

Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the rise in daytime temperatures for most of the week we've seen students more readily want to enjoy the outdoors and do so without coats on occasions. The students have been noticeably more active in the playground and clearly happy. The location of the school so near to the countryside means that as nature is beginning to come to life again, we can see the forest floor bloom and hear the birds sing more clearly.

Watching Forest Approach learners interact with our staff in the playgrounds, really shows me how much the adults really care about their work and the welfare of students. Our staff are vigilant and really take the time to engage with learners in and outside of the classroom.

On Tuesday we had a visitor in school as a teacher from my own school Shaftesbury Primary in Newham, spent the day in Aspen class with Stella. The teacher said she had an excellent day and was made thoroughly welcome by all students. The teacher was very impressed with the way students applied themselves to activities and demonstrated much effort towards their tasks. As we approach the summer term we'll try to keep the partnership going and find more opportunities where Shaftesbury teachers can come and support classes at Forest Approach.

It has been marvellous to see a number of our students prepared for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day, all decked out in red. With the challenges our learners overcome, it's really heartening to know they care about other young people and the different challenges they face. The compassion that our learners show is a real credit to them.

Have a good weekend and best wishes to you all,

Yours faithfully

Geoff Hadlow - Interim Head Teacher

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