

Nightingale Home and Hospital Service



Newsletter Christmas 2022

Dear Nightingale Parents, Carers and Young People,

As we approach the end of a very busy term, I would like to thank all our young people and their families for your continued support and communication.

Due to the increase demand on our service we have had to make some slight adjustments to timetables for all of the students that we teach both on and offsites. All students that attend onsite will have received their timetable before they finish with us on Friday the 15th Dec and our staff will be liaising with our offsite families in regards to changes to their timetables. These changes will allow for some of our offsite students to attend onsite tuition with their teacher during the afternoon and when we feel the time is appropriate.

Over the last few years students have taken part in our ACE Programme (Alternative Curriculum Enrichment) which has involved a great deal of opportunities for students to gain new skills and socialise outside of their usual groups. We have held various projects from 'Field to Fork' and 'Physical Health and Well Being'. During this academic year we changed the timings to provide more of a structure to students timetables and made some adjustments in order to support individual students, particularly those in Yr 11 that wish to concentrate on their GCSE qualifications. We have also adjusted the focus to support our personal development programme and during this term we have covered the following topics: hello Yellow, anti-bullying, world diabetes day, remembrance day, Christmas Fayre preparations, pyrography, languages day and music. From January 2023 our project will be based on 'The Community'. Monday 9th January we will spend the morning doing a variety of activities but more importantly gaining the views of our young people in regards to the structure of the day/groupings and topics they wish to explore.

Our student uniform was introduced last year and our young people have adapted well to this change – if you can please continue to support us in ensuring they are wearing uniform on a daily basis. Please let us know if you need any additional uniform.



In the new year, we will be issuing all students with their end of term report this will also coincide with our parents afternoon/ early evening. More information will follow once we return.

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Turn to the back page for dates for your diary and term dates.

We would like to thank the Local Authority for their support with minibus drivers and escorts and supporting us with transporting students to and from the centre each morning. A small number of applications have gone in for some of our new students that will be joining us in the very near future. You may well be contacted over the Christmas break but please do not worry because we can discuss this to ensure this is a smooth transition into centre.

Use of mobile phones, regards to practical matters, in January we will continue to expect all students who arrive in school with a mobile phone, to ensure that this is kept out of sight whilst lessons are taking place.

Can I please ask that you check our website (www.nightingale.lawnswood.org.uk) for updates on a weekly basis and we will ensure that we send a text out when any valuable information is uploaded to the website. We are currently looking at developing video footage for the front page which will mainly include our lovely new area.

As already advised via text sent earlier this week, term will finish on Thursday 15th December for our afternoon groups and on Friday 16th December for our morning groups. We will look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4th January. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas with your loved ones.

Thanks again for your continued support,

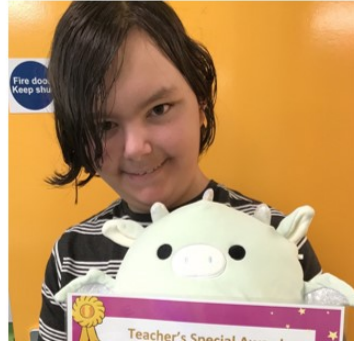
Miss Watson



**Celebration Rewards Lunch
Special Award**



Termly Lunch awards



Weekly awards

Each week, we celebrate our young people's many achievements during our reflection time. All teaching staff award Achievement Points for every lesson and certificates are awarded weekly for improved attendance, 100% attendance, academic progress, engagement, positive attitudes to learning and 1st, 2nd & 3rd highest scores in achievement points!



Art Awards:

Jayda Hamilton

Jacob Menegatos

Aryn Lynch

Holly Evans

Maths Awards:

James Fox-Sipos

Preparing for Adulthood:

Thomas McElroy

K'ailyn Simcox

Computing Awards:

Summer O'Cuilleain

Ruby-May Annobil

Cricket Awards:

Aryn Lynch

Jacob Menegatos

James Fox-Sipos

Science Awards:

Leah Owen

James Fox-Sipos

Sense of Humour Award:

Khayla Barnes

Music Awards

LJ Clare

Heidi Booth

Jess Dudley

Grace Lawrence

Thomas McElroy

Miles Davies

Leah Owen

English Award:

Leah Owen

Painting Award:

Tyler Crosbie

History Award:

Grace Littleton

Animal Care Award:

K'ailyn Simcox

Excellent Manners Award:

Timi Macaulay

TTRS

1st: Alfie Webb

2nd: Jay Mansell



Rewards

Achievement Points

September 2022 — December 2022

Gold: James Fox-Sipos

Silver: Holly Evans

Bronze: Jacob Regan-Menegatos



Attendance Awards



LJ Clare 97%

Miles Davies 97%

Holly Evans 96%



Improved Attendance Awards:

Jacob Regan-Menegatos

Frazer Kelly



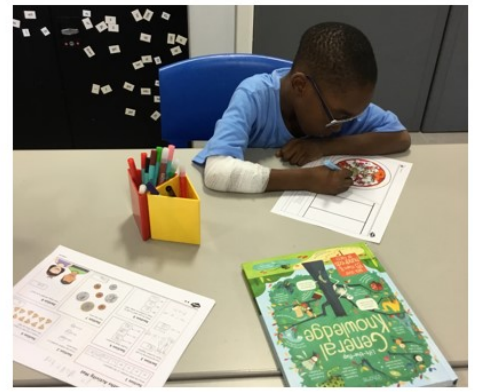
Student of the Autumn Term:

Aryn Lynch



This half term has been full of excitement in New Cross Schoolroom. Students have been exploring our project topic 'Around the World' and learning about different countries and cultures. From travel brochures to discussions about interesting foods, students have collaboratively completed lovely display work in the schoolroom. It has been a messy few months in our tuff tray this half term - students enjoyed gathering loose items, counting, sorting, and of course some messy foam play. There have been a number of special occasions and events that we have enjoyed sharing including Children in Need, Halloween and Remembrance Day.





Children in Need activities @ The Hospital School Room



Christmas has fast approached and patients have been super busy creating Christmas cards for two of our competitions. Well done to Lyra, Brielle and Ryley in winning the ward Christmas competition and Riley W for winning the campus Christmas card competition! Prizes will soon make their way to your schools. We look forward to the term ahead with Chinese New Year leading us into yet another fantastic year in the schoolroom. 2023 will celebrate the year of the rabbit and children will learn about why this time of year is special to people. Our topic will explore 'Extreme Environments' and there are plenty of special occasions to prepare for; New Year Goals, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. We look forward to seeing you next year!

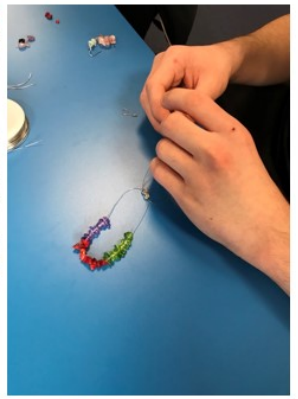


@ The Hospital School Room



Supporting charities ...





Jewellery making for the Christmas Fayre.

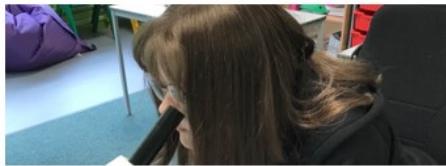


... & Fundraising



Christmas Fayre preparations



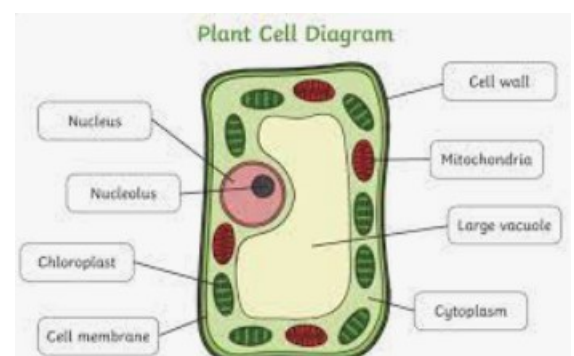


Using microscopes in science.

KS3: This term we concentrated on The Organisation of the Human Body. We looked at cells through a microscope and discovered specialised plant and animal cells.

We also looked at the skeleton, movement of joints and muscles.

We introduced 'Investigation Thursday' where the students are encouraged to partake in some independent practical work as part of a team.





In KS4 we are studying GCSE Biology/Entry Level Science and have completed a number of units. Students have been introduced to the basics of the subject and have looked at cells and the movement of substances in and out of cells. They have researched a variety of topics such as specialised cells and stem cell research.

Entry Level Science have recently been looking at the importance of a healthy diet and exercise.





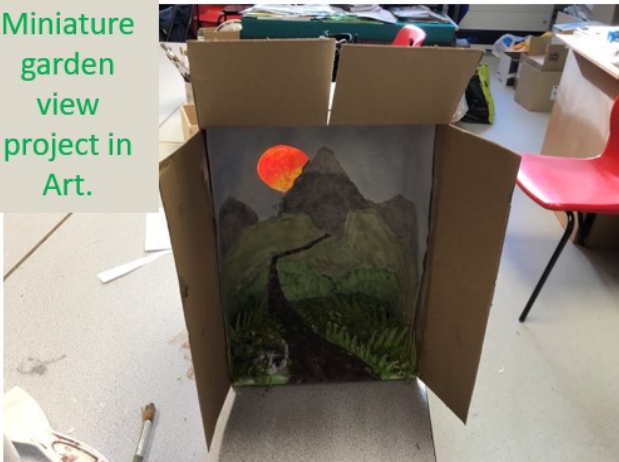
Still life drawing of rose hips in Art.



Art



Miniature garden view project in Art.

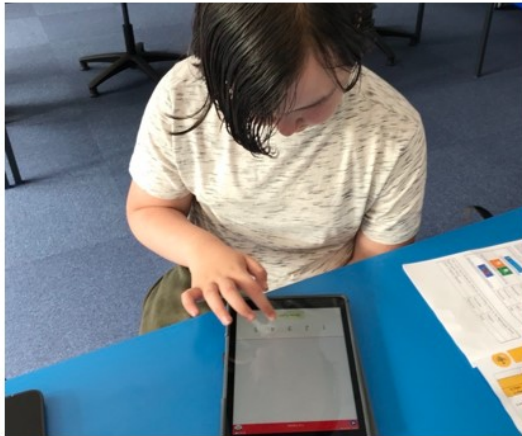




Team building
&
challenges in
Preparing 4 Adulthood.

P4A

1-1 Tuition



Developing our soft skills, for example, independence, fine motor skills, dexterity, coordination and social skills.



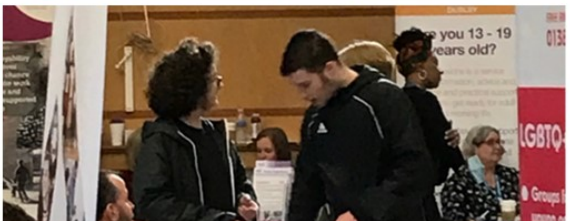
Llama-dramas in animal care.

Animal Care

Post 16 & Careers



SEND careers fair @ Dudley College

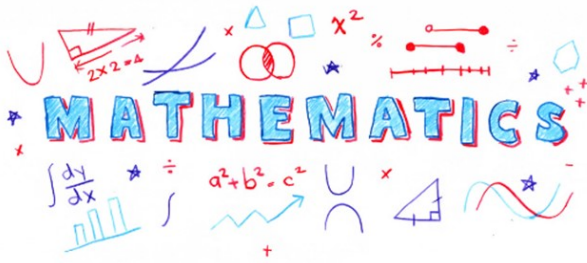




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• Everything
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• Read!!

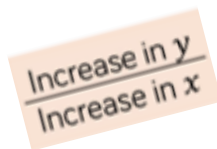
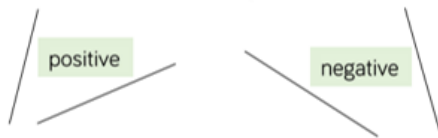
To improve reading standards across Nightingale, we have introduced all of our students to **'DEAR Time'**, which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. These sessions began on Thursday 10th November at 10:30am and 2pm and last for 10 minutes. Reading for just a short time can help with stress reduction and brain stimulation. If we read for 5 minutes per day we are exposed to 282,000 words across a year. Our **DEAR** sessions have helped to kick start students reading habits. We will ensure that every student has a book to read before they start the day, but if you are able to encourage your child to choose a book in the lead up to Thursdays, that would be great. Nightingale Home and Hospital Service staff are also involved and now bring their own book to school too, we fully understand that our enthusiasm for this initiative is required to support each other.





There are a number of students being entered for Entry Level and Functional Skills Levels 1 and 2 mathematics in February 2023.

Willow: We looked at straight-line graphs and learned how to identify the coordinates and gradients and equations of these lines. We learned how to complete a table of values and plot the straight-line graphs of these equations. We went on to interpreting distance-time graphs. We then prepared for our Functional Skills Exams and the exams were in October. We revised completing factor trees and finding the prime factorisation of large numbers and finding the HCF. We moved on to expanding and factorising with a single bracket, multiplying out brackets and factorising expressions. We then started preparing for our GCSE Mock Exam. We have been going through past papers, completing questions and looking at solutions and exam techniques.



x	1	2	3	4
y	1	3	5	7

Maple: Revision of reading and plotting coordinates on maps and grids. We used this knowledge to plot straight line graphs and looked at the equations of these straight lines. During the topic of algebraic conventions, we learned how to write algebraic expressions, collect like-terms and simplify - using these expressions to solve problems. Used flowcharts to solve equations using our knowledge of inverse operations. We also looked at 2-D and 3-D shapes. We learned the names of common shapes and looked at their properties. We also learned how to recognise prisms and to not mistake a cylinder for a prism. We revised how to calculate the perimeter and area of a 2-D shape. Recently, we looked at Plan and Elevation sketching and are now drawing and measuring angles.

Ash: We learned how to identify similar shapes and positive and fractional scale factors of them. We learned how to enlarge a shape by a given scale factor from different points of origin.

We looked at the difference between expressions and equations and looked at and practised the different methods for solving equations. We also learned how to rearrange formulas. We revised the parallel line rules to work out missing angles and then looked at labelling right-angled triangles revising Pythagoras Theorem including the trigonometric formulas, sin, cos and tan for finding missing sides and angles. We are now looking at inequalities and how to show solutions of inequalities on a number line.

Oak group have completed two White Rose maths units:

$$y = mx + c$$

1: 'Straight Line Graphs' learning about lines that are parallel to the axes, $y = x$ $y = -x$ and using tables of values. Then comparing gradients and intercepts in order to begin to use $y = mx + c$. We learned how to find an equation of a line from a graph and looked briefly at real-life graphs followed by gradients of perpendicular lines.

2: 'Forming and solving equations' learning how to solve one step and two step equations. We also studied expanding brackets and then solving equations with brackets. We touched briefly on solving inequalities too.

Blossom group have focussed this autumn term on calculation methods and looked in depth at how to use formal written column methods to add and subtract up to 4 digit numbers. Initially using place value skills to begin to learn how to exchange (borrow and carry). We are currently learning about multiples, factors, common multiples and common factors, exploring patterns in multiplication tables and rules of divisibility.

KS4 ENGLISH - First half term we covered Presentation and Comprehension skills , preparing our own 5 minute presentation and taking part in a class discussion. Second half term we have looked at features and structure of an article and are preparing to write our own. Year 11 young people have had a big focus on GCSE exam preparation and have worked extremely hard completing a number of past exam papers. **KS3 ENGLISH** - This term we have covered Fiction and creative writing, looking at fiction and non-fiction texts, PEE , punctuation, personification, adverbs and descriptive writing. We have then looked at writing out own short stories using pictures and the story box.

There are a number of students being entered for Entry Level and Functional Skills Levels 1 and 2 English in February 2023.

Preparing For Adulthood—during the first half term, we have been working on our local community, learning about the different roles within a community. In the second half term, we prepared for our Christmas Fayre, taking on roles and responsibilities in order to prepare for our fundraising event; ensuring our young people have the confidence and skills to take an active role and fully participate in the day.

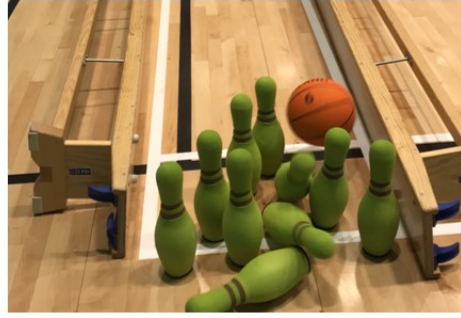
This term, our KS4 young people have also attended two Careers fairs where they engaged fully and maturely with the providers and were excellent ambassadors for the Nightingale Team.

ICT and Computing: Year 11 have been busy preparing for their ICT exam with several young people successfully achieving the first level this term. We have all registered for the IDEA award and already achieved some of the 'Citizen' badges starting with those linked to keeping safe online. We have learned about how to organise our documents and files making the transition to saving our work to Onedrive. Some students have designed and printed calendars to raise funds for our Christmas Fayre, too.



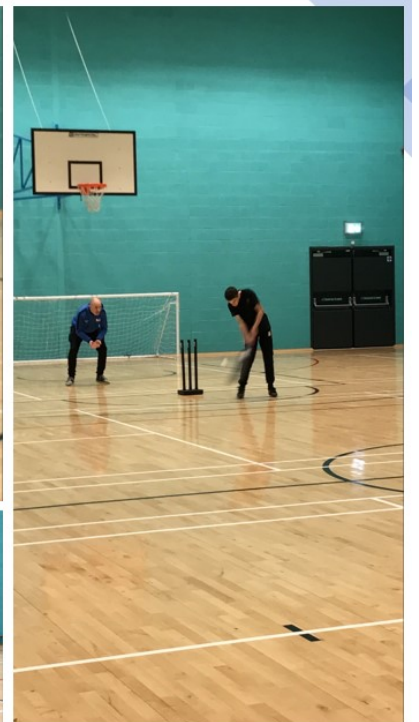
Looking sharp in
our new uniform





Physical Education

This term we have had Nick Jelfs from Staffordshire Cricket visiting our centre on Friday afternoons working with KS3 students. The students have made excellent progress in their batting, bowling and fielding, as well as learning some basic rules. They have really enjoyed the experience and should be proud of their achievements.





Christmas Fayre



For the end of term, staff and young people successfully organised and ran a fabulous Christmas Fayre to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We received visitors from across the whole Lawnswood Campus and many families and friends who joined us to take part in our activities and take a well earned break with a tea and a mince pie!



Maple and Ash have been learning how to write songs and play the ukulele as part of their music lessons this term. They came up with these two amazing songs; one is an anti-bullying song and the other is about the Nightingale Centre. The songs were performed to staff and our young people in centre as part of reflection time on Wednesday 14th December 2022—an emotional time for all involved!

A Nightingale Sings in St Peter's Square

There's a bird on my shirt with a little song
about a place where I don't feel I'm on my own.
I can wear what I like, I can be myself,
no one will shout, no one will try to order me about.

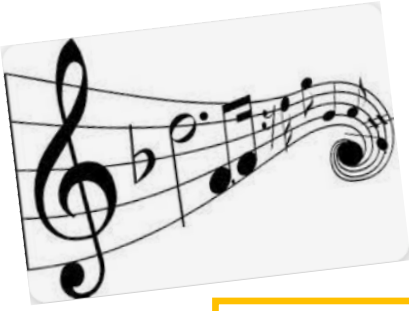
Chorus

There's a nightingale singing in St Peter's Square,
singing in St Peter's Square.
There's a nightingale singing in St Peter's Square,
singing in St Peter's Square.

Repeat verse and chorus

There's a bird on my shirt with a little song
about a place where they care,
I'm glad I'm there,
I'm glad I'm there.





You're Alright with Us (the Minions



song)

Kevin, Stuart, Bob,
you're straight out of a book,
your dungarees, your yellow skin,
your goggles covered look.
If you lived here down in our street,
they'd chuck you in the brook.

Kevin, Stuart, Bob,
they love you in the film,
your dungarees, your brush-like hair,
your yellow coloured skin.
If you lived here down in our street,
they'd stick you full of pins.

Outcast freak, they'd shout,
you're wrong, you're not like us.
They'd chase you up and down the street,
push you under a bus.

Kevin, Stuart, Bob,
you're straight out of a book.
That's fine, we love you just like that,
you're alright with us.





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Dates for your diary:

School Term Dates for Spring and Summer Terms 2023

Spring Term 2023

- Term Time: Tuesday 3rd January 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023
- **Half term:** Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023
- Term Time: Monday 27th February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

- Term Time: Monday 17th April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023
- **Half term:** Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023
- Term Time: Monday 5th June 2023 to Tuesday 25th July 2023

Training date when school will be closed to students is:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 24th July 2023 & Tuesday 25th July 2023

