

Every family matters, every moment counts

# May 2022 Newsletter

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## Everyday Life topic museum visits

Several pupils went to visit Saddleworth and Portland Basin Museums, to experience a fun start to our 'Everyday Lives' topic, looking at how we used to live and how we live today.





Lucy dressed up as a nurse from World War II.





Cameron in the stocks at Portland Basin!!





Jayden and Cameron in a 1940s doctors clinic.

Everyday life: Toys people used to play with.



past to explore our topic.



Thank you to Hayley for The Jack in a box played We played pick up sticks bringing in toys from the 'Half a pound of tuppenny rice' before jumping!



and other traditional games to explore past pastimes.

### Art & Design





Lauren and Lucy Grace made textile pictures. They used wool and hot water to create their designs. It was very effective.



Rory carrying out a colour experiment mixing in science. Rory drew the and made equipment predictions about what colour would be produced. He recorded his findings using coloured dots. He is also wearing a lab coat like a proper scientist!



Harrison and Jo used spray paint to depict planets and nature with amazing results!



We are back cycling at Tameside Cycle circuit this term - it is great to be outdoors again! <u>https://www.activetameside.com/activity/cycle-circuit/</u>



Ben enjoyed a ride round the track with Harrison taking the lead. Great teamwork!



Lucy Grace and Rory on the three wheeler. Lucy has been an amazing role model for younger pupils when we have been going cycling. Brooklyn got on the hand bike for the first time this term too.



Soairse enjoys riding two wheel, three wheel bikes and she even tried the hand cycling bike recently.

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### **Independent Living**



Rory made bear and owl toast. He cut up ingredients and engaged in spreading the ingredients himself. He even helped with the washing up!



Lucy Grace, Cameron and Harrison have been making afternoon teas as part of their Independent Living work this term. They wrote their own invitations and set the tables themselves.



Oliver checked the dates on everything in the fridge and threw away anything no longer usable.

He also emptied the recycling into different bins as part of his independent living work.

Oliver has researched and cooked meals from other countries too.

### Horse Riding at Holly Bank Farm Riding School

Nojus, Lucy and Oliver enjoyed horse riding lessons at Holly Bank Farm Riding School in Mossley.

Caroline, who owns the riding school, took time to show us around the stables and gently introduce the pupils to the lovely Dream and Betty who they would be riding.





They all did brilliantly and showed the progress they had made each week by being able to mount and dismount, holding the reins correctly, walk and halt, to being able to weave in and out of cones and trotting around the arena.





Thank you Carolyn for letting us visit and teaching us!

Well done, such amazing achievements!

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#### Key skills





Brooklyn enjoyed crayons, water and paint.

mark Messy Magpie was one of Welcome to making using chalk. He has the key texts read this term also been exploring mark as part of our Everyday life making with shaving foam, topic specifically recycling. Brooklyn liked exploring the this term and is Magpie and basket of eggs.

> Thank you to Angela and David for volunteering with us this term.

Good luck to Learning Mentor Lindsay who is moving to a new job after half term. We will miss you!



Saoirse has been exploring the outdoor equipment and appreciating outdoor spaces in school.

Lisa new Learning Mentor who joined us settling in well.





Still looking for someone to beat our chess champ!!

## Dates for the diary:

School Jubilee Celebration Friday 27th May for pupils in school

Half Term week beginning 30th May

INSET DAYS 6th and 7th June School closed to pupils

Whit Friday Friday 10th June School Closed

Forest School Friday 17th June 2022

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