

Autumn Term 2023

Important dates

- Return to school for term 2.1 on 4th January
- School closes for February half term on 16th February

Dates to remember/ Themes of the month

- Big garden bird watch 26th - 28th January
- Number Day 2nd February
- Chinese New Year 10th February

Upcoming Themes:

- Comic Relief: 15th March
- -World Book Day: 7nd March
- -Easter Sunday – 31st March



Welcome Back

We returned to school on 6th November with a snap, crackle and bang following bonfire night. Learners were raring to go, soon settling back into routines and taking part in all activities. We have had an action packed term with many engaging activities including anti-bullying tutorials, an airport visit, and of course Christmas!

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support this term. We would also like to thank our fabulous staff for their dedication to supporting our learners. Last but not least, we would like to say a huge well done to all of our wonderful learners who try their best and exceed our expectations each day!



Tracey Clements

Vice Principal

I have been at Mackenzie Thorpe Centre for just under 3 months having previously worked at Redcar and Cleveland College. In the short time I have been here I have been amazed by how friendly, enthusiastic and kind our students are. They have really made me feel welcome and will often pop into the office for a chat or stop me in the corridor to say hi. Equally the staff have been really accommodating and helped me feel very much one of the team.

Anti-bullying Policy

Take a look at our anti-bullying policy. Follow the link below:

www.ne-as.org.uk/mackenzie-thorpe-centre



School information



Policies and publications

Local contacts for safeguarding:

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Safeguarding

We would like to introduce Tracey Clements as Vice Principal and designated safeguarding lead. This completes our core safeguarding team. All staff are responsible for safeguarding and we have an efficient process to deal with concerns that children, staff or parents may have. If you have a concern please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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Nurture Groups

Our supportive staff, Michelle Ireson and Jacquie Wilcock, have been busy organising and running nurture sessions within school, offering additional support to learners who are having difficulties with their mental health. As a school, we have noticed a more positive outlook regarding mental health with the learners who have previously accessed this service and are currently beginning to further support others who have asked to access the service.



Jacquie Wilcock



Michelle Ireson



Snow Much Fun!

It was so exciting to see snow on the ground so close to Christmas and all learners couldn't wait to get out in the outdoor areas to play and investigate.

Learners were able to go sledging, supporting their sensory needs by whooshing down hills, and boosting their physical activity by running back up the hills again! Learners gained sensory feedback by feeling the temperature and texture of the snow and listening to it crunch underfoot.

Up, up and away...

Griffin classes in school recently visited a local airport as part of their careers curriculum. Learners were delighted to watch aircraft land and take off, before having a short tour of the airport followed by a mini tutorial from an ex-cabin crew member, who discussed the highs and lows of a career within the travel industry.



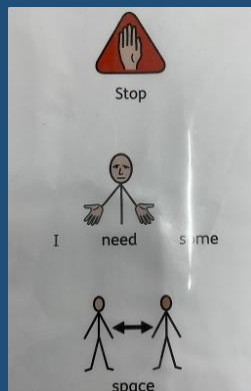
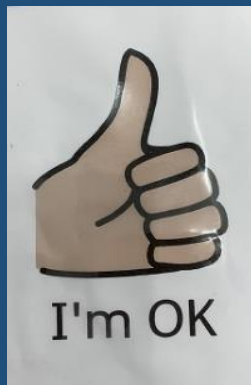
Anti-Bullying Week

Learners have been covering an important topic recently in PHSE sessions during Anti-Bullying week. They have been discussing the importance of being kind to one another and the effects bullying can have on each individual. Learners have experienced a range of activities, including a specialist approach – attention autism, which captures learners' attention through the use of personalised sensory activities.



Zones of Regulation

Learners have been developing a knowledge for recognizing their feelings and what they can do to support their self-regulation. Learners have been investigating the physical impacts of stress on the human body and have been learning ways of managing their emotions and have created an individual tool kit they can use if they are feeling overwhelmed during school time. The kit includes strategies such as taking deep breaths, using a sensory/fidget toy, taking movement breaks and showing symbols to staff to communicate how they're feeling.



Skating Success

As the big day grows ever closer, learners have been looking forward to taking part in some delightful Christmas activities both in school and off site. Recently, learners have attended a free ice skating session on the pop up ice rink in Middlesbrough, gifted by Crow Leisure LTD. Some learners who had had the opportunity to attend in the previous year were keen to show those who were visiting for the first time how to skate. It was an enjoyable adventurous trip out and fun was had by all.



Delicious Dinner

Our amazing school cook, Annis, cooked up a feast this year for our annual Christmas Dinner. From turkey that tickled taste buds to sprouts that nobody seemed to want to turn down! No stone went unturned and no trimmings were left out. Thank you for an amazing meal, Annis and an extra thank you to your glamorous assistants, admin officer Georgette and Domestic Kath, who helped serve up a treat.

