

TDPC CHRISTMAS

NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher Comment

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter, firstly I would like to say a big thank you and farewell to staff that are leaving us at the end of this term, both Carly and Clare have had a tremendous impact and will be missed. In the new year we will be welcoming 3 new staff members to our team - Macala, Victoria and Rebecca.

After a lengthy consultation the local authority have approved the consolidation, which means ourselves and Sedgemoor PRU (The Bridge) will become one from April 1st, more information will follow.

A massive thank you for all your support this last term. Our roll is ever increasing and working together as ever is the key to success. I'd also like to give a big thank you to all the staff at TDPC for their unstinting dedication and hard work.

We've had a busy term and i'm sure we are all looking forward to the Christmas break. Please stay safe and enjoy your break.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 5th January - INSET Day (School Closed)

Tuesday 6th January - INSET Day (School closed)

Wednesday 7th January - Students' first day back

Wednesday 4th February - Parent/Carer Meetings

Friday 13th February - Last day of term

Safeguarding

Staffing:

Carly is leaving us at Christmas to train as a social worker. Carly has been a key support to many children and families, and I know that families will share our sadness in seeing her leave TDPC. We wish her well in her new venture which we know she will excel in.

In January, Victoria Wood will join the Safeguarding team with a key focus on attendance. Tanya, who many of you know, continues in the safeguarding team taking a lead role in secondary transitions in and out of the Centre.

Christmas break:

School closes for the Christmas break on 19th December-7th January (5th and 6th January are INSET days). We would like to remind all of our families of the services that are available to support during the holidays:

If you are worried about a child or your own child, you can contact Children's Social Care by using these numbers:

Somerset Direct 0300 123 2224

Emergency Duty Team (for Out of Hours support) 0300 123 2327

In an emergency, call 999.

National Helplines & Online Resources

- Childline: For children needing to talk, 24/7, on 0800 1111.
- Shout: For anyone in crisis, text 85258 (24/7).
- Anna Freud Crisis Messenger: Text AFC to 85258 for free, confidential support.
- Domestic Abuse: Visit somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk or call 0800 69 49 999 (8am-8pm) for support.

Maths

This term in Maths, we explored exciting topics including Plans and Elevations, Percentages, and Transformations such as Reflections, Rotations, and Enlargements. A major focus was on 3D shapes, which allowed us to combine creativity with mathematical skills. Students applied their understanding of geometry by designing and constructing Christmas decorations and gift boxes, bringing festive cheer to the classroom while reinforcing key concepts. These hands-on activities helped deepen comprehension of spatial reasoning and practical applications of maths in everyday life.

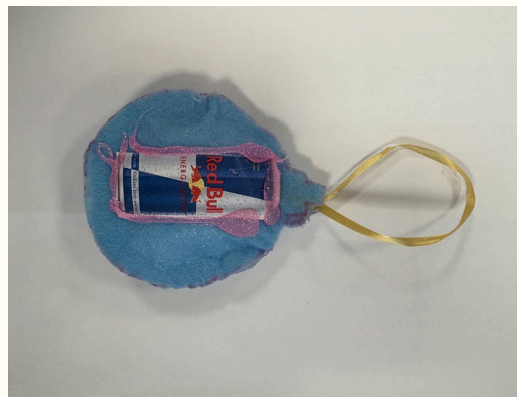
The Hub

This term, students have been exploring criminology, developing their problem-solving, teamwork and critical thinking skills. To bring their learning to life, we visited a local escape room, where students worked together to solve clues and crack codes. We are proud to say that the group successfully escaped, demonstrating excellent communication and determination. A fantastic and engaging end to the topic!

Art

This term, our students have shown wonderful creativity and enthusiasm. They designed and crafted festive decorations, adding personal touches that reflected their own interests and styles. Alongside these, they decorated wooden ornaments, bringing them to life with vibrant colours and imaginative details.

To make their creations unique, students experimented with a variety of materials and techniques, including paint, glitter, felt, stuffing, beads, and even glue guns. The results were joyful, inventive, and a celebration of their hard work.



Cooking

This Term students have been baking and developing skills in decorating their cakes.



DDC

Our topic this term at DDC, Shocking Stuff, has been all about electricity. Pupils have learned that electricity is a flow of electrons (tiny parts of atoms that carry a negative charge), and discovered that some materials conduct electricity, whilst others (insulators) do not. They learned that electricity can only flow when there is a complete circuit for it to flow around, and investigated the different properties of series and parallel circuits. Finally, they completed a challenge, inventing and making their own intruder alarms.

