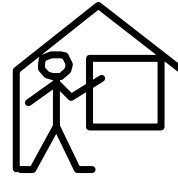


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Dear Parents and Carers,

#### MFL - German Week



Shane and Zac creating their own designs in the style of German artist Paul Klee

Our last week's MFL: week was fun and enjoyed by all. All the classes experienced different activities, tasting German foods, learning songs and looking at different works by famous German people as well as learning about the country. Thanks go to Rosy Durrant for organising and leading the week to ensure that it was a huge success.



#### Dance Workshop

Students from Hazel and Post 16 were recently given the opportunity to take part in a street dance workshop. The workshop was organised by Interaction who are based at Peartree Bridge. We were really pleased that we could take part this time as the last one was cancelled because of the snow!

Eight students took part and the dance teacher worked them extremely hard! The group had to warm up first which got them into the mood for dancing. They carried out some simple stretches and movements which used all their bodies and then they were ready to start dancing.

The group was divided into pairs and they all worked together very well. The teacher explained that they were going to learn a dance routine which would be based on Michael Jackson moves and

poses. She demonstrated the moves very slowly and then helped the pairs to practise them. The moves involved taking steps, clicking fingers and lots of stretches, twists and turns. After the students had practised each separate part in turn they put everything together into one routine which everyone thoroughly enjoyed doing. The students loved dancing to the strong beat of the music.



Everyone had a great time and we were very impressed at how hard the students worked and how well they concentrated. Many thanks must go to Interaction and well done to everyone who took part!

### **Buttercups are Class of the Week**

This term Buttercups have been learning about Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. While exploring the different colours in Joseph's coat, we have mixed different coloured paints to see what happens to the colours. We have used different sponges and paint to make coloured patterns and even coloured our own Joseph's coat.



We are also learning about where Joseph lived. We have looked at different pictures of Egypt, and done lots of exploring in sand. Some of us even tried to make our own pyramids in our sand trays! We have made our own hieroglyphics paintings, and even dressed up like mummies!



### Half Term

Just a reminder that today we break up for the half term holiday. We will all look forward to seeing the pupils back at school on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



### Primary Courtyard Development

Over the half term holiday work is starting on Phase 1 of the development of the primary courtyard. This will include a sun shade, sunken and raised sand boxes, a chalk board as well as different colours of safety flooring. This will enable this area to be used more effectively by the children as well as providing some much needed shade for the summer months.

Have a lovely holiday everyone - hopefully spring is on its way

Ruth

