

Eileen's Why Question: "Why do you call them buildings if they're already built?"

Christmas Grotto at Inclusion College



What is it?

A collection of gifts, brought in by staff and students, to allow people to get something to give to their family or friends which otherwise might've just sat around in someone's home forever.

Where is it?

It's in the meeting room next to Carly's room.

When is it?

From now up until Winter Break, the 16th of December.

How do I visit it?

Ask a staff member and they will take you.

Upcoming events at the College

- ❖ Christmas Panto, December 13th
- ❖ Inclusion Christmas Lunch December 13th
- ❖ March 2023 is the sponsored walk for the 10th Anniversary.

Question Of The Week

If you could listen in on any room in the world, which room would it be?

"The conversations between Kate and Wills. What do they talk about? Find out more who they are as people" (AA)

"The White House during the Trump and Biden switchover" (AP)

"The government." (Anon)

"None." (GA)

"Where they discuss new apple products" (RB)

"The Room" (JN)

"With the Royals, just for the day" (JH)

"When they organised the moon landing" (AE)

"The FBI director's office" (MC)

"Trump Ukrainian phone call" (Mac)

Question For Next Week

If you could swap places with anyone who would it be?

Made in the Inclusion Kitchen: Muffins and Brownies

Muffins Recipe



- ▶ Preheat the oven to 180 fan (200°C non fan).
- ▶ Put 12 cupcake cases into your tin ready.
- ▶ Cream your room temperature butter with your sugar until it's pale, light and fluffy.
- ▶ Beat in the eggs, one at a time, mixing really well after each egg. Don't worry if it curdles slightly, it will come good.
- ▶ Mix in your flour, if you are using a mixer you should do this by hand as it helps to keep the cakes moist.
- ▶ Spoon equal amounts of mixture into your cupcake cases. I use an ice cream scoop as this gives the perfect amount and ensures some uniformity.
- ▶ Bake for 15 minutes approx. You may need to adjust this depending on your oven.

The cakes should be golden and slightly bouncy to the touch.

Meanwhile, make your icing.

- ▶ To make your icing, beat your butter until it's pale, light and fluffy.
- ▶ Beat in your sieved icing sugar.
- ▶ Take your cupcakes out of the oven, when they are cooled, pipe your Christmas trees.
- ▶ Sprinkle over Christmas themed sprinkles.

Credits: Katie

Brownie Recipe



Preheat your oven to 180C/160C Fan and line a 9" square baking tray with parchment paper.

Melt together the unsalted butter and dark chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a pan of boiling water, in the microwave for 1-2 minutes until melted. Leave to the side to cool to room temperature!

Using an electric whisk/stand mixer, whisk together the eggs & caster sugar for a few minutes until the colour has turned pale, is very mousse like, and is double the original volume of the amount of eggs + sugar!

You will know it's done because when you lift the whisk up out of the mix, it should leave a trail for a couple of seconds before disappearing!

When whisked, pour the cooled chocolate mix over the eggs and fold together carefully. It might take some time, but be patient - you don't want to knock out the air you made up on the previous step!

Once completely combined, sift the cocoa powder and plain flour on top of the chocolate mix and then fold together again - still be careful to not knock out the air! Once combined well, fold through the chocolate chips and pour into the prepared tin - bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes! Once baked, leave to cool in the tin completely.

Credits: Joel

Ingredients



For the cupcakes:

150 g Caster Sugar
150 g Unsalted Butter
3 Medium Eggs Free Range
150 g Self Raising Flour

For the icing:

250 g Unsalted butter
500 g Icing Sugar
Green Gel Food Colouring



200 g dark chocolate (70%+ cocoa content)
200 g unsalted butter
3 large eggs (or 4 medium)
275 g caster sugar
100 g plain flour
50 g cocoa powder
100 g white chocolate (Chips/Chunks)
100 g milk chocolate (Chips/Chunks)
100 g dark chocolate (Chips/Chunks)

Inclusion Pet Update

Carlos the leopard gecko is doing good and eating loads although hasn't come out as much this week because he is due to shed soon, this means he is a bit grumpy.

Gibbs the crested gecko is doing good as well. He is enjoying his jelly pots and eating his complete food off the spoon. He shared his complete food with a locust on monday.



The giant African snails are getting really big. We can often see them eating their complete food and cuttlebone.

We still have the 2 fishlets and they are both big enough to venture out now. We have had no fish fatalities this week.

Student and Staff Pets Facts.

Interview with Caitlin

What is your pet's name?

Dot, it means a gift from above.

Are they male or female?

Female

What breed is she?

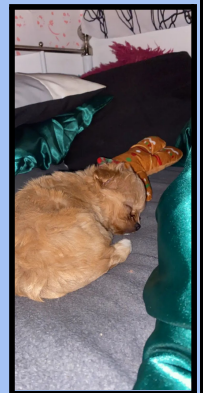
She's a Yorkie Pom.

How old is she?

8 Weeks

What do you like the most about her?

Her characteristics, she's only little but she's the comedian of the house.



This is Mogli, Caitlins ferret. He is so funny and cute.

Pet Gallery



Poppy - ZB

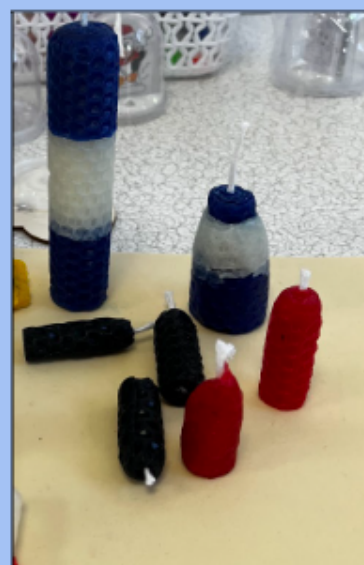
Joey - RB

Dusty - Jane H

Christmas Artwork Showcase



Bonus Christmas Art



Weekly video game discussion:



What is Stardew Valley:

Stardew valley is a country life RPG (role playing game) pixel art simulation game that was released in 2016. Stardew Valley is a cross-platform game which means you can play on PC, mobile, Nintendo Switch, PS4, and Xbox One; players can only play in multiplayer mode with friends who have the same console. The story you follow is that you have inherited your grandfather's old farm

plot that you will redevelop into whatever you choose; you will meet characters, interact with them, befriend them, even date and marry them if you like, as well as sell things that you farm and forage for money to make profit.

What Stardew Valley means to me:

Although I only recently started playing Stardew Valley, so I can't say it's nostalgic for me, but it is a really comforting and relaxing game where you just live your life as a farmer doing all sorts of fun activities like fish, mine, forage, farm, decorate, build, fight monsters, breed animals, find artefacts, meet characters, befriend them, marry them, potentially have kids with them, complete quests and follow the storyline - it's never ending. For me, it was a really good distraction from the stresses of life, like a lot of other games.

Stardew Valley makes me think of if animal crossing and minecraft merged into a pixel art game, and I love it.

Why I recommend playing Stardew Valley:

Overall I think that this game for most players is very comforting and relaxing, I really enjoy playing it and discovering new and hidden features in the game. Depending on what you're playing on, you can add as many mods as you like, which expands the game into a more customisable experience.

What I really like about this game is you only need to purchase the game, and you don't need to spend any more money on additional content, which saves a lot of money. Mods are also completely free to download.

Also, if you're interested in playing and would like to play with someone please come talk to me (Beel) I have it on mobile if you also do I'd love to play with you!

Stardew valley beginner tips



1. If there's still time in the day, go forage!
2. Don't forget to upgrade your tools.
3. Keep an eye on your energy bar, if it runs out you will be in trouble.
4. Spend Time Each Day Clearing your farm of debris.
5. Fishing is a great way of making money.
6. Explore the map and learn where different things are.

Media Showcase

Movie



Title: The Seventh Seal

Genre: drama, fantasy

Year of Release: 1957

Critic Score: ★★★★★

Description:

A knight returning to Sweden after the Crusades seeks answers about life, death, and the existence of God as he plays chess against the Grim Reaper during the Black Plague.

Series



Title: What We Do In The Shadows

Genre: comedy horror, fantasy

Number of seasons: 4

Year of release: 2019

Critic Score: ★★★★★

Description:

Based on the feature film of the same name from Jemaine Clement and Taika Waititi, "What We Do in the Shadows" is a documentary-style look into the daily (or rather, nightly) lives of four vampires who've "lived" together for hundreds of years in Staten Island.

Song Submission



Pencil legs - rag doll

Year of Release: 2022

Genre: indie



Lucas stern - away

Year of Release: 2022

Genre: alternative