

Throwing Shapes & Making Memories 🏆 ✨

We had a wonderful creative afternoon at Whinfell — trading screens for clay and getting happily messy together!

A member of staff kindly brought in their own hobby to share with the home, leading a hands-on session where pupils and staff explored working with clay.

It was brilliant to see everyone have a go, try new techniques and support one another as the pieces took shape.

Pupils took part in a wide range of activities during the session — from simple pinch pots and hand-built shapes to trying out texture tools and patterning. Some pupils surprised themselves with what they could make; others enjoyed watching friends develop an idea and refine it step by step. Staff joined in too, modelling risk-taking and patience and helping pupils feel confident to experiment.

One of the loveliest moments was watching the pieces slowly set into something solid and ready to decorate — pupils loved checking back to see their work transform over time and planning how they'd paint or personalise their finished pieces. The calm, focused atmosphere showed how powerful creative activities can be for emotional regulation, communication and building relationships across the home and school.

A huge thank you to the staff member who shared their passion — and to everyone who had a go. We're already looking forward to the next clay session and seeing these little masterpieces finished and proudly displayed around school.



