

Curnow School



Newsletter

June 2022

I cannot believe I am writing the last newsletter this year—it has been another strange year for us all with Covid coming and going, and coming again it has certainly been a challenge! I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our school community, everyone has pulled together to ensure the least impact on all of our students and to remain positive through challenging times.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the end of year celebrations (which we have split to ensure smaller gatherings) and of course I am preparing myself to say a 'fond farewell' to our oldest students, many of whom I taught when they first arrived at Curnow, it is never easy to say our good byes but I could not be prouder of the young people they have become and I am very excited to see them embark on the next chapter in life and feel sure they will do amazingly well.

We are already busy planning for September, some of you will know that next year we will have an additional classroom (Mylor Class) at Upper school, this will be for some of our older Key Stage 2 pupils. For some time we have been under pressure to create more spaces which are much needed due to the high demand for special school places in our County. Whilst we did not have capacity to increase numbers on our Lower School site, we did have some space at Upper School and this is how we have been able to extend our offer to more families and their children. It is likely that we will continue to need to be flexible in this way in the future, we will of course keep our families informed of any moves. I am pleased to see that the class have already started the transition of visiting their new school and are excited to explore what Upper school has to offer.

I hope to see many of you over the next few weeks and wish you all a wonderful, sunny Summer holiday.

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Dates for your diary!

INSET DAYS

5th, 6th and 7th

September 2022

First day of Term

Thursday 8th September

29th September Flu
Immunisations—Lower
pupils

30th September Flu &
HPV Immunisations—
Upper pupils

Half Term

24th—28th October



Lower School News



News from Eden Class!

Our topic has been 'In the Garden' and we have been learning through the stories of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Sam Plants a Sunflower'.



We spent time up in the garden growing and looking after our plants as well as counting, mark making and exploring nature through Attention Autism bucket sessions which we love!



Lower School News



In the allotment, we planted potatoes and sunflowers. We're learning to take good care of them, topping up the compost and keeping them well watered. We're hoping for a bumper crop!



We shared books and practised our attention skills— here we are copying actions to build a hungry caterpillar from balls of dough.



Lower School News



Our topic for the second half of the Summer Term is focused around 'transport'. Our first story has been 'The naughty bus' - we absolutely loved this story and followed instructions brilliantly during the different stages.



We've also been learning to communicate 'go' & 'stop' using symbols whilst 'driving' with a steering wheel on a wheelie chair and have made lots of creations including a Class Eden Bus as well as our own individual buses.



Lower School News



'Sam Plants a Sunflower' inspired many of our activities—including baking sunflower seed soda bread

and building bug hotels for the allotment. Through these activities we were learning to follow instructions and to communicate with symbols, whilst having lots of fun!



We've been learning about celebrations too, including the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and making cards and gifts for Father's Day.



Upper School News



Flambards 2022—'The Return'



After 3 years of not being able to visit Flambards, this year Curnow School returned thanks to the support and help of the Rotary club who fund this amazing event.



Upper School News



Students (and staff) had a great day out, enjoying the rides such as the tea cups (always a favourite!) and nice and gentle, exploring the site, riding the horses (hold on tight!!) and having a great time with their friends



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The pupils started to get a bit more confident and the thrill seekers headed for the bigger rides!! (even if the staff were not so keen and hung on very tightly!)

The sun came out—a perfect day for getting wet on the log flume!



Upper School News



A great day for being with our friends and having FUN!!

Some of us even made new friends and couldn't resist a big hug with Ferdi the Flambards mascot!

Harry and Rach ready for take off!!



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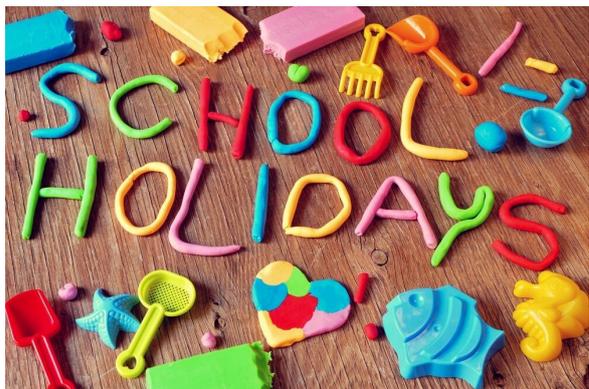
Such a brilliant day and everyone thought it was one of the best Flambards trips ever.

Next year will be Lower schools turn.

**THANK YOU FLAMBARDS AND THE
ROTARY CLUB**



Communication focus



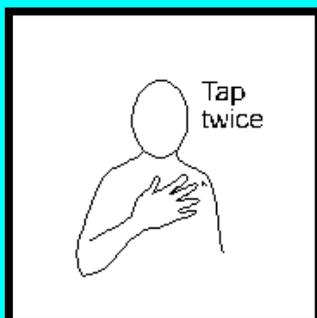
With the summer holidays upon us I thought it might be useful to put some sentence trips together that might help with routines and common points during the day where having a bit more time might allow some of you to work on developing greater independence. Although it can be tricky at first, any steps toward independence will be welcome in the longer term!

If you are searching for additional materials during the holidays the following websites are good sources of information and some have ready made printables free to use. As a reference point, at school all of the symbols that we use come from the PCS symbol set.

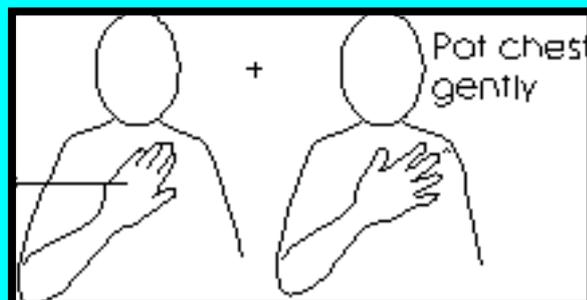
livingwellwithautism.com— Living Well With Autism is an online resource that provides parents and caregivers with ideas, and free or inexpensive resources for living well with autism.

 **Pinterest**—Many of you will already be pinterest users, this site has many resources to be printed or that will link you straight to other sites.

This month's Makaton signs.



Like



Don't like



I can brush my teeth



squeeze



brush



spit



turn on



rinse



turn off

Shower Routine

1



turn on



2



wet hair



3



put shampoo in hand



4



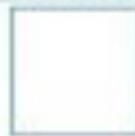
scrub hair



5



rinse hair



6



apply liquid soap



7



wash entire body



8



rinse body



9



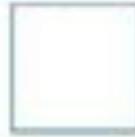
turn off



10



dry off





SUMMER AT GWEALAN TOPS

**FREE
lunchtime
meal**

**MONDAY 25 JUL -
FRIDAY 2 SEP
11AM - 4PM**

**(EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY)
FOR 7 - 16 YEAR OLDS**

**Please
bring your
own
drink/water
bottle**



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CHILDREN MUST BE
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