

# Classroom News



Class Name: Dunnottar

Term : Autumn 2 Christmas 2019

## What we have been doing

Happy Holidays Everyone! This term Dunnottar have been busy working away on a fully packed curriculum. Work Experience has been really positive for students as they continue to develop work based skills to support independence and encourage initiative.

World of Work has involved exploring job applications and creating their own so that deeper understanding around the application process can be embedded. Classes have also continued to look at Health and Safety to ensure best practise in work environments.

Volunteering Complete! The Duke of Edinburgh volunteering section has now been completed with a successful Movie Night and Christmas Fayre. Litter picking has resulted in the surrounding areas of Post 16 never looking so clean! Students have reflected upon this process and written accounts of their learning and the impact on themselves and the community.

Cooking for the whole of Post 16 has continued to be a success with dishes becoming more detailed and students are leading independently within certain areas of the cooking process.

English has explored planning an event involving research, email writing and telephone calls. There has also been card and envelope writing ensuring relevant information is included and story writing based on an advert.

Maths has explored fractions and measurement with the underlying foundation of number and the four operations firmly being built upon.

Our whole Post 16 Christmas film trailer is well underway – entitled **Castle's Colourful Christmas**, students have worked as a group to create a family friendly film trailer based at Post 16 – watch out Stephen Spielberg!

Wellbeing has focussed on emotions this whole term and throughout this half term we have delved into the world of Cognitive Behavioural theory to help understand our thoughts, feelings and behaviour. Students have worked extremely hard and we are so very proud!

The Farm has provided very practical activities such as sheep herding which students enjoyed and GO! Afternoon has produced some amazing geometric art work, alliteration songs aiding communication and pronunciation and brilliant Scooter Board technique in P.E.

Flexible timetables have helped to ensure much needed sessions such as Rebound therapy, Running Club, Rugby with London Irish, SAP focus work, choir and social games/lunchtime clubs enabled students to experience different activities that support and develop life skills as well as support their wellbeing.

P.E and swimming continue to support physical activity and aid communication whilst working as part of a team.

Wishing every one of you a very happy Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the new year!



## Some photos of our learning

