

Aspire's Parent Well-being Sessions

Aspire's Parent Well-being sessions run each term in order to provide parents with a little respite for parents and enable networking opportunities. Parent Well-being sessions help further develop a positive relationship between parents and school as well as enabling parents to learn a new skill. Some of our most popular Parent Well-being activities have included an Indian cookery session, a sushi making session, pottery vase making, relaxation and meditation and an American themed Thanks Giving party. Child care and refreshments are always available. We can also arrange transport for those parents who might struggle to attend.

Indian Cuisine Cookery Lesson

The first Aspire Parent Well-being Session took place on and was a huge success. Parents took part in an Indian cuisine cookery lesson where they learnt new recipes, had a go at cooking and, most importantly, tasted the end result! Child care was also provided to ensure that parents could attend the event.

The well-being sessions have been set up to provide networking opportunities and respite for parents of students with additional learning needs. The feedback from the evening was overwhelmingly positive and the parents found the opportunity to meet with other parents and learn new skills a valuable experience.

The next well-being session will take place next half term, along with Aspire's Parent Voice meeting, which is a further opportunity to meet with parents and discuss the development of special educational needs provision at Hanley.

For more information contact Aspire and I look forward to meeting more parents next half term.

Miss Wright - SENCO



Cake Decorating Session

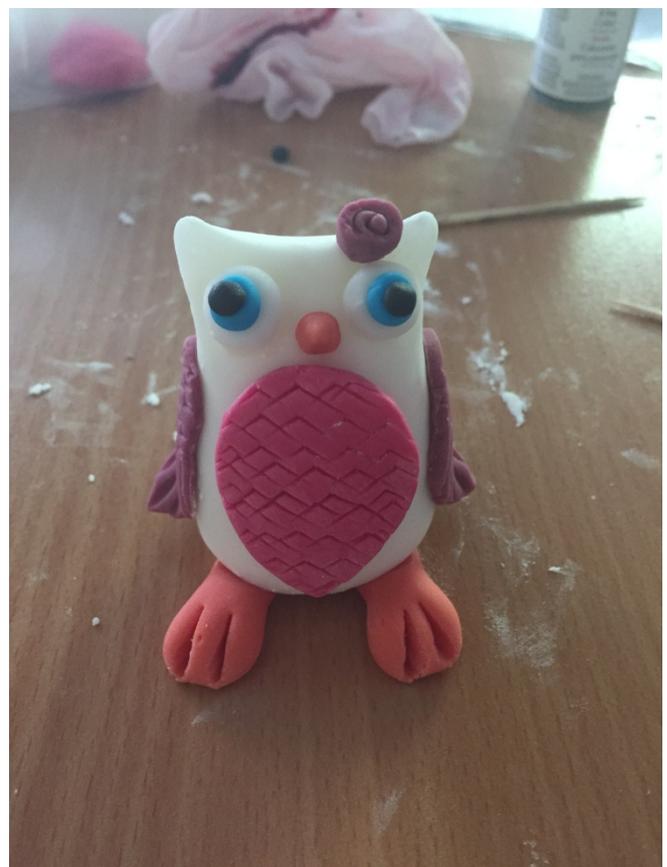
The final Aspire's Parent Well-being session of the academic year took place on Wednesday 1st July and was another great success. Parents participated in a cake decorating session where they learnt how to make their own fondant icing owl and gained some other useful tips about cake decorating. Child care was also provided to ensure that all who were interested could attend the event.

Aspire's Parent Well-being sessions provide respite time parents as well as an opportunity for parents to network with others. The parents who attended had an enjoyable evening and found the opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills a valuable experience.

The next Aspire's Parent Well-being session will take place during the autumn term, and will continue to run termly throughout the next academic year. Aspire's Parent Voice meetings also run alongside this and provides a further opportunity for parents to network and play an active part in the development of special educational needs provision at Hanley.

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Needle Felting Session

This term we held the first of this year's Aspire's Parent Voice meetings. The meeting focussed on exploring ways to further develop the communication between school and parents. The meeting was very positive and it highlighted the number of successful ways in which Hanley Castle High School and the Aspire department already communicates with parents and some fantastic ideas for further development were also offered.

Aspire also ran another Parent Well-being session for parents, where Miss Wright taught those who attended how to make Christmas decorations using needle felting. The session was free, fun and festive. Mulled wine and mince pies were served and childcare was available to enable parents some respite time.

Miss Wright



American Themed Thanksgiving Party

This year Aspire hosted its first Thanksgiving party for both parents and students. The party took place in the Sixth Form garden and luckily the weather was on our side. Mrs Yapp planned a variety of activities ranging from jam jar decorating, American bingo and the very popular schmore making. We ended the evening with a barbeque and a sing-a-long to a few American inspired songs. Mrs Yapp also shared her stories from the time that she lived in Alaska. It was a great evening had by all and we've already being asked by numerous students and parents if we will be having another one next year... watch this space!