

# Twizel Classroom News



Term: Spring 2 2025

## What we have been doing this term:

Just before we went to press, in February, Twizel students ended the term on a romantic note. With every student contributing to the efforts, we managed to deliver over 80 chocolate Valentine's biscuits! Made from butter, sugar and flour with plain, white or milk chocolate, they were simply delicious! We have had lots of requests for Easter biscuits this term!



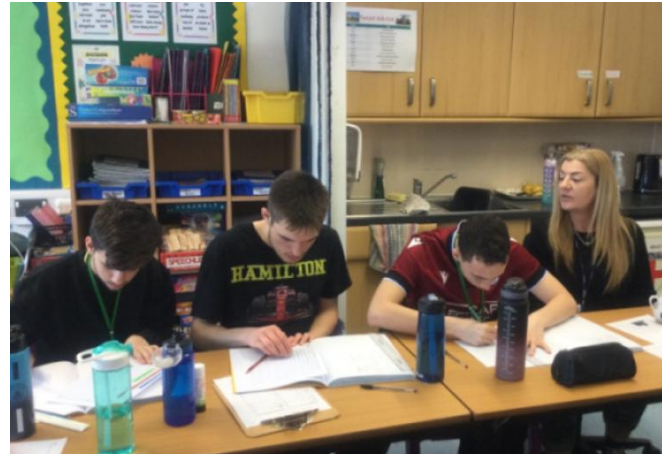
*Making the Twizel Chocolate Hearts*

### Functional Skills

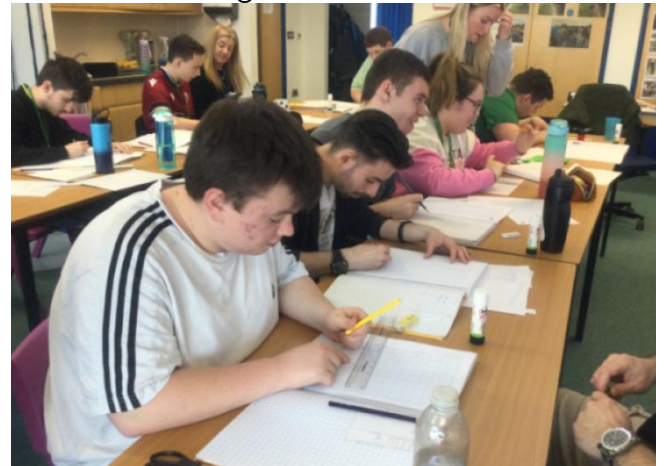
Students have worked very hard this term (as they always do) and several of our students will be sitting Entry Level 3 assessments next term.

In English, students have looked at how to produce longer passages of writing using description, compound sentences and paragraphs. They have also planned 60 second presentations in preparation for their speaking and listening assessments. We have been extremely impressed with their confident speaking on a very wide range of topics.

In Mathematics, they have studied the properties of 2D shapes, have measured and drawn angles using protractors, they have collated data in tables and created bar charts and line graphs to compare the data.



*Students making bar charts in mathematics.*



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### Cooking this term

We have made a real variety of meals for our Monday lunches this term. Students chose their favourite meals and we have cooked them every week. They have made Mexican Burritos, beef burgers, sausage pasta bake, and spaghetti Bolognese. We will end term cooking Joe's grandmother's family recipe of chicken curry, which Joe's mum has kindly shared with us.

### Work Experience

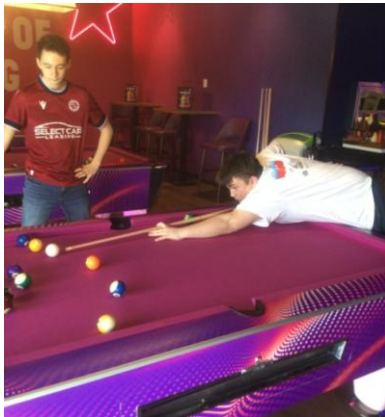
*Starting last October, me and Ethan went and did work experience at a place called Sandham Memorial Chapel. We ... did work experience with a woman called Louisa, and an elderly lady called*

Heather. Our activities range from digging to planting, even some fertilizing. My main like about the Chapel was pushing around a giant wheelbarrow, it just felt nice to push around something big.  
I liked the job in general.  
The only thing I didn't like was that the gloves given to me smelled horrendous!

Dante

### Our trip to Hollywood Bowl, Swindon

In February, we were able to spend the proceeds of our biscuit sale and go to play a game of bowling at the newly built Hollywood Bowl in Swindon. We all played for an hour and then sat down and ate burger and chips. A few students had asked to play pool after lunch and we all gathered around the pool tables to watch and play a few games.



### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 13 students have continued volunteering on Thursday afternoons as part of their preparation for The Duke of Edinburgh bronze award.

*For our Duke of Edinburgh bronze award, we have been doing volunteering at Shaw House Community Garden with Tony, a retired volunteer who is nearly 80! We have also been working really hard on moving the bedding dirt to another part of the garden, and we also pick up lot of leaves. We really enjoy it!*

*We have been asked to redesign the flowerbeds in the car park.*

Aiden and Jack

### Extracurricular Activities

*At Reading FC I am a ball boy. What I do is collect the ball and pass it to the players and give it off the cone. I am really enjoying it and I hope I stay on next season, at half time we are allowed on football pitch to help out with the penalties shootout. It is really lots fun. Also I am always I am on Sky sports!*

*When it's the end of the season we get to meet all of the players and they sign lots of things for us and we can watch them train at Baywood park. Also the fans thought I was Charlie Savage they asked for an autograph because I look the same as him.*

Ethan

### Dates & Points to remember:

Last day of term: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Bank Holiday Monday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025  
First day back: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
Last day of term: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

The Twizel Team:  
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