



Chadsgrove Specialist College

Newsletter – Spring 2021

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TOGETHER, APART

Though learning has been a little bit different recently and we have had to greatly adapt the way in which we work and teach, it has been amazing to see how resilient our staff, students and their families really are.

Through the wonders and advancements of technology, in conjunction with the tuition of our dedicated staff, we can say with complete conviction that even while distanced, our students' social skills have continued to develop and improve.

It has been fantastic to see our young people helping their peers, taking their learning into their own hands and leaving the sessions feeling positive and most importantly, connected.

We are still delivering some of our students' favourite lessons, such as; Books Beyond Words, wellbeing, story massage and music therapy. We've done our very best to keep as many of these vital sessions running during these truly testing times.

Some of our favourite sessions have been story massage with the story "Smiling is Infectious" by Spike Milligan, which always seems to leave everyone with a smiley face.

We would like to thank everyone that has joined our live sessions and helped make them the supportive, caring and encouraging environment that all learners thrive in.

We hope the plan for after half term to start a phased transition back to onsite provision is successful and not interrupted by any further lockdowns.



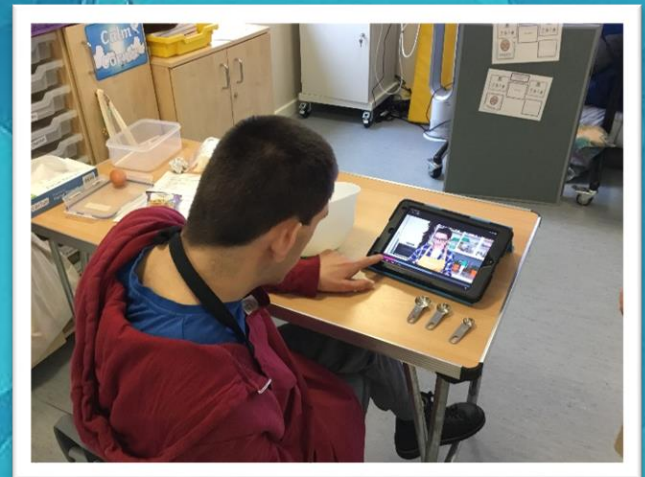


INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

During our home learning sessions we have a bake-off challenge with a different recipe idea each week. Our students in college didn't want to feel left out from this, so we have been using an iPad to follow baking demonstrations.

We have practiced stopping and starting the demonstration video so that we can keep up with the instructions, along with fast forwarding and rewinding to find important places too.

Not only did we learn some important skills with technology, but we ended up with some delicious vintage cookies and a college that smelt as yummy as they tasted!



COMMUNITY PROJECT

Brandon has been working really hard on our community project. He decorated pots of flowers for the lovely people who live at a Tutnall Hall care home and he planted bulbs that will grow into beautiful daffodils.

He has also been busy painting flower coasters that will go to Burcot Grange care home.

Go Brandon - what a star!





WEBSITE RESOURCES

Resources have been uploaded weekly through the lockdown with tasks for our students to complete at home. The staff have been busy practicing their well-being techniques. Videos of this can be found in the well-being section of the website.

Students have been busy completing Preparing for Adulthood themed challenges at home. New challenges are uploaded weekly onto the learning platform, these can be accessed on the college website. We have some budding chefs at our college and it has been fantastic to see students putting their independent living skills into action.

Well done to everyone for completing these challenges. Please remember to send in photos on EFL or via email, we love to see what you have been doing at home.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 12th February:

Students break up for half term holiday

Monday 22nd February:

Students return to college

March (dates to be confirmed):

Leavers' Parents Transition Meetings

Thursday 1st April:

Students break up for Easter

Monday 19th April:

Students return to college

