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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22nd November 2019

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KEY DIARY DATES

November 2019

22nd Quiz and Curry Night 7:30-9:30pm

December 2019

13th Christmas Fayre 3:30—5:00

18th Christmas Lunch

19th Carol Service

Friends Santa sleigh

20th Pantomime

End of Term

January 2020

6th School Opens

30th PSHE Theme Day

31st INSET

February 2020

17th Half Term

INSET DATES

31st January 2020

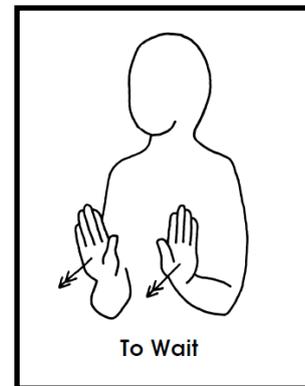
26th June 2020

20th July 2020

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week's sign is To Wait!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #wetalkmakaton to appear on our video wall on wetalkmakaton.org.



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Weekly Word Workout

Good luck with this week's Weekly Word Workout. There are 3 Es this week so do you think you can create a word using all of them?

R	H	E	Y
S	N	A	E
B	L	A	D
S	O	E	G

Mrs Ratcliffe, Reading, Writing and Communications Co-Ordinator.

90B No Pens Wednesday

Last week 90B took the opportunity to use no-pens Wednesday to explore rationing in WWII. They visited Queen's Croft's very own ration shop and created a meal from their supplies!



Mrs Cartlidge, 90B Form Tutor.

No Pens Wednesday

On Wednesday 13th November, students across the school took part in a range of communication based activities which didn't rely on the traditional methods of documenting ideas. It is really important to our school that we explore the different ways of communicating so that we can be supportive and inclusive for all of our students. No Pens Wednesday is an initiative from The Communication Trust who support students with speech, language and communication difficulties:

The Communication Trust is a coalition of over 50 not-for-profit organisations.

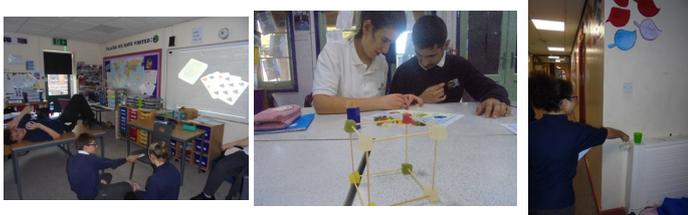
Working together we support everyone who works with children and young people in England to support their speech, language and communication.

Our work focuses on supporting children and young people who struggle to communicate because they have speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) as well as supporting all children and young people to communicate to the best of their ability.

We do this because our ability to communicate affects us in every aspect of our lives. Many children could be helped to communicate better and some children need really focused support to reach their full potential.

No child or young person should be denied that opportunity.

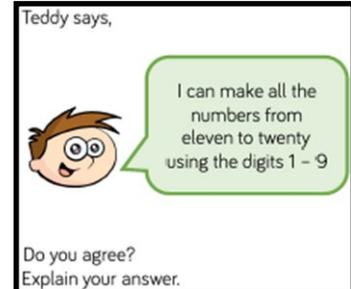
Attached are some pictures of the day so you can see the range of activities students took part in. Students and staff all had a great day and we are already thinking of ways that we can make 2020's No Pens Wednesday even better!



Mrs Ratcliffe, Reading, Writing and Communications Co-Ordinator.

8B Maths

This week, Class 8B have been learning the functional skill of reading numbers in numerals and words. This included carrying out an investigation into whether they could make the numbers 11 – 20 from the digits 0 – 9. Outstanding resilience was shown. Well done 8B! Can you investigate it and then provide a clear explanation for your answer?



Mrs Pearce, Class 8B Teacher.

PSHE

Thank you for all the kind donations towards Children in Need. Our students had a fabulous time taking part in the national Joe Wick's Big Move event.

For anti-bullying week, the students learnt about different aspects of bullying. Where appropriate, the focus was upon cyber-bullying and the emotional and social impact that this can have upon all people involved.

Our next PSHE focus day will be on Wednesday 4th December 2019 and will focus on careers and life aspirations. More information to follow shortly.

Mrs Pearce, PSHE and SRE Leader.

Community Volunteering

Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service at a ceremony in the city's historic Guildhall.

The Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Ian Dudson, presented a certificate, signed by Her Majesty the Queen, to LHCRT president Eric Wood at the event, attended by many of the Trust's volunteers as well as civic dignitaries and representatives of groups and businesses who have played a part in the on-going restoration of the canals. The Queen's Award, the equivalent of the MBE for voluntary sector organisations, recognises the outstanding contribution made to local communities by individuals devoting their time for the benefit of others. The citation praises Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust for 'restoring a derelict canal to improve the environment and for the benefit of the local community, wildlife and tourism'.

LHCRT chairperson Christine Bull introduced the guests, who as well as the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire included the Sheriff of Lichfield, Dr Daryl Brown, the Mayor of Lichfield, Deborah Baker and the leader of Lichfield District Council, Doug Pullen. Representatives from Queen's Croft High School and Foresters Scouts, who provide regular helpers for Trust work, were also among the guests

Christine Bull called on Queen's Croft High School pupil Charlotte to propose the loyal toast to Her Majesty the Queen.

Mr Huckfield, HLTA.



Children In Need

Year 10 student Cameron meeting and supporting Matt Baker from BBC 1's One Show as part of his Children in Need Rickshaw Challenge.

