

Vale of Evesham School

Newsletter - Easter Edition 2022

This term has been another exciting term with lots of activities and fundraising going on.

The School Council would like to say a huge thank you to all the people that helped raise money for the charities MIND and Red Nose Day. We all had lots of fun raising money for these good causes.

The school also enjoyed World Book Day and the school was transformed into a building of different book characters as a lot of staff and students dressed up for the occasion.

We also welcomed our new Deputy Head, Tina Partridge who started on April 1st. We are very excited about this and have been looking forward to her working with us.

A very important development took place during this term with the 6th Form. The sixth formers opened their café for the first time. It was a huge success and they produced some marvelous coffee with their new machine. We are looking forward to seeing the Café go from strength to strength and we hope that you will support us through a purchase from 'Cafe 6' in the future.

We are very pleased that the extra-curricular clubs have started up again, including guitar and an after school Sensory Experience.

There has been a lot of hard work done by students and staff towards producing the Spring Celebration for KS3 and 4 to perform to a small group of parents/carers at the end of term

We have very much enjoyed welcoming parents and carers back into school for our coffee mornings and for the 'Time to Talk', EYFS sessions. We look forward to seeing more of you in the summer term when we will hold our next session.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter Holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term.

Rachel Perks & Aaron (School Council Chairperson)

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Head Boy

Head Boy Responsibilities

I was asked to find out which classes did not have recycling bins.

I phoned up every class and gave Ms Barton the information. Victoria then ordered recycling bins for all the classes who do not have them.

This will contribute to our recycling project.

George (Head boy)



Vale Early Years Chat



This term we continued to hold our 'Early years Chat' via zoom and were pleased to be joined by many families.

This gives the opportunity to talk and share information for parents and carers in early years as well as meeting other families.

We invited speech and language therapist, Jo Elliot, to join us with a focus of chat on communication and how we support children with communication in our early years using strategies such as objects of reference and visuals offering ideas to try at home.

Have a very Happy Easter.

Nursery

Our Topic in Nursery this half term is 'In the Woods' for this we have had good fun in creating various woodland animals during our craft activities. We made bears and owls using various materials, it was very messy!

We have been to the Forest area during our outdoor learning, the children have had fun exploring, running through the woodland area and even hiding in the leaves.

Nursery have really enjoyed various stories this half term including We are going on a bear hunt, Owl Babies and Goldilocks. We even sang the Goldilocks and the 3 Bears song during our Music sessions.

Here are some photos of what we have been doing in nursery.



Maple Class

Maple class have had a wonderful term so far and have worked really hard. To start this year, we had our dark den in class and explored light and dark, along with mixing colours.



In Thinking we have worked on our counting skills and experimented with different media when thinking about capacity.



In PE we have continued to use the different pieces of equipment in the hall and the pupils really loved using the parachute.



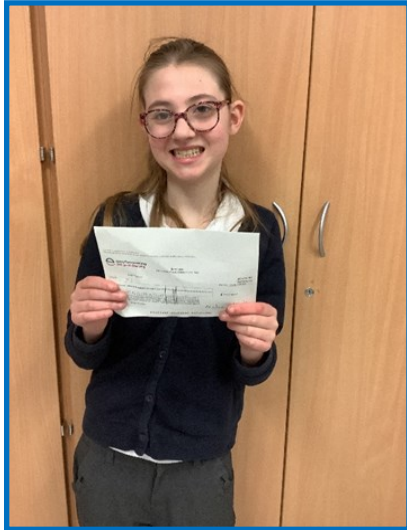
This half term we are thinking about growing and have enjoyed our class farm shop and have grown things of our own.



We can get a bit messy in Maple class, but we do work together to tidy up and try to keep the classroom clean !

Happy Easter from Maple class

MEP



Cerys raised £20 for the Mind charity by setting up a fundraiser for the school Bounceathon.

Well done Cerys!

MEP discovered lots of frogspawn whilst at forest school. We left them alone so that they could grow. We will continue to monitor their progress.



MRE

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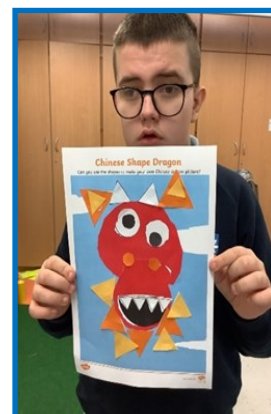
It is the Chinese year of the tiger and to celebrate, we in MRE made some paper lanterns, collaged a dragon and coloured in some Chinese scenes.

We also tried some yummy Chinese food including prawn crackers, noodles and sweet and sour sauce. Some of us tried using chopsticks for the first time, it was very tricky!

Our fortunes were told by some cookies, we're waiting to see if they come true!



新年快乐
HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW YEAR
2022
YEAR OF THE TIGER



Aztecs in action!

In MRE, My place in the world is one of our favourite lessons. We learn about other cultures and traditions from our country and beyond. There's usually costumes, instruments, huge maps, painting and props galore.

This half term it's been all about the Aztecs; where they came from, what they did, where they lived and who they worshipped.

We have painted Aztec temples, constructed Aztec huts, dressed up as Aztec Gods and created our own Aztec face masks. Whilst it's been lots of fun, we've also learned a great deal about how these ancient people lived. Our favourite fact was that they discovered chocolate and for that we are eternally grateful!



World Book Day!

In MRE we had lots of fun dressing up as our favourite book characters and sharing stories together. We made bookmarks, designed a new hat for Willy Wonka, listened to a story in Polish, created a new sweet for a chocolate factory and generally enjoyed the world of books.

The Mad Hatter helped Rachel (White Rabbit) with her whiskers!



MMR

Aztec Art

This term we have been learning about the South American Aztecs from Mexico.

Using clay and pattern making materials, each pupil has made their own Sun god.

We looked at where they came from and the different music they made and listened to. We studied their past and talked about and drew their famous Aztec Temple. We also found out they were the first people to introduce chocolate to the world. However, we have yet to taste it!!



Sixth Form

In early March Evesham Garden Centre at The Valley contacted us because they wanted to support our Sixth Form horticulture project.

A group of Sixth Form students went over to visit and to look around this busy local business. It was fascinating to see what a wide range of products they sell. Students were able to practice literacy and numeracy skills by reading the signage and by examining the prices and the special offers as well as making purchases at the till.

Evesham Garden Centre donated ten large bags of compost and some spring flowers.

Thank you to the garden centre for supporting our school and for welcoming our group on their visit.





Be You Programme

Some of the Pear Tree block students took part in a Be You Programme with Steve Boycott. It was 6 sessions but we only did 4 sessions.

We first met Steve on a Friday so he could tell us who he was and what he did.

The first session we played some games and activities. The second session we went to National Memorial Arboretum. The third session we walk up Malvern hills. The fourth session was some more activities and our graduation.

Students invited parents, carers and friends to the graduation. We also got our certificates.

We all enjoyed the activities, the trips and all the laughs. Thanks to Neil, Mr Duffin and Steve for the great time.

Style and Taste



Isambard Kingdom Brunel's SS Great Britain, the Bugatti Veyron, the iPhone 11 – all of these are iconic pieces of technology, however few machines (if any) have been as eagerly awaited as the new coffee machine for the 6th Form Café, Café 6!



Sleek, shiny, precision built to the highest standards of Italian style, the new device arrived in March ready for the students to be trained in preparation for the grand opening in the Summer Term.

We asked the trainee baristas how they were getting on with the machine:

George said "There are a lot of steps involved and it is very hands-on. When the café is busy we have to work hard and have some great fun and jokes. Using the frother is very tricky!"

Several intrepid tasters have sampled the classy beverages – here are a selection of their views:

Zoe said "It was very nice". "I had a cappuccino, The flavour was impressive" said Josh. "It was pretty fantastic" exclaimed Darren.

Life Beyond School

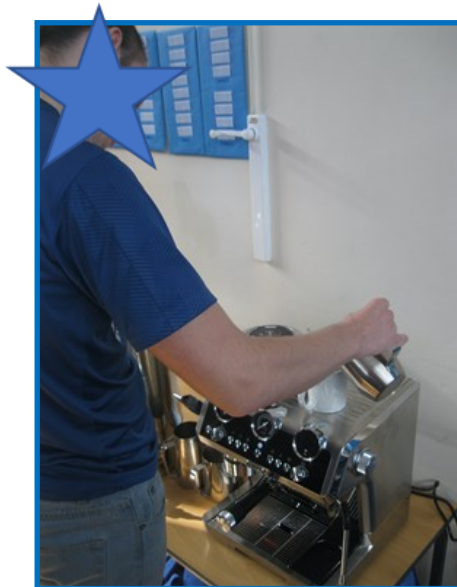
The "Life Beyond School" event on Wednesday 9th March was a roaring success! Representatives of a wide range of organisations which provide opportunities or services for school leavers descended on the Vale of Evesham School, set up stalls and waited for arrival of students, parents, carers and other interested people.

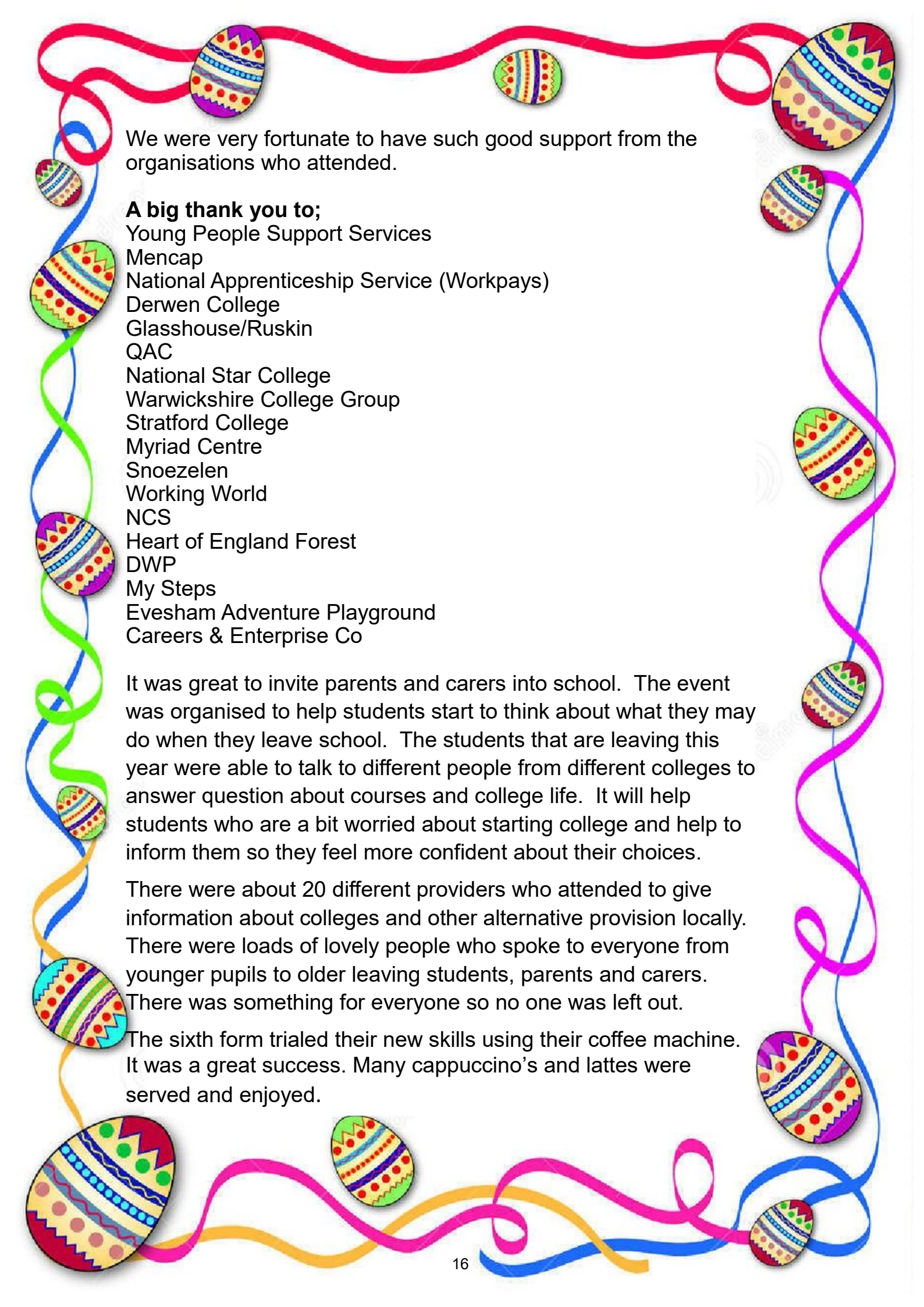
The crowds soon gathered and the hall was buzzing with conversation.

6th Form students provided refreshments - including cappuccinos, americanos and lattes from the new coffee machine. When the cafe opens next term, it will certainly be a high-end coffee experience!

Lyndesay Neales, of Careers and Transitions, was on hand to answer queries.

Thanks to all the service providers for their support. Thanks to the school staff and 6th Formers who ran the event. Thanks to all the visitors who attended. It was brilliant to have visitors in school after such a long lull due to the covid situation!





We were very fortunate to have such good support from the organisations who attended.

A big thank you to;

Young People Support Services
Mencap
National Apprenticeship Service (Workpays)
Derwen College
Glasshouse/Ruskin
QAC
National Star College
Warwickshire College Group
Stratford College
Myriad Centre
Snoezelen
Working World
NCS
Heart of England Forest
DWP
My Steps
Evesham Adventure Playground
Careers & Enterprise Co

It was great to invite parents and carers into school. The event was organised to help students start to think about what they may do when they leave school. The students that are leaving this year were able to talk to different people from different colleges to answer question about courses and college life. It will help students who are a bit worried about starting college and help to inform them so they feel more confident about their choices.

There were about 20 different providers who attended to give information about colleges and other alternative provision locally. There were loads of lovely people who spoke to everyone from younger pupils to older leaving students, parents and carers. There was something for everyone so no one was left out.

The sixth form trialed their new skills using their coffee machine. It was a great success. Many cappuccino's and lattes were served and enjoyed.

School Games

Classes MMR and MES were lucky enough to go to the High School and be part of the School Games along with five other schools who were representing their schools.

We took part in races and obstacle courses and we threw balls and did jumps to see who could throw the furthest and jump the furthest. It was all lead by students who were taking their GCSE's in PE and they scored all the children with points.

The Vale of Evesham School was awarded 80 points in total, which was a fabulous outcome.





Science

HPS had an explosive time in science!

HPS have been looking at volcanoes in their science lessons and today, we made our own eruption! It is so easy to do at home and so much fun why not have a try?

Materials:

10 ml of dish soap

100 ml of warm water

400 ml of white vinegar

Food colouring

Baking soda slurry (fill a cup about $\frac{1}{2}$ with baking soda, then fill the rest of the way with water)

Empty 2 litre soda bottle

Instructions:

Combine the vinegar, water, dish soap and 2 drops of food colouring into the empty soda bottle.

Use a spoon to mix the baking soda slurry until it is all a liquid.

Eruption time! ... Pour the baking soda slurry into the soda bottle quickly and step back!

How it Works:

A chemical reaction between vinegar and baking soda creates a gas called carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is the same type of gas used to make the carbonation in sodas. What happens if you shake up a soda?

The gas gets very excited and tries to spread out.

There is not enough room in the bottle for the gas to spread out so it leaves through the opening very quickly, causing an eruption!



Music

Music at Vale of Evesham school is still very much alive and buzzing!

We held last year's summer concert in July 2021 on Zoom, and it was great to see some of our pianists and ukulele players performing.



Since Covid visited, things have had to be a little bit quieter, but I am delighted to say that after February half term, both the choir and ukulele clubs will start again, and we are looking forward to both Spring and Summer concerts during the rest of this year.

In July we look forward to the return of our friends from "Drum Love" who did a brilliant job working with our young people a couple of years ago and performing with them in the end of year concert.

We have also started piano lessons again and have six budding piano players well underway and guitar lessons about to restart.



Music sessions are part of the week for children throughout first middle and upper school, and it has also been great to welcome Gareth Hughes who works for Severn Arts to run some creative music sessions on a Friday for some of our young people.

Academic Year 2021 – 2022

SPRING TERM 2022

TERM STARTS	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	PD Day - Tuesday 4th January 2022
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 th February	
HALF TERM WEEK	Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February 2022	
TERM STARTS	Monday 28 th February 2022	
TERM ENDS	Friday 8 th April 2022	

SUMMER TERM 2022

TERM STARTS	Monday 25 th April 2022	
TERM ENDS	Friday 27 th May	May Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022
HALF TERM WEEK	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022	Bank Holiday – Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June 2022
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 7 th June 2022	PD Day – Monday 6th June 2022
TERM ENDS	Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Day in lieu of Jubilee Day – Thursday 21st July 2022

The early publication of these term dates enables holidays to be booked during the school closure periods in line with school attendance requirements.
All dates may be subject to change.

Please note PD Days are provisional at this stage.



STEP 1
Choose from...

- Main option**
- Veggie option**
- Classic Combo option**



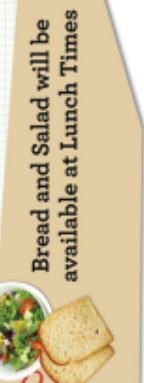
STEP 2
To go with
Vegetables / Salad



STEP 3
Then add



STEP 4
...and to finish!
Choose from a tasty selection of Puddings



MONDAY

- Lamb Curry Meatballs
- Vegetable & Cheese Potato Bake

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans, Egg Mayo

- Peas
- Side Salad

- Mixed Pasta

Homemade Tomato & Herb Bread

- Carrot Cake

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

TUESDAY

- Minced Beef Pasta Bake
- Bean & Veg Sweet & Sour

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans, Egg Mayo

- Sweetcorn
- Side Salad

- Mixed Pasta

Herby Diced Potatoes

- Apple & Blackcurrant Pie and Custard

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

WEDNESDAY

- Roast Chicken & Stuffing
- Quorn Fillet

Cheese Sandwich, Tomato & Vegetable Sauce, Grated Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo, Cheese & Beans *

- Carrots
- Broccoli

- Roast Potatoes

- Cocoa Brownie

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

THURSDAY

- Beef Taco Boat
- Veggie Bean Wrap

Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans, Egg Mayo

- Sweetcorn
- Side Salad

- Potato Wedges

- Banana Loaf and Vanilla Sauce

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

FRIDAY

- Cod in Batter
- Southern Style Quorn Burger

Ham Sandwich, Grated Cheese, Tomato & Vegetable Sauce, Cheese Sandwich, Tuna Mayo, Baked Beans, Cheese & Beans *

- Peas
- Baked Beans

- Chips

- Chocolate Cookie Icecream

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

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* Additional Fillings/Toppings may be available



STEP 1
Choose from...

Main option

10p

Veggie option

10p

Classic Combo option

Sweet Potato

Pasta

Wrap



STEP 2

To go with
Vegetables / Salad



STEP 3

Then add



STEP 4

...and to finish!
Choose from a tasty selection of Puddings



Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

MONDAY

Chicken & Broccoli Bake

10p

Lentil & Tomato Sauce

10p



Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Cheese & Beans, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo

Sweetcorn

Side Salad

Potato Wedges

Cherry Cake and Custard

10p

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

TUESDAY

Lamb Lasagne

10p

Summer Veggie Spaghetti

10p



Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Cheese & Beans, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo

Peas

Sweetcorn

Homemade Garlic Bread

10p

Side Salad

Fruit trifle

10p

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding

10p

Quorn Fillet

10p



Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Cheese & Beans, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo

Broccoli

Carrots

Roast Potatoes

Peaches & Ice Cream

10p

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

THURSDAY

BBQ Chicken

10p

Pea, Sweet Potato & Corn Croquette

10p



Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Cheese & Beans, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo

Sweetcorn

Side Salad

Mixed Pasta

Coconut Muffin

10p

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

FRIDAY

Fish Cake

10p

Chimichangas & Sweet Chilli Sauce

10p



Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Cheese & Beans, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo

Peas

Baked Beans

Chips

Raspberry Bombe

10p

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts



STEP 1 Choose from...

Main option



Veggie option



Classic Combo option



STEP 2 To go with Vegetables / Salad



STEP 3 Then add



STEP 4 ...and to finish!

Choose from a tasty selection of Puddings



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MONDAY

Lamb Burger

0.20

Quorn Burger

0.20



Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese Sandwich, Tomato & Vegetable Sauce, Baked Beans, Cheese & Beans, Egg Mayo *

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

Potato Wedges

Raspberry Yogurt Ice Cream

0.20

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

TUESDAY

Chicken Fajitas

0.20

Chickpea & Lentil Dhal

0.20



Tuna Mayo, Ham Sandwich, Cheese & Beans, Baked Beans, Egg Mayo, Grated Cheese, Tomato Sauce *

Peas

Side Salad

Mixed Rice

0.20

Herby Diced Potatoes

Oat Cookies

0.20

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey with Stuffing

0.20

Quorn Fillet

0.20



Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Cheese & Beans, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo

Carrots

Broccoli

Roast Potatoes

Strawberry Jelly and Cream

0.20

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

THURSDAY

Cottage Pie

0.20

Big Beans Chili

0.20



Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Cheese & Beans, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo

Sweetcorn

Side Salad

New Potatoes

0.20

Mixed Pasta

Banana Flapjack

0.20

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers

0.20

Mexican Tortilla Layer

0.20



Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Ham Sandwich, Cheese Sandwich, Cheese & Beans, Tuna Mayo, Egg Mayo

Peas

Baked Beans

Chips

Apple Crumble and Custard

0.20

Cheese & Biscuits
Fresh Fruit & Yogurts

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