

*20th January 2023*

### *Message from the Headteacher*

Dear Parents and Carers

Tomorrow is Chinese Lunar New Year and staff and students have been learning about how this is celebrated. We have been wearing red, which is the colour of luck, to see in the new year. The year of the Rabbit is a year of hope and this feels very appropriate considering the last few years.

It was very good to see those of you who came to the Communication training on Wednesday with Topaze. She will now record the session and share it for those of you who were unable to attend.

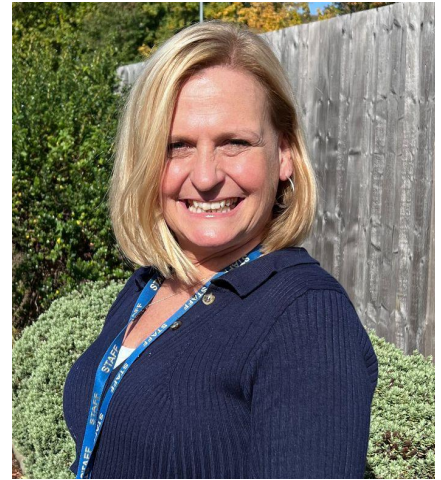
I finally have good news about the refurbishment of the primary quad. Those of you who have had sons or daughters at the school for a few years will be aware that considerable sums of money have been raised over time to support outdoor learning and to improve learning environments. The library was refurbished as a result, and plans for the quad have been in place since 2020. Various hurdles have delayed the installation but I am now exceptionally pleased to share that work begins on February 6th and the actual installation will take place during the half term week. We then plan to have a celebration event to thank FoMP for their wonderful fundraising and to share the new space with you.

Finally, I know you will have heard about strike action planned by one of the teaching unions. As soon as I have information about the impact this will have on our school, I will share it with you. I expect this to be early next week.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone

Best wishes

Lucy



### **Important Dates**

**Friday 3rd February  
Music for Autism in  
Secondary**

**Friday 10th February  
Break up for half term  
at 2.50pm**

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## RAINBOW CLASS

*Rainbow has been full of fun as always and started this term off so well.*

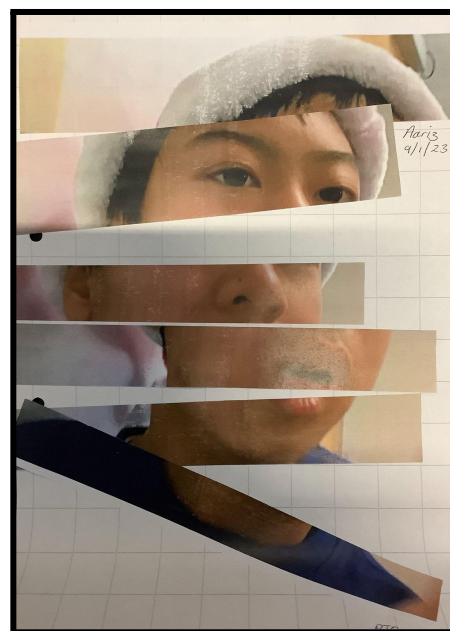
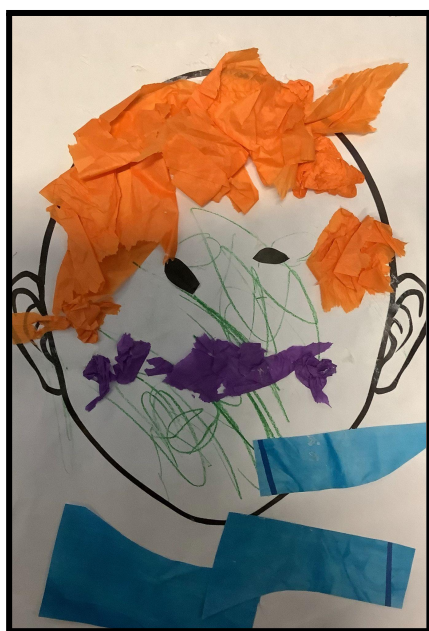
*The progress we have seen is amazing and there are so many big smiles on faces. On top of our usual exciting lessons, we have now embedded some fun 'Discovery Time' activities including; the soundbeam, dark den, copy-box, and switch work. This means each moment of our day is fun-packed and full of opportunities with lots of independent play and 1:1 work going on.*

*We have also now started our new book of the term 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' with lots of fun sensory activities. Hopefully, it will be as successful as our book from last term.*



## SILVER CLASS

*Silver class have been working hard recently on recognising ourselves in photos, mirrors and selfie mode on the iPad. We have done lots of activities based around self portraits and labelling different parts of our face. This week we made 'fruit faces' using lots of different fruits, vegetables and herbs on photos of our faces. The learners were really creative in choosing which different foods would be good for representing different parts of their faces.*



# *Headteachers Awards*



*Congratulations everybody!*