



"Be the best you can be"

KS3

Spring Term 2 2024

Dear All,

It has been a short but action packed half term. We say goodbye to our Dual HUB learners, as they return to school and our 12 week HUB have started their reintegration back into school.

World Book Day was celebrated and learners continued to have fun at Forest Schools. There have been visits from the Police—Lives not Knives campaign, and family members have joined us to give thanks. Learners also had enjoyed taking part in 'Feel Good' activities and boxing has been a firm favourite.

We wish all our learners, staff and their families a restful Easter break.

The Key Stage 3 Team

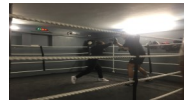
The half term in pictures



World Book Day This year we marked World Book Day promoting the enjoyment of reading. We went on a 'Where's Wally Hunt', where staff made convincing Wally's. Learners were sent on a book treasure hunt, where they took turns to read aloud the clues and book extracts to find the treasure. Michael Rosen's poem Chocolate Cake inspired us to read recipes and bake our own cakes. And... of course there was dress up of some of our favourite characters: Dennis the Menace, the Wimpy kid, the Grinch and Mary Poppins dropped in too. Vouchers have been sent home, take a look at worldbookday.com for ideas for you to try at home.



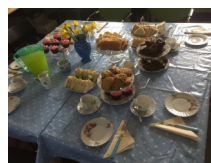
Boxing The learners have thoroughly enjoyed PE sessions at Warriors ABC gym. Ethan has been a fantastic coach and taught basic fitness and strength, alongside the basics of boxing. The learners have encouraged each other and supported each other to develop their skills. They have listened and followed instructions brilliantly! They have been doing some great pad-work in the ring and have been building up stamina through cardio.



Links to the Community DESC have recently created links with a local charity that supports young children's involvement in physical activity. ONE IMPOSSIBLE THING collect unwanted trainers within the local community and distribute them to those that need them, to enable them to get involved in exercise and sport. One Impossible Thing have supported some of our learners with this already.

If your child is in need of a pair of trainers, please do not hesitate to contact us at DESC to help. Alternatively, if you have any unwanted old trainers you would like to donate, please contact us for where and how you can do this. <https://www.1impossiblething.com/>

Giving Thanks KS3 have been showing gratitude to their families this half term. They planned and made a special giving thanks tea party. The cakes, sausage rolls and sandwiches were delicious and they enjoyed sharing the experience with others. We also shared our success books and celebrated the positive progress being made by all. All the staff are very proud of the learners.



Feeling Good Week

This year's Feeling Good theme was Regrown. At Tenzing Road we gave learners the opportunity to work with other key stages at DESC to complete some outdoorsy activities that would refresh and brighten our site.

Learners had opportunities to paint, build, plant and work together in activities such as sensory stepping stones making, planting wild flowers and herbs. We built our very own greenhouse and made and decorated bird and squirrel feeders. All learners got stuck in with their favourite activity and were not shy at getting messy and dirty! Sorry parents!

All in all, it was a well spent couple of days, especially to see the enjoyment on our learners' faces!

Mrs Messer and the DESC Mental Health team