



SUTHERLAND HOUSE SCHOOL

Special Point of Interest

- A big welcome to our new Deputy Head teachers
- The theme is "what I have learnt this half term"

Ann Stewart Head Teacher

I hope you all had a good half term its lovely to have the students back in school we are approaching another lock down which I know is worrying and concerning and particularly difficult for our young people. To reassure you we are doing our up most to insure we sanitize and keep socially distanced as much as we can however you will all know this is not always possible in the school environment. I will keep you updated in any changes in policy over the next few weeks. Stay well and stay safe.

Welcome from Thereza De Luca- New appointed Deputy Head

I am delighted to be one of the new Deputy Head Teachers at Sutherland House School. I have worked in special education for over 20 years across different settings. I am passionate about supporting young people with autism to learn and develop so that they can achieve the best outcomes in adulthood. This includes following their talents and interests, being independent and being productive. I have started working in unusual circumstances during the 2019-2020 COVID-19 lockdown. At that time, I was still living in Bristol and worked remotely meeting through TEAMS. I have now relocated to Nottingham and started to enjoy the lovely parks the area has to offer. My specific area of work is Quality of Education. I have worked closely with the Senior Leadership Team and the teacher's group in re-designing the curriculum and introducing new approaches to assessment. It is a real pleasure to get to know the students at Sutherland House School.



Welcome from Anna Besley- New appointed Deputy Head

My name is Anna Besley, and I wanted to write a few words to introduce myself as one of the new Deputy Head Teachers of Sutherland House School. I am aware that the school has been through a number of changes during the past twelve months or so, and that even the smallest changes within a school can be daunting for both children and the wider school community. With this in mind, I wanted to just tell you a little bit about myself.

Let me start by saying that I feel very privileged to have been appointed as Deputy Head of such a fantastic school which is populated by a terrific community of children and adults alike. Over the past six months I have been getting to know the school, and have always been greatly impressed by what I have seen. Each time I have visited the students, they have made me feel extremely welcome, and I look forward to taking the time to get to know them all a little better over the coming weeks. I shall be making myself as visible as possible, and will be catching up with the children during break times and lunchtimes, as well as visiting classes and talking to the children about their learning.

I have now managed to meet some parents/ carers, although this has often had to be online due to the present circumstances. I believe passionately that effective education works best when everybody works together providing each other with as much relevant information as possible and maintaining open lines of communication.

Over the coming weeks and months, I will continue to work with the Senior Leadership Team to support the implementation of recommendations contained within the most recent Ofsted report, together with other new and exciting ideas, in order to continue striving to provide a standard of education and enjoyment that all members of the Sutherland House School community can be proud of.



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Active Living



Keeping our environment safe for Yoga and visits to the allotment

Working at the allotment clearing the planting beds and harvesting the fruit and vegetables. Getting the area ready for Autumn and winter. Once the planting beds are dug over, stones and weeds removed they are covered with blue tarpaulin to suppress weed growth and keep the soil warm. Students have used a range of PPE and tools and have worked safely throughout in their small groups. It has been fantastic seeing the students back down the allotment and participating in outdoor learning.



Sixth Form

Sixth form students have been doing some nice work this term but I have only been with them one week as a new class teacher. However I am aware Joe has been making a range of meals on Mondays including, pizzas and today he made a delicious scone-base pizza with just occasional verbal instructions. Last week I did some work with Kain based around our 'All about me' theme, where we discussed interests and skills, so we could be better prepared for looking for employment opportunities. Kain talked about his family history and I learned about his family links with world war one and even further back to the Napoleonic era! He also talked about his interest in snakes and this is something he wishes to carry on after Sutherland house. Joe also searched for jobs online and we discussed the work opportunities in Nottingham and surrounding areas.

Class 4

Class 4 have been focusing on independence and embedding life skills. We have been shopping to buy our ingredients from Lidl, using the self scanner.

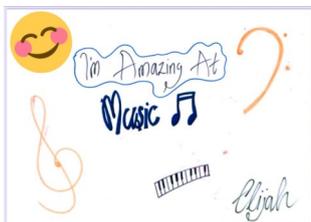


Oliver; “ We have also enjoyed time in the science lab, learning the safety of how to use a Bunsen Burner”

Class 4 have been having discussions about what is kind and unkind behavior in school.

Class- Orange Pathway

We have Harry class 6 Orange pathway who has been building his evidence working towards his entry level qualification in using computer devices. There are snapshots of Harry's work as he builds independence to printing his own work.



Class 2

We have some photography by Joseph class 2 who has been experimenting with effects on the computer on the iPad



Class 8

In class 8 we have been learning about friendship, what this means to each of us.

This half term we have welcomed our new friend Kieran to Class 8 and have enjoyed getting to know each other, playing outside together and playing games as a group, we have especially enjoyed working together to beat our staff at UNO!

Class 5

In class 5 we have been doing a lot of work on our well being including meditation and Minecraft yoga. As a class we really enjoyed finding out about how words can affect our wellbeing. With the help of two apples we did an experiment. One of the apples we said lots of kind things to. The other apple Well the class was a bit mean with their words and we may have pushed this poor apple around a bit. At first we thought the apples still looked the same as when we had started the experiment however When we cut the apples in half the apple we had all been kind to was perfect. The other apple we had been mean to was all bruised and hurt on the inside. This as a class made us sad and made us think about we all use our words when talking to each other and how they affect us on the inside.. Since this class 5 have worked so hard not only to be kind to each other. But also to anyone else they see around school.



Parent's Forum

Autumn 2nd Half-term – Thursday, 19th Nov 2020 – from 13:00 to 14:00

Topic – Curriculum and Assessment

We would like to invite you to join us virtually for an informal presentation and conversation about our new Assessment Framework and implementation of our new approach to Curriculum.

This will be facilitated by Thereza de Lucca and Sam Summerell

Any parents or carers expressing an interest in joining this meeting please send an email to SHSadmin@autismeastmidlands.org.uk

School visit's update

As you are aware due to the current COVID 19 situation we have stopped all visits to Sutherland House School. During this time, we have had a virtual tour made of the school which will be uploaded to our website in the near future. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and understanding.