



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you are all starting to enjoy the longer days and the warmer weather? We have had a busy few months back at school, including the visit from the Northern Ballet group. The children are working hard on the theme of 'All about me'. It is lovely to walk around school and see the different activities that are being completed and enjoyed.

The Berwick consultation continues, it is due to be completed in March and we will then need to see what the outcomes are and the impact that these may or may not have on us as a school. I will continue to work with the governing body to ensure that our voice is heard and we will continue to try and ensure that the outcome enhances the provision that we have going forward. I know that this has been an unsettling time both for us and for you all. I would strongly urge you to respond to the consultation, if we do not say what we think then there is no chance that anything will positively happen for us. Please encourage, family and friends to do the same as everyone has a right to respond, the stronger the number of voices the more likely we are to have an impact. If you have any questions please do feel free to ask.

We are adapting our building again and have taken the wall down between Miss Waugh's office and the library enabling us to have another classroom. This room will be used to split a class, initially this will be Willow and Maple giving them more space for the growing amount of equipment and needs of the pupils. In the long term we may use this for different classes, as always, we are adapting to meet the needs of the children in our school. We are not increasing the number of pupils beyond the 51 that we are funded for.

I am sorry that I will miss the next half term, I am looking forward to being through my surgery and returning fit and well after Easter. Thank you all so much for your kind words and support it means a great deal to me.

We are beginning to plan for the summer term. We are hoping that this will involve trips out locally and for a few pupils a residential holiday. It is great that we have such a lovely area, with so many places to visit and things to do. We are therefor looking forward to the term ahead.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries



Maple and Willow classes have been learning to use technology to help them learn.



We have been very lucky to get a new Plasma Screen. Everyone enjoys learning how to use it.



The hand blender is even attached to a switch so we can work together in Food Technology.



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Elm class have been exploring a range of play resources. We have been developing our skills and knowledge around playing together, becoming responsible citizens and increasing our tolerance and patience with others.

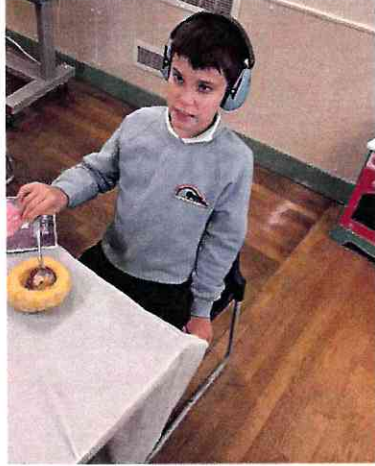
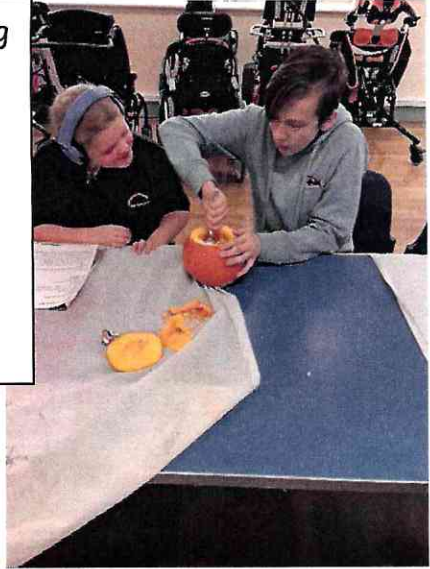
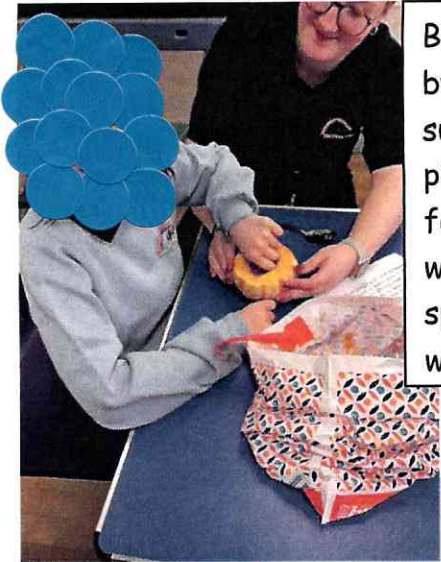
There has been lots of role play, interactive and ICT exploration and toys which need coordination and concentration skills. Well done, Elm class for being so kind to each other.



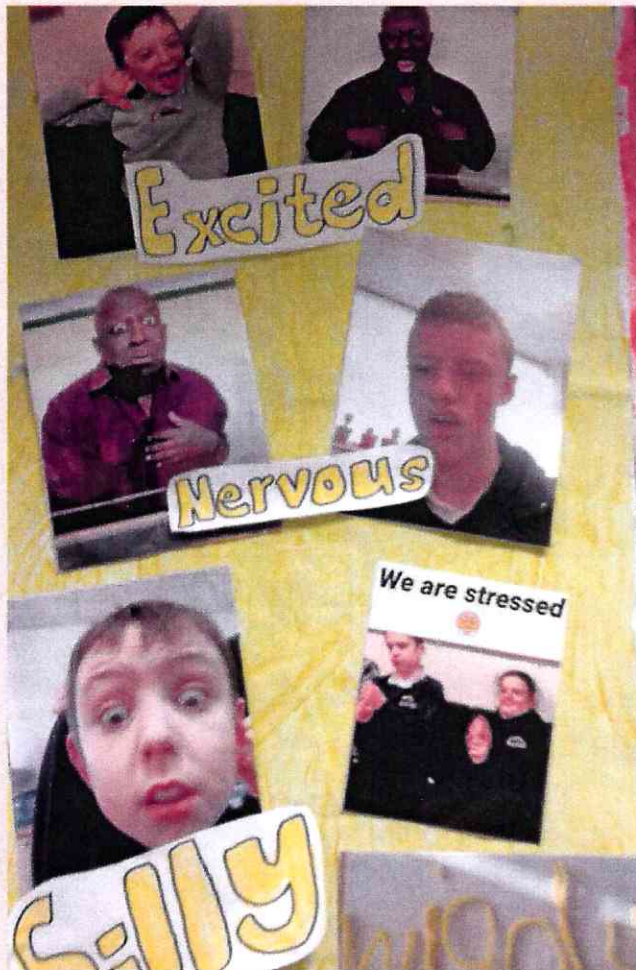
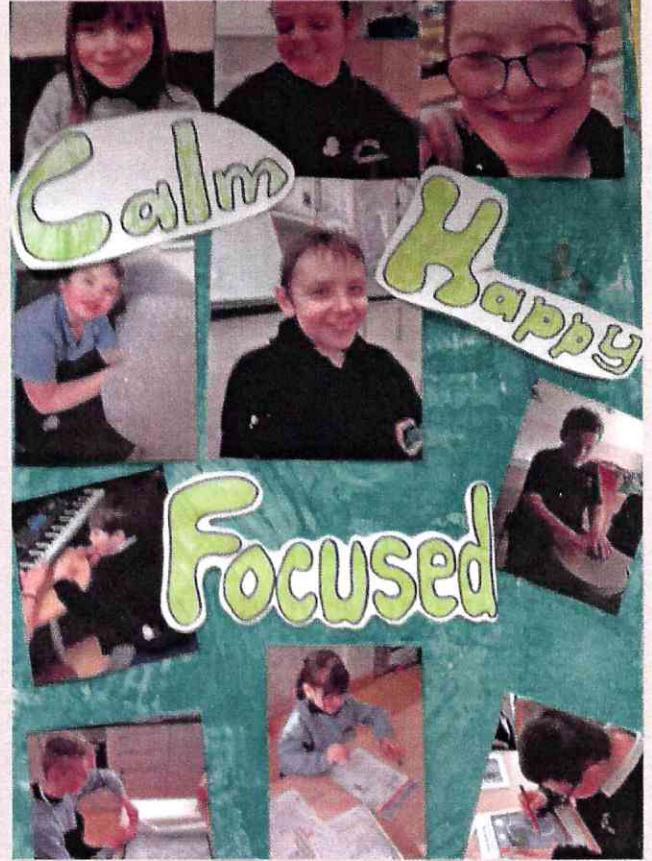
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# Beech Class

Beech Class continued their Outdoor Learning by making bird feeders from pumpkins to support the wild birds who visit our playground. We are lucky to have a bird feeder outside our classroom window where we see a lovely variety of birds including sparrows, starlings, blackbirds and a friendly wee robin.



Sycamore class have been learning about emotions through songs, stories, signing and role play. We learnt the Makaton emotions signs by watching Singing Hands online.





**Oak Class**  
 During the Autumn water theme we have:  
 learnt about local bodies of water and visited them; used maps and atlases to locate key features such as rivers and seas; carried out an experiment to see the water cycle in action; designed and made water themed cushions; learnt how to stay safe in water with the RNLI; learnt about the capacity of containers; made snow angels; learnt about seaside pollution with a theatre group; wrote stormy sea stories; learnt the French words for bodies of water; carried out an evaporation experiment with hand gel and much more.

