



December newsletter '22

Another whirlwind half term has flown by, and the young people at Sky continue to amaze us with their resilience, hard work and willingness to try new things.

Across the school our young people and staff have made the most of our extended summer weather getting out and about for their learning on a regular basis and learning through adventure.

Sky has been very lucky and developed some great partnerships with external groups such as SASP, Bristol Bears and On Your Bike which has further broadened the opportunities for our young people's personal development

Our multi skills construction base is being redeveloped so over the next term we will soon be able to offer an even wider hands-on curriculum experience for our learners -watch this space!

As the cold snap continues, we hope you all stay safe and well over the Christmas break.

We look forward to welcoming your young person back to school on **Weds 4th January.**

The Team at Sky Academy



Young leaders in the making! – Students from Finches leading PE sessions for their peers – well done boys!



Who knew how much fun could be had with shaving foam!!

Woodpeckers enjoyed sensory fun experimenting with shaving foam and colour mixing to create their artwork





Developing fitness, teamwork and problem solving skills on the climbing wall – everyone achieved something new, Well Done Boys!



Team building, exercise and overcoming obstacles – our boys took on the climbing wall and WON!!





**Our BTEC students made
delicious pasta from scratch
with a tasty Italian sauce**





**"In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below"
(John McCrae)**



At the going down of the sun,



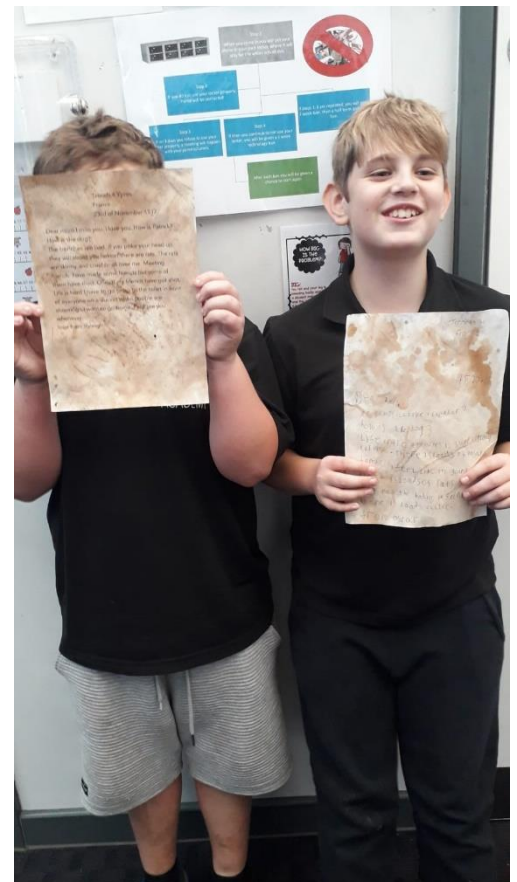
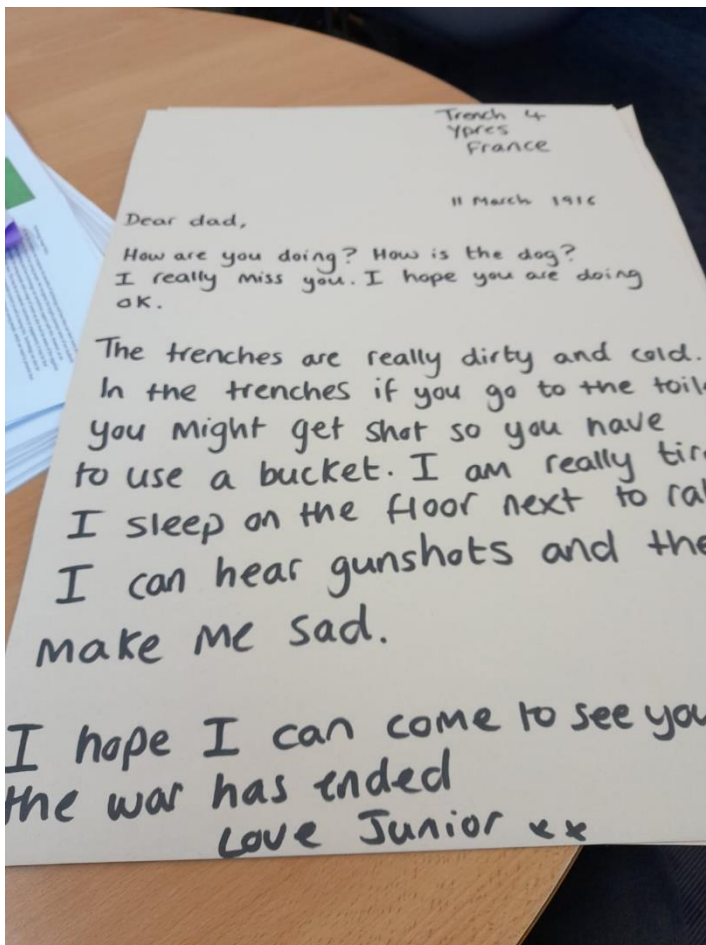
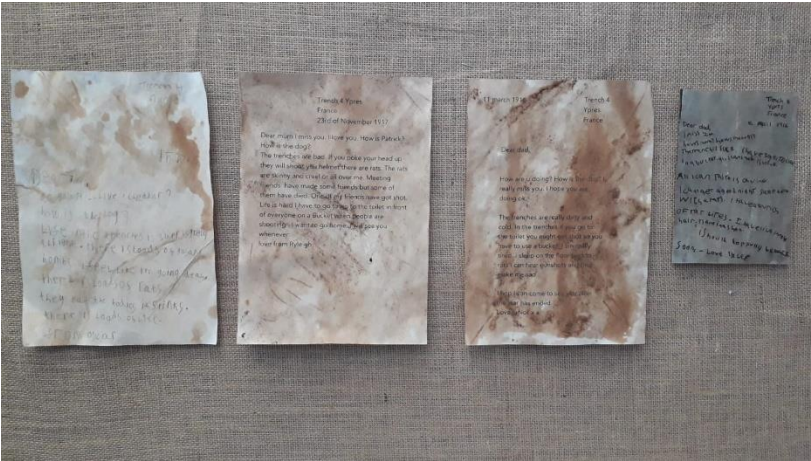
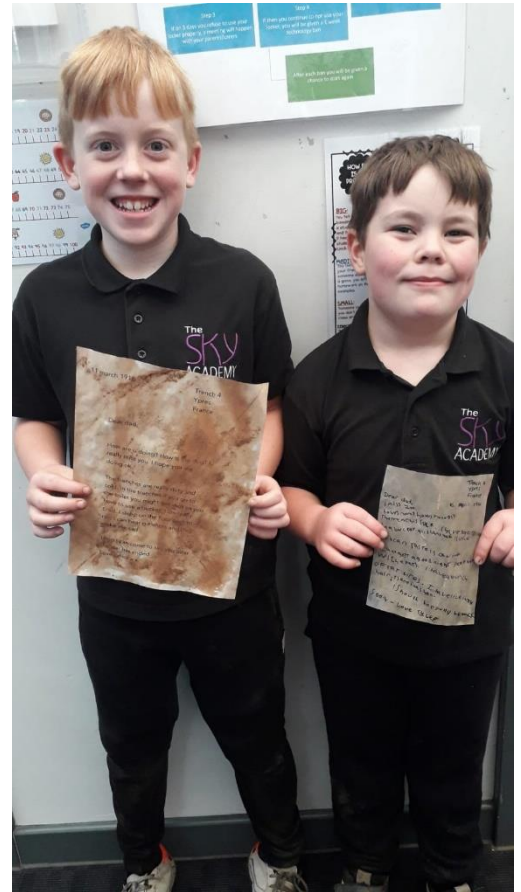
and in the morning,



We will remember them

Robins have been imagining life in Trenches – writing letters home from soldiers and aging them for display.

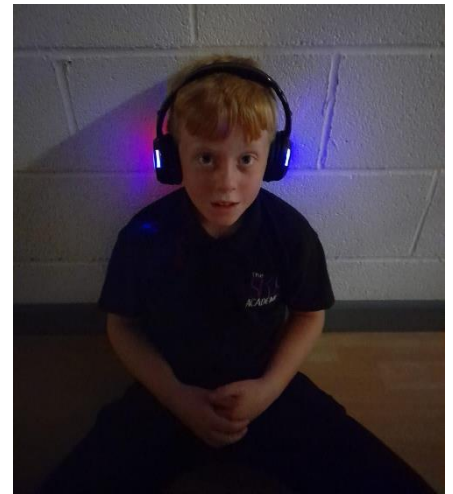
Well done boys!



Thank you !

<https://www.bristolbearsrugby.com/> and <https://www.sasp.co.uk/>

for an amazing fitness through dance workshop. The boys had a brilliant time and even got a few autographs! Compliments came in from all the staff members for the boys' positive attitude and behaviour Mr McLaughlin and Miss Redman were very proud!



Our BTEC Food & Cookery Skills students have been back in the catering room – this time producing a selection of Bread – if only you could ‘smell’ just how good the results were!! Excellent work, very tasty!



The Great Outdoors: Learning Through Adventure

Busy start to this term in Learning Through Adventure - cooking and eating damper bread, role playing live Minecraft and welcoming our new rescue family of bantams to Sky!



Year 10 GCSE and Year 11 NCFE

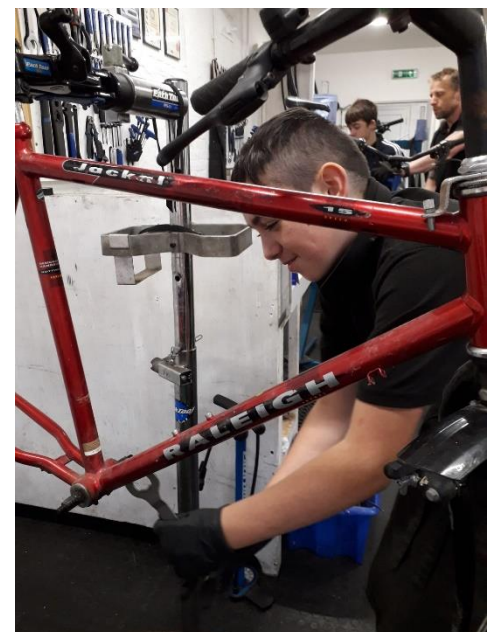
Produced some lovely lino cuts based on the theme of 'Identity'

Well Done boys!

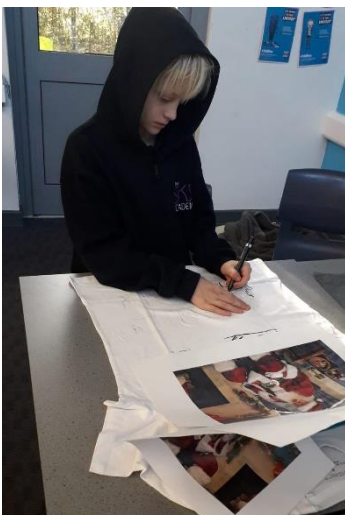
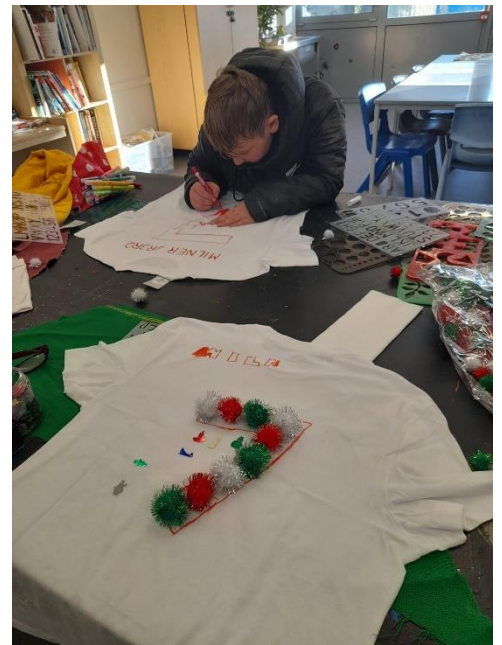


Fantastic work with charity <https://www.on-your-bike.co.uk/> as the boys learnt how to put together and maintain a bike.

Thank you to all involved!!



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day! Every child in the school was given a t-shirt to create a Christmas design on and take home. We had freehand drawings, tracings, sewing and even some tie dye. Boys also used the charity resources in their PSHCE and discussion time



Several of our keen gardeners set about producing charming pot plant gifts to raise money towards Sky's Christmas Shop



Thanks to Angela for providing the 'pot bound' Peace Lilies (and mugs to put them in).

Working alongside Carol our boys set about dividing them into many smaller plants back in the Summer that could then be potted up for potential Christmas Gifts and future stock for school. The boys thoroughly enjoyed this experience and are very keen to do much, much more next year, so watch this space for Easter and beyond.....

Sneak preview of what's coming in the New Year!





If you need support with a safeguarding concern, then please follow this link:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/report-a-child-at-risk/>

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/report-an-adult-at-risk/>

If someone is in immediate danger always dial 999.

If you are looking for information and support with a young person's mental health please look at the following websites:

<https://www.kooth.com/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/youngminds-textline/>

Remember to email your child's keyworker at the start of term if there is something you feel we should know about that has happened over the holiday – or just to share any good news or experiences.



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