

THE STONE BAY TIMES

WINTER 2018



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Staff and Friends

Welcome to the first of our new look newsletters. We wanted to give you a flavour of all the learning and fun the students have had in the past two terms and I am sure you will agree they have packed a lot in!

I can't believe how quickly the time has passed and how much has happened since I arrived in September. The students and staff have made a huge impression on me and I was delighted to be appointed as permanent Headteacher.

We have also welcomed other new staff over the term and will be introducing them to you in our newsletter. Some of our students are budding journalists and have been interviewing staff and students so expect to find out more about the people who work in the school. We have also hosted a variety of visitors including trainee Police Officers and student teachers, all of whom have remarked on the wonderful atmosphere in the school and how inspirational our students can be.

We ended this term with a variety of Christmas events and activities and I would like to thank all of you who worked hard and supported our Christmas Bazaar. We raised over £1000, all of which will go to fun exciting new activities and resources to support the students.

In January our first group of students will start attending Forest School at Quex Park on a weekly basis. The students will be supported by our staff and I know they will learn so much from this experience, as well, of course, as having a great time.

Also in the New Year we will be launching ClassDojo, this is a communication app used to share reports between parents/carers and teachers. We can also use this to give you reports on the great things the students are doing in real time. We hope you will find this a useful addition.

Lastly I really would like to have more parents involved on the governing board. If I can persuade any of you to give me a call or come and have a chat with me about what this might involve I would be delighted.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas time and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year

Paula



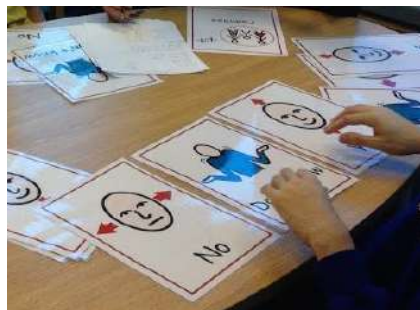
CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Thank you to all those who came to support our Christmas Fayre. We raised over £1000 that will be used to support projects and opportunities for the students.

The students and families enjoyed a visit from Santa and his Elves

COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS



Workshops for parents/carers:

We will be holding 4 workshops for parents/carers on symbol communication (PECS and Context Specific Communication Boards) and Makaton signs.

Monday 14th January 5-9pm.

Saturday 26th January 2-6pm.

Wednesday 30th January 9.30-1.30

Friday 1st February 11-3.

Please let me know if you would like to attend one of these workshops e-mail:

syounes@stone-bay.kent.kent.sch.uk

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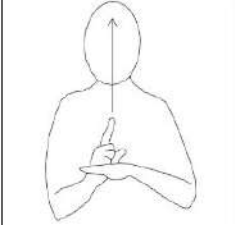

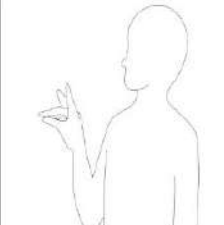
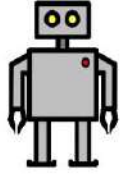
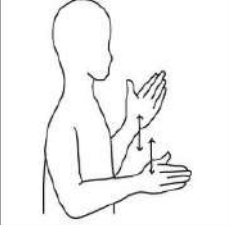

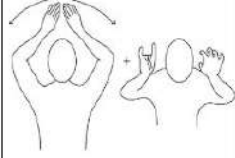




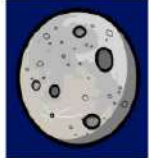



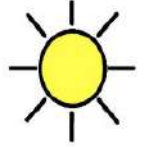
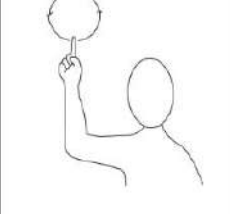
Vicky Bowyer is currently making Communication Passports for the students who are leaving in Summer 2019.

Please see <http://www.communicationpassports.org.uk/Home/>



MAKATON

SIGNS OF THE WEEK - JANUARY

 Space rocket		 Animal		 Robot	
 Alien		 Crocodile	 Hands open and close	 Stars	 Show several stars
 Moon		 Hippopotamus	 Hands open and close onto each other	 Sun	

Jayne and I recently attended a Makaton Study Day. There was a very strong emphasis on how the Makaton Charity will be extending its reach and impact, with a focus on social media and fundraising.

You can follow them on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and use the hashtag #wetalkmakaton.

Makaton is a language programme that gives everyone a helping hand to talk.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY



Intensive Interaction:

We feel very fortunate to have ten members of staff and 10 students taking part in an Intensive Interaction Good Practice course which is being delivered by Amandine Mouriere who is a tutor from the Intensive Interaction Institute (<https://www.intensiveinteraction.org/>). When the course finishes in February 2019, these staff will each mentor a colleague to develop our Intensive Interaction practice in the school and residential flats. This has been an extremely positive opportunity for staff and students.



PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System):







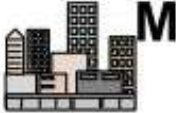







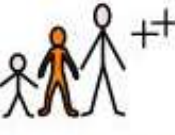



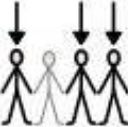







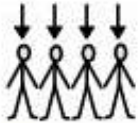
We continue to record the PECS exchanges being made at school and in our residential flats on a weekly and termly basis. In the first week of term in September, there were 1,875 exchanges recorded. It is extremely pleasing to note that last week, there were 4,567 PECS exchanges (or communication contacts) recorded across the school and residential flats. New methods of recording the requests made using Context Specific Communication Boards are currently being trialled in Jo Debling's class. We hope to roll this out to the whole school in January 2019.



TAC PAC:

Jayne Arnold recently attended a TAC PAC (<https://tacpac.co.uk/>) training course in London. Several classes are now doing regular TAC PAC sessions. TAC PAC is a sensory communication programme using touch and music to support communication and interaction.

STUDENT VOICE

 In  October  I  went to  Sessions House  in  Maidstone with a  group of young people from other  SEN  schools as part of the  Student Voice.  Student Voice  allows  young people to discuss  different matters.  I had to  speak in front of  lots of people  about to  what I want to  do  when I  leave school. I  was  very nervous but I did it  and everyone is  proud of me.

 By Charlotte  King  Class  9



JOSIE'S CLASS



Our students have been highly engaged in a range of sensory activities. We have been interacting and playing a range of games as well as out and about in the community.


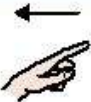

JO'S CLASS


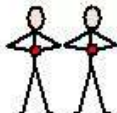




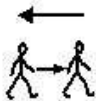


We have enjoyed learning about different houses and homes for our topic this term. Our favourite part of the topic has been learning about animal homes. We have taken part in activities making some animal habitats. There has been some fantastic learning and group collaboration matching animals to their habitats.






ROB'S CLASS


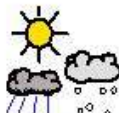


 This term,  we have been  discovering different parts

of the  world in  our  explorers topic.

 We have followed  the  footsteps of  famous

explorers  to learn  about  different  countries,  foods,

 animals and the  weather.

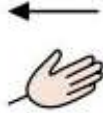
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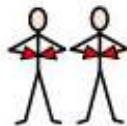
We have had a great start to the year with lots of tuff tray activities based on our topic work of the term "houses" and special occasions such as Halloween and Christmas.



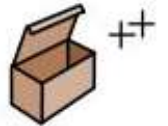
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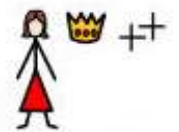
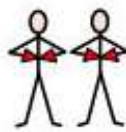
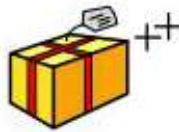
In November class 9 helped the charity run by the Mustard Seed



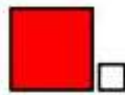
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Project called love in a box. We wrapped up 16 boxes



and filled them with gifts. We took them to the Queens



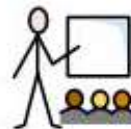
Road Baptist Church and the big lorries collected them and



took them to the Ukraine. to give to children and teenagers in



time for Christmas.



by Max, Adam, Troy and Daniel. Class 9



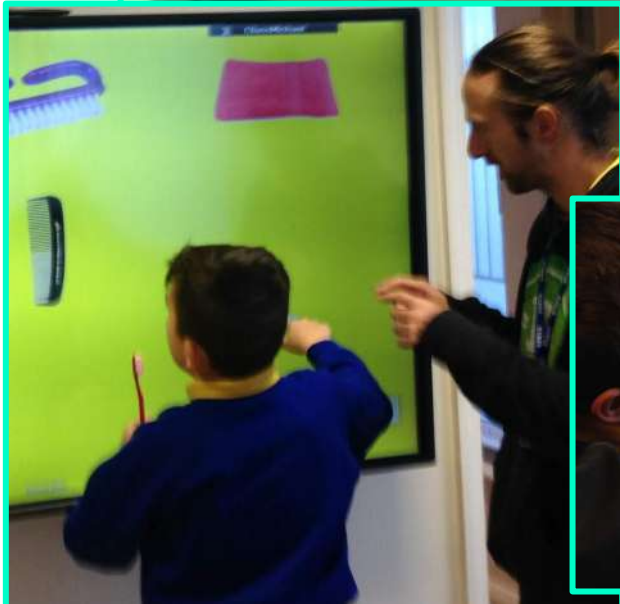
LUCY'S CLASS



Our class have been learning all about 'Keeping Clean and Healthy' this term. We have been learning how important it is to brush our teeth, wash our hands and choose healthy food options.

We've enjoyed playing in the KS2 garden on the trampoline, swings and slide and a few of us have been swimming during the week.

MICHAEL'S CLASS



This term, our class have been focussing on our own bodies. We have focussed on health and hygiene and explored this in a range of different sensory activities.

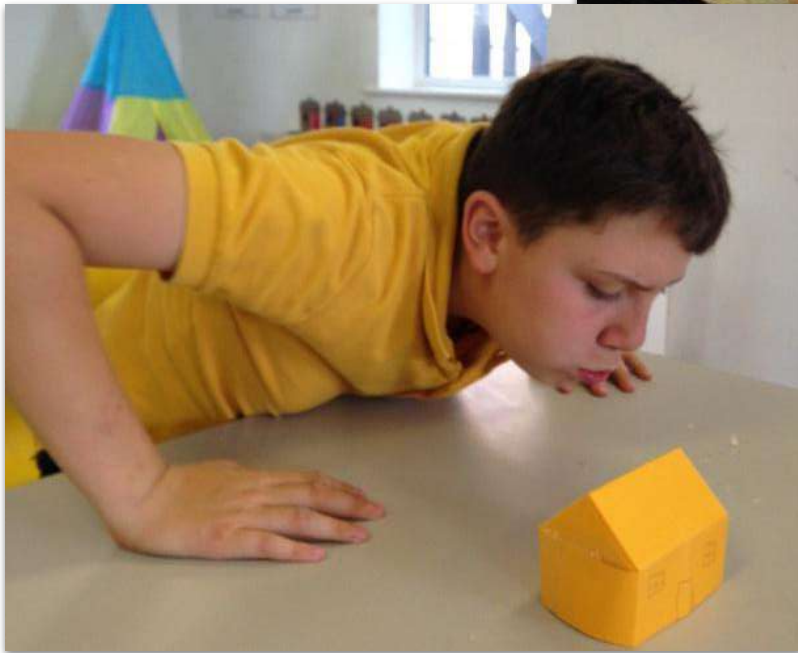


NICKY T'S CLASS



Every Wednesday our class run the school tuck shop. We have to go out shopping to buy the treats that we need to sell, set up the shop in class and then serve our customers. It is always a very popular activity and well attended by students and staff.

HEATHER'S CLASS



In class 5 we have been looking at different people's homes. We looked at what materials make the best house and looked at where different animals live.

We have also welcomed 2 new students to the school.

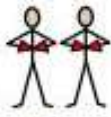
DELLA'S CLASS



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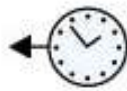
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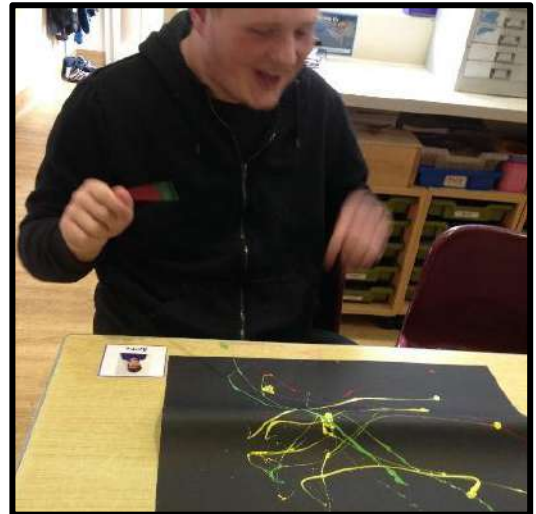
making a



pizza.



NICKY M'S CLASS



Since September every week we have completed lots of styles of art including Picasso, Pop art and Islamic Patterns. We also helped decorate the hall for the Remembrance Day assembly.

In the photos we are working hard to complete the Asdan module – Making Pictures.

JAYNE'S CLASS



These photos show the different types of sensory learning that we have taken part in this term. We have been enjoying regular TACPAC and intensive interaction sessions.

STEVE'S WORKSHOP



A huge number of woodwork and practical projects have been undertaken in the workshop this term. Students have been working towards their AQA certificates in a range of practical skills including health and safety.

AUTISTIX'S GIG



The
Autistix

Earlier this month a group of day and residential students stayed up late to go to Bradstow school to attend a gig by the band "The Autistix". They had a fantastic time.

RESIDENTIAL FLATS



We now have a designated common room available for students to use in the evening with a pool table, TV and table football. It has a kitchen area and students are starting a life skills program. Some of the day students have been staying after school spending time with their peers and participating in activities such as golf and the disco. The residential students have had a visit from Santa!



NEW STAFF

Welcome to our new staff who have joined our team.



Jack
Maintenance Technician



Jo
Learning Support Assistant



Mary
Finance Officer



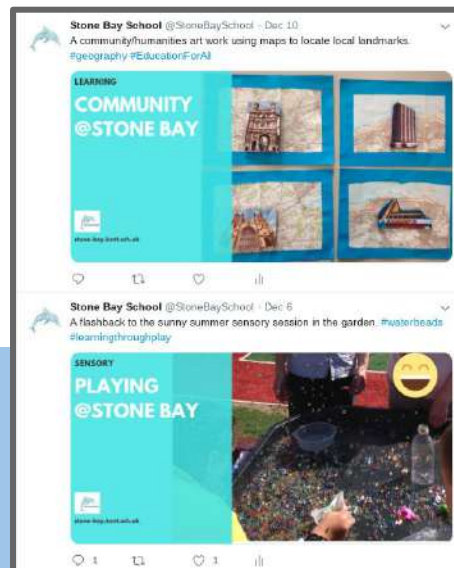
Amber
Learning Support Assistant

We wish them well in their new roles

TWITTER



@STONEBAYSCHOOL



Stone Bay School now has a twitter account we will use for sharing all the fantastic learning, playing and growing we do.

Please follow us at <https://twitter.com/StoneBaySchool>

STAFF INTERVIEW

My name is Maxim and today I interviewed a new member of staff called Jo Franks, and I want to share with you what I've learnt.

She's 26 and she was born in Canterbury.

She has 3 sisters and she's also a twin.

Her interesting skill was that she can drive a big truck.

Her favourite animal is a shark and it has big JAWS.

Her favourite food is roast dinner and her favourite drink is cream soda.

Her favourite transport is a motorbike.

Her favourite restaurant is Toby Carvery.

Finally, her favourite TV programme was EastEnders BBC





**We look forward to seeing all the students on
Thursday 3rd January 2019!**

Have a great Christmas and a Happy new year.