



## Doncaster School for the Deaf Newsletter

**February 2023**

## Happy New Year!

We've had lots to celebrate already in the first half term of 2023.

Our STA team has been enhanced with the appointment of Mrs Abbiss and new pupil Finn has joined the school. Pupils have had lots of success in the BSL exams and Ms Goodman has celebrated a very special birthday. We hope you enjoy reading all about it.

## Welcome...

Meet Finn, our new residential pupil.



A warm welcome to our new Specialist Teaching Assistant, Mrs Abbiss.



## Happy Birthday to Ms Goodman

Ms Goodman celebrated a very special birthday at the beginning of the term. Staff and pupils gathered together at lunchtime and surprised her with a short assembly to mark the occasion. She was presented with lots of cards and gifts from everyone. We made her wear a very large 'birthday badge' for the whole day too!



# I Can Lead—Unified Leaders Award

Seth, Lili, Veronica and Keira are taking part in the 'I Can Lead' Unified Leaders course run by Active Fusion's coaching and mentoring team. They will develop essential life and leadership skills throughout the course, improve their fitness levels as well as becoming positive role models for their peers. Tom Horton of Active Fusion presented the pupils with a goodie bag containing a stopwatch and water bottle amongst other things to help them with the course.



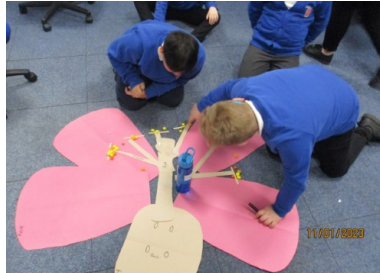
## ASDAN

Eleanor, Vhon and Lucy are currently working towards their Entry Level 1 ASDAN certificate in Personal and Social Development. As part of their qualification, they have to take part in healthy activities each week. They chose to focus on exercise and sports. So far they have enjoyed cycling, walking and using the outside gym equipment.



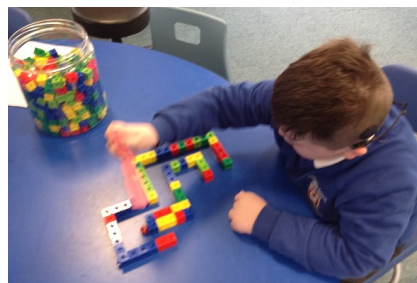
# Living things and their habitats

In Science this term, we are learning about 'Living Things' and their habitats. This week, we started learning about how bees pollinate flowers and the names of the different parts of a flowering plant's reproductive system. Simas was an excellent bee and the rest of the class worked together to fertilise the ovules.



# Investigating magnets

Some of our primary pupils have been continuing to investigate magnets - we learned about repelling and attracting north, then south poles and used this knowledge to help us guide a ball through a maze.



# Deaf Aspirations

Victoria Whittam from ITV Calendar visited school to speak to pupils about their career ambitions in support of the NDCS campaign to tackle stereotypes around the types of jobs deaf people can have. She interviewed Keira about her aspirations for her future career. It was all very exciting!



# Leadership Team

Congratulations to Jane Goodman who has been appointed as the new Headteacher of Doncaster School for the Deaf. Jane has worked at the school for many years. We are proud to say that Jane is the first ever female Headteacher of the School. The School now has a new leadership team as Teresa Cartlidge is the new Deputy Headteacher and Lana Cook is the new Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral & DSL).



# Achievements and Recognition

Many congratulations to Kourtney, Hadiqa and Ryan who have all passed their BSL Level 2 qualification. They have all worked really hard to achieve this qualification, well done guys.



Ryan also continues to take part in football coaching sessions as part of The FA's Disability Regional Emerging Talent programme to support his development within football!



We're proud to announce that school has scooped a pioneering mental health award.

We've achieved the School Mental Health Award which is delivered by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools.

Well done to everyone involved.



# Enrichment

In Enrichment, pupils discussed 'Veganuary', the annual challenge that promotes and educates about veganism. They made their own vegan egg mayo to sample and Miss Flannigan brought in some vegan cakes for them to try too.



# PSHE

This term in PSHE, Eleanor and Vhon have been thinking about what they might like to do as a job in the future and learning about skills needed for work. They have been practising what it is like to work in different workplaces using the Trust's 'Aspire to Be' facilities. One week, Eleanor and Vhon worked in the Aspire shop, serving customers and scanning and bagging items. Vhon was an especially friendly worker, saying, 'Hello, how are you?' to all his customers, and bagging their items for them.



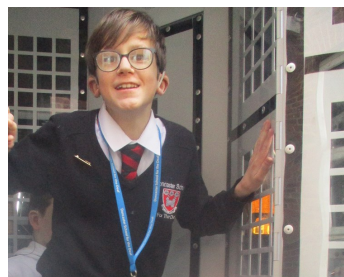
# Visit to Doncaster Hub—Careers

On Friday 27th January our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils went to visit the Hub Campus of Doncaster College. They were given a tour and shown course areas that interested our pupils. Pupils were very impressed to see the workspaces and equipment used by students in plastering, painting and decorating, fashion design, hairdressing and car maintenance. After seeing the fashion department Tegan said “Inside I’m jumping”. She was enthused that fashion is what she wants to do as a career.



## Enrichment

In Enrichment, PCSOs came to visit our secondary pupils. They were all really respectful and attentive, asking excellent questions and sharing their experiences. Pupils told the PCSOs that they felt safe in this school. The PCSOs also showed them a police van and the equipment they use if there are any people breaking the law. Guess who honked the horn?



# Pupil of the Week Award

Mrs Dixon presented our new pupil, Finn, with his award. Finn was chosen for the enthusiasm and politeness he has shown in his first week at school.



Ben was chosen for Pupil of the Week Award for being kind to his friends and producing good work in class.

Lucy received her award for always being polite and working hard. She is a good classmate too! Well done, Lucy.



Well done, Simas.

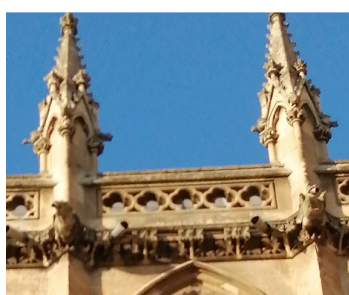
Simas has been working really hard in class with a good attitude even when his friends have not been at school.

Kourtney has shown a really positive attitude. Staff have been impressed by how many different foods she has tried in the dining room. Well done, Kourtney.



# Doncaster Minster

Year 7 went to visit Doncaster Minster to find the features of a church they've been learning about in RE. They explored the inside and outside, locating the font, lectern, niches and saw several gargoyles.



# Football coaching

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# IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 10th February 2023

Monday 20th February 2023

Tuesday 21st February 2023

School closes for half term

Teacher training day

School re-opens