

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

We have welcomed back our pupils and students to a calm and enjoyable week.

We continue to follow our systems of control as always and are mindful of restricting visitors to our school and across sites as we remain in our bubbles /areas in keeping with our setting following government guidelines. We are currently looking at facilitating new pupil transitions and visits from their parents which will be fully risk assessed and managed in the best and safest interest of all. Staff also continue to wear masks. We do look forward to the new academic year when we hopefully will be able to get back to full integration.

We say goodbye to Richard our Manager of our 16-22 Campus and thank him for his support and input and wish him all the best for the future. Paul Kavanagh former SES Deputy Principal /SMT member is supporting Woodlands and Marius SMT member/ Lead Snr Teacher. Anne Williams our Family Liaison Manager is also based at Woodlands supporting the students and teams. We look forward to keeping you informed regarding future new appointments. Please do not hesitate to contact Paul or Marius who as always are happy to help.

We have welcomed Mario our new Site Supervisor who works across our buildings and oversees security. We are extremely privileged to have Mario on board and wish him every success. Mario is currently recruiting for a second caretaker to be based at Woodlands.

Havelock have been extremely busy celebrating their creativity taking part in the digital 'I am Festival'. Beata our Art teacher says:

'We took part in an Online Life Dance Party together with other special schools involved in the project. We also enjoyed a live Band Performance.

As a part of Festival, pupils took part in a 'Portrait Workshop' organised in our school Garden. Some of the 'portraits' are already displayed in the Online Gallery. Link here: [Gallery | A New Direction](#)

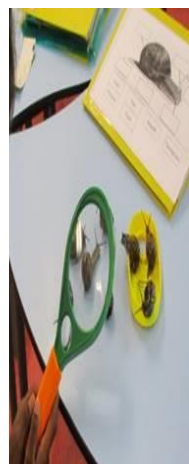
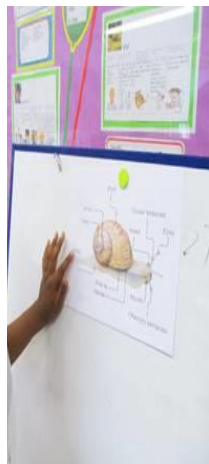
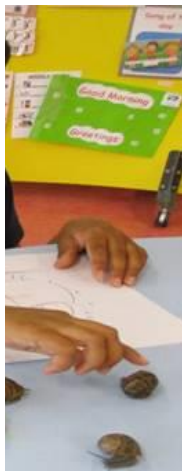




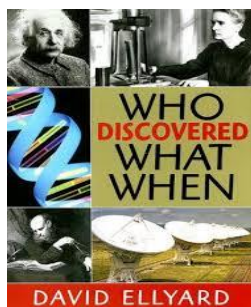
Such outstanding work all!

This week in Year 5 and 6 Svetoslava and friends have had such fun. Svetoslava says:

'we have had new visitors from the nature - snails. We learned that they are invertebrates, which means they do not have a backbone. These animals move around on a single muscly "foot" and carry their home (shell) on their backs. Some types of snail that live in water have gills to help them breathe, while others have lungs and have to come to the surface to breathe. We know, they are not fast and Abhi experimented to see what will happen when they feel danger nearby. We found that they lock themselves into their shell and cover the opening with a layer of mucus'



Science week is starting next week and Ani is organising many stimulating activities with the teams which we look forward to seeing.



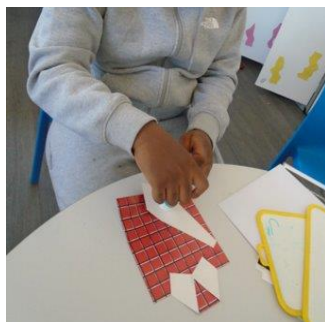
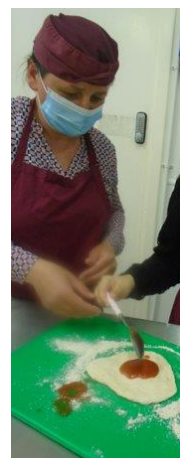
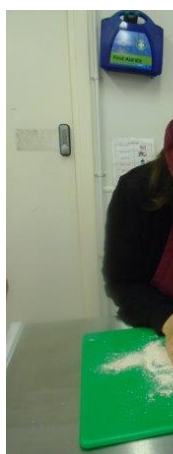
We will also be doing the pupil/student NAS questionnaires and I would be very grateful if you too could complete the questionnaire -see link below – we are going for 100%

Parent & carer: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PARENTCARERW3/>

Pupil (Version 1.): <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PUPILHIGHW3/>

I have included the pupil version for your information; teachers and class leads will be doing the survey next week with their classes. Tess and Karen will also be putting together a visual version.

At Woodlands Christina and FEU 6 have been busy getting ready to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 'We created fabulous shirt cards and we cooked pizza'





I wish you all a very happy weekend

My kindest regards

**Chloe**

**Principal**



Please see our Transdisciplinary Teams newsletter below with thanks to Laura and Monica our Positive Behaviour Coordinators:

## Our Transdisciplinary Team Newsletter

### Independence skills

Independence skills are critical for all young adults to live safely and independently as an adult. Being able to make informed choices, taking responsibility for your own activities, becoming self-aware, self-monitoring and self-correcting or doing what is asked to the best of your ability are different facets of independently.

### Necessary skills to be able to work independently

- **Organizational skills:** a certain degree of organizational skills is an essential requirement to know where everything is and to be able to do and finish everything on time.
- **Multitasking ability.**
- **Discipline.**
- **Communication skills.**
- **Ability to compromise.**
- **Flexibility.**
- **Ability to deal with rejection and not to take it personally**



### The Four Communication Skills



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