



Welcome to
Doncaster
School for the
Deaf

Happy New Year...

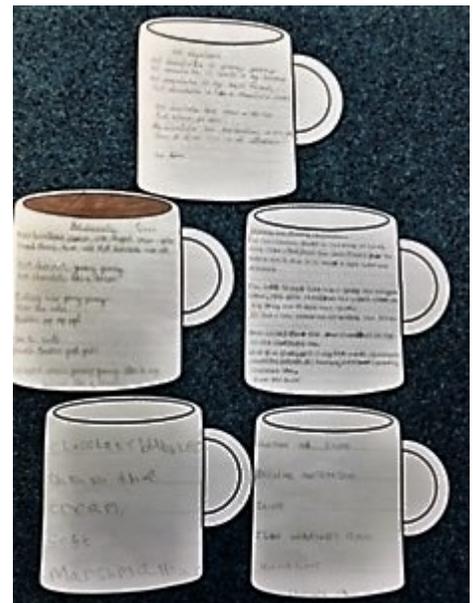
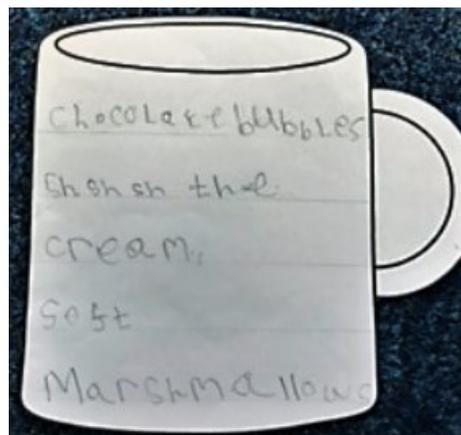
Pupils have settled well into the first term of 2022. It has been another busy half term for them! Here are some of the activities they have been involved in.

Primary Poetry



Some of our primary pupils have been learning about poetry and have made hot chocolates to help inspire them write their wintery poems!

Oliver's
wintery poem:



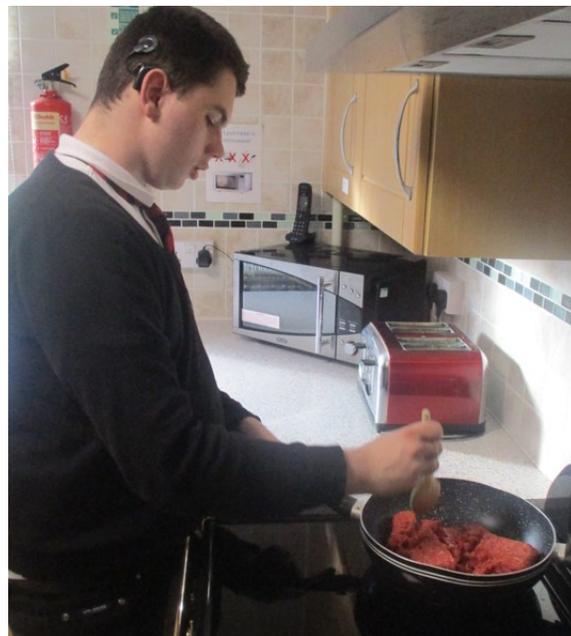
Life Skills



Mr Meadows' class have been learning life skills.

They have been shopping at the local supermarket and have learned how to make their own meals too!

A visit to The Trust's onsite café proved very popular where they confidently ordered and paid for their refreshments.



Internet Safety



During Enrichment, Mrs Blakey delivered an activity to talk about appropriate behaviour online and what pupils can and can not do. We explained sexting and internet safety and reminded pupils not to give into peer pressure. This was reinforced by Police Community Support Officer PC Everton and Kate Richardson, DMBC Stronger Communities Officer, who also talked about the consequences of any inappropriate behaviour.

At the end of the session, PC Everton showed pupils his police car and some of the equipment he uses in his role.



Whole School Guided Reading



Since coming back after Christmas, we have been trialling a new, whole school guided reading initiative. We have changed our timetable slightly so that on Tuesdays-Fridays everybody reads from 9am-9.15am. Some students read 1:1 with staff whilst others read in small groups, using Bug Club. Please get in touch to let us know about any reading you have been doing at home with your child! If you have any questions or concerns about reading please contact us.

Occupational Therapy



Mrs Simmonite has been working with Nieve and her teaching staff this half term, focussing on developing handwriting skills.

Here is a picture of Nieve with a pen grip made out of a tennis ball!! Nieve finds it difficult to hold and control a pen, and, after searching for the right kind of pen grip, (and failing), we had to go back to the drawing board (quite literally).

With the help of Steve in our Maintenance dept, a bespoke pen grip was created!

The Joinery dept are kindly helping to make more of these for Nieve so that she can better hold paint brushes and pencils too! Such a great example of team work.



Coffee Mornings

A new group has started and is proving to be very popular! Every Tuesday break time we meet to have hot chocolate and biscuits. We talk about friendships, learn how we can make friends and how to be kind to each other.

Spaces are limited. Pupils can ask Mrs Cook, Mrs Cartlidge or Mrs Oakes if they would like to join the group.



Valentine's Day Fair



Pupils have worked hard to create valentine products to sell at the Valentine's fair. These included boxes of chocolates and BSL hands showing the 'I love you' sign in cellophane bags with chocolates.



Break times



As well as having the opportunity to attend coffee mornings and play outdoors at break and lunch times, pupils have the option to have a game of table tennis or have a go on the school's drum kit! Both have proved to be very popular this half term!



Enrichment

Pupils have taken part in a variety of enrichment lessons this half term including interviewing a taxi driver, sampling vegan food and learning about the vegan diet as well as learning about the courses on offer in college through a presentation given by ex-school pupils Barry and Callum.



Our Residential Pupils

We are delighted to announce that the the Childrens' Home received an **OUTSTANDING** rating in the recent Ofsted. This half term, residents have enjoyed a range of evening activities including an evening stroll around Lakeside, learning how to make a camp fire with the scouts, taking part in Laser Quest games, watching an evening football match at the Keepmoat Stadium and an evening meal out at a restaurant of their choice.



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 11th February 2022

School closes for half term

Monday 21st February 2022

Training Day

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

School re-opens

Friday 1st April 2022

School closes for half term