



**SEN / ARB**

## **New staff in the Ark**



**Mrs Hooper, Ark manager & teacher. Mrs. Murray, teaching assistant. Miss Bates, personal care worker.** Apart from making marble runs! Mrs Hooper will be delivering the teaching alongside Mrs Beattie and overseeing the curriculum provision of the students in the Ark. Joining her are Mrs Murray, an experienced teaching assistant who will be supporting the students learning and Miss Bates who is the first personal care worker in the team. She will be responsible for the care of students personal needs and delivering daily speech and language sessions. Everyone has settled in quickly and enjoying getting to know the students and team.

## **Visiting artist**

Recently, we had a visit from Michelle O' Connor who helped the students create a mosaic for the Ark. They decided on a cornish scene which included a harbour, a lighthouse, tin mine and crabs on the beach. Grouting was definitely a highlight for some of the students!





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## **New staff in the Mainstream**

Joining the mainstream TA team are Mr. Tilly, who will be supporting students in their transition from the ARB to mainstream lessons and Mrs. Tregunna who will be working mainly with KS4, helping students with coursework completion and exam preparation. Already it seems they know the students well and we are all very pleased with the additions to the team. To add to this I have been permanently appointed as SENDCO after interview last week and I am very excited to start on the journey ahead with such a fantastic team to lead.

## **Social Skills Group**

The SEN team have just started a 6 week Social Skills / 'Dealing with stressful situations' group, aimed at students who find friendships, social situations and dealing with others a difficulty. The sessions aim to equip students with a range of strategies that can be used to help them deal with the 'tricky times' in life, moving on positively from them.

## **TA Literacy training sessions with Amanda Hughes and the English Department**

This Friday see's the 4<sup>th</sup> in a series of TA Literacy and English training sessions, led by Amanda Hughes. Amanda has kindly offered to work with the team providing in-house training and resources, so far the 2pm sessions have covered Spelling, Sentence structure and level progression with the focus on TA's being able to carry these skills across through to all lessons and all students they work with. This week the team will be learning how to mark the NGRT Reading and Spelling tests in an effort to not only assist the English team but also to empower the TA's with the first-hand knowledge of the current RA and SA of the students they work with.

**Mrs C Hooper / Miss K Elliott**  
**ARK Manager SENDCO**