blue: Ilgin	Red: William
Yellow: Zahrah	Green: Stas
Bronze: Abdulla	Silver: Abdullah
Gold: Slava	Copper: Millie
Platinum: Byron	Titanium: Rosie

# Students of the Week

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### **Yellow Class**

We are working hard on our independence skills in Yellow class. This includes making ourselves breakfast in the morning and taking responsibility for different tasks in our lessons. This week we have been busy making creations out of salt dough, some of us made diwa lamps for Diwali. We carefully poured and measured the ingredients we needed.











Silver Class

Silver class celebrated Children in Need in style today. We came dressed in our yellow and our spots and made a beautiful sensory Pudsey on our tuff tray!

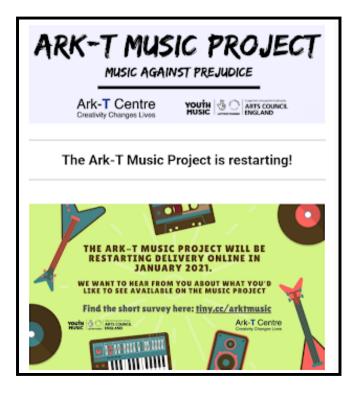






We have had great fun dressing in our Yellow and Polka dot clothes today! We have raised a fantastic £72!

A huge well done to everybody!



# **Dates for your diary**

18th December - Last day of term 1pm 13th May- Secondary Site School Photographs 14th May - School Photographs