



News



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CEO Update



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a pleasure to meet a number of you at my first Parents' Evening at Wargrave House last Wednesday. I was really pleased to see how you all actively engaged with our teachers and wider support staff. We are really grateful to you for your completion of the evaluation forms which enable us to further support your child in providing the best education possible. Jan Hale, from our admin team who welcomed you all, has gathered your invaluable feedback and a further letter has been sent providing the opportunity for any parent/carer who was unavailable to attend this forum to gain another meeting opportunity. Amongst the highlights positive feedback is included below.

"We are thrilled at the level of support our son is receiving. He has settled well and made important progress in a short period of time. The knowledge of the professionals and the empathy is high. We are excited to see how our son develops during his time here."

I would also like to congratulate Richard Grimmer (right) on his appointment as permanent Deputy Head of Education at Wargrave House School. Best Wishes. ► **Robin Bush**



REMEMBRANCE DAY

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them". During November students have been selling poppies in support of the Royal British Legion. On Monday 11 November, students and staff joined local police officers in our remembrance service. Students laid wreaths that they had made followed by a two minute silence. There followed an assembly, 'Reflecting on Remembrance' - exploring why we held the two minute silence and how remembrance has become part of life in the UK and other countries. Students were encouraged to consider how remembrance has evolved to include World War Two and later conflicts. The assembly addressed Remembrance Sunday, the two minute silence, war memorials and poppy-wearing; following up from work in class where students had made Poppy Wreaths & explored family links to conflicts such as WWII.

► **Richard Grimmer, Deputy Head of Education**



This newsletter highlights a wealth of learning and enrichment that we are proud that all school and college

Headlines



students have participated in within the last few weeks. We are delighted with the improvements acknowledged by Ofsted in the most recent inspection of LEAP college, please take time to read the report. Highlights include: "Students are happy and feel safe at College" "They work harmoniously with each other" "Students demonstrate respect and tolerance both at College and their work within the community" "They are rightly proud of contribution they make to the community through projects and work placements" "Leaders and staff have high expectations of what students can achieve... teachers and support staff creatively plan activities that engage students and build on their previous learning" You will receive an invite next week to join us in our end of term Christmas Celebration at St Johns Church on 19 December. Best Wishes. ► **Stuart Jamieson**



FIT 4 LIFE

On the 5th November we had our first visit from St Helens Healthy Living Team with Martyn and Sharon and the Saints Rugby Coaches. The team are visiting twice a week for the next five weeks and will be working with different class groups throughout this time to deliver the Fit 4 Life programme. "Fit 4 Life" is a programme that is delivered to schools to support their health and wellbeing plans and consists of one session of fun education about nutrition and a second session of physical activity sessions. "Fit 4 Life" is about healthy lifestyles - eating a healthy balanced diet and being physically active....FOR LIFE. Today the team began by working with our students in Rise 2 and as you can see from the photos they had lots of fun. Thanks to the team for making it such a fun afternoon for our students.

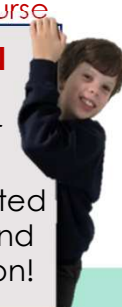
► **Robert Richardson | School Health Nurse**



LEAP OFSTED INSPECTION

25-27 September 2019

See LEAP page inside for our **GOOD** news and comments made by Ofsted about their recent visit and judgement of our students and provision!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Wargrave kicked off Anti-Bully Week with a bang on Monday 11th November with a focus on individuality and our value of kindness. Staff and students demonstrated their personalities by dressing to express individuality. Self-chosen clothes, pyjamas and fancy dress were seen and celebrated. The day saw the students accepting kindness challenges, making friendship bands and creating compliments boards; giving and receiving positivity about each other. Our message was echoed by visiting police officers who joined us in our Remembrance service which was impeccably observed. The end of the day culminated in a catwalk celebration of acceptance. Friendship, kindness and inclusion where students read out positive statements about themselves and others. Thank you to our wonderful students and staff for proudly participating

► **Sarah Wilson, TSA**



HORSE RIDING

RISE 3 have made an amazing start to horse riding sessions. Already students' flexibility of thought is being stretched and resilience is being built. Everyday these students make us so proud.

► **Carol Woodward**

CREATIVITY

RISE 3 student, Macauley, got inspired during a recent Therapy session by devising an alien creatively called The Emperor of Mars. He used a cloth for his reptilian skin, tin foil for his crown and a toilet plunger for his ray-gun. Excellent work Macauley!



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY WEEK

Last was week National Occupational Therapy week! The theme for this year was small change BIG impact. Our students have celebrated by talking about what they like about occupational Therapy and how it has helped them. Occupational Therapists are health care professionals who aim to develop the students independence in meaningful functional tasks. At Wargrave our Occupational Therapists complete assessments, goal setting with students and intervention for underlying sensory, perceptual, motor or social/emotional difficulties which may impact our students ability to access learning or activities of daily living.

► **Laura Coburn, Occupational Therapist**



POLICE VISIT

There was much excitement around the visit we had from our local Police Officers who were keen to tell our students all about their daily job and allow them to experience the inside of a police vehicle. This proved very popular students discovered how helpful the police can be in their community and also helped the officers gain an understanding of autism. One student said he liked the police van and learnt that they can arrest you! Another student said: 'The police can help us by being visible in the community. I would like to visit them in their workplace.' Due to the success and popularity of it all, the officers are planning a return visit so our partnership will continue. We thank Inspector Damian Bates and his team for their time and for the genuine enthusiasm that they showed in meeting all of our students. We also thank them for attending our Remembrance Day moment of reflection.



► **Michelle Heneghan, Assistant Head**

FAMILY LIAISON

CEREBRA WORKSHOP

Please do get in contact if you are interested in the workshop. It's an opportunity that I wouldn't want you to miss out on. If you haven't received a letter, email me on nataliemolyneux@wargravehouse.com and I will be more than happy to forward on some information.

SUNFLOWER LANYARD SCHEME

The Sunflower lanyard scheme has really set off recently and is now being introduced in the Trafford centre. The lanyard acts as a discreet sign to staff that the wearer has a hidden disability such as Autism and may require more help. Demand for the initiative has soared since its introduction at Gatwick airport three years ago. Other places that use the lanyard are supermarkets such as Tesco, Argos and Sainsbury's. To get one of these lanyards, just ask at customer services in any of these places and you can receive one.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Questionnaires are being sent home to gather interest in those who would like to become involved in a Parent Partnership group. Kelley Garth, one of our parent governors is facilitating this. If you would like to get involved, please contact her on kellygarth@wargravehouse.com



What's On?

► Friday 29th November 2019

Cerebra Workshop

► Friday 20th March 2020

Oral Hygiene with Robert Richardson

► Friday 3rd July 2020

Coffee Morning: Information on this will be shared nearer the time.

► Natalie Molyneux | Family Liaison Officer



RISE 1 have been keeping track of their daily mile laps. They reach up to 41 class laps per day (8.7 miles so far!)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thomas	10	6	9	10	
Caprice	11	4	9	9	
Jacob	10	5	10	10	
Marcus	9	5	10	8	
Ebube	1	0	2	1	
Total Laps completed today	41	20	40	38	0
Total Lap completed so far this week	139				
This is equal to	8.7	miles			
This term we have walked a total of	264	laps			
This is equal to	16.5	miles			
This year we have walked a total of	1189	laps			
This is equal to	74.3	miles			



RESIDENTIAL HOME VISIT

RISE 2 have been visiting older people in a Residential Home during weekly Therapy Inclusion sessions. They sing songs, play games and give out cakes to the residents.



Children in Need



Wargrave students brought a £1 donation to wear their own choice of clothes in support of the Children in Need appeal on Friday 15 November.

Pictured below is RISE 1 who all dressed in their brightest best Pudsey style attire!



SUNKEN TRAMPOLINE

Wargrave House are now the proud owners of a brand new sunken trampoline. It was recently installed over the summer holidays! Rebound therapy sessions have now continued to the delight of students and staff, who have already benefited from this fantastic investment. We were recently visited by Chris Ayres (Freemason) who kindly donated some funds for the sunken trampoline. He came to watch a short session of rebound therapy and how the sunken trampoline has enabled many more students having the opportunity to participate in rebound therapy sessions. A huge thank you to Chris for the wonderful donation!

► Nic Breslin | Rebound Therapist



PERSONAL FINANCE

This year in school we will be focussing on developing 'Spirals of Inquiry' whole school and alongside specific areas including 'Personal Finance'. As part of this endeavour we will be working towards our re-accreditation as a Centre of Excellence in Financial Education and our focus will be sharing our work with parents and carers and offering support. Our first step on this journey has been taken from Spirals of Inquiry: to deepen our knowledge and understanding of growth mind-set and the power of 'not yet'. ► Yvette Carr

CELEBRATING MISTAKES

"The best thing parents can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning". Carol S. Dweck

"I haven't failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work" Thomas Edison

With this in mind there will be a Personal Finance Challenge in every newsletter focusing on the four main areas. Every learner who takes part will receive an award and a certificate if they share their mistakes!

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PERSONAL FINANCE
CHALLENGE

Managing Money



Can you name, order or find the total?

Critical Consumer



What can you buy with £10? How much change will you get?

Managing Risks



Where is safe to keep your money? Why?

Important Role of Money



List as many ways as you can that money can be used...

Return any completed questions or mistakes to Mrs Carr, to receive an award!!! Good Luck



LEAP Specialist College

LEAP recently welcomed Ofsted for a full inspection of our services for young adults. We are delighted to announce that a grade of GOOD was awarded. Thanks to all the students and staff - you showed our visitors all the different things that you learn about and all the different methods that you use. Here are some quotes from our inspectors:



► Students become resilient when dealing with unfamiliar situations

► The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today

► Students enjoy the wide range of visits and trips that take them out of the classroom and into the community to learn



► Students are supported by staff who know them well and understand their individual needs

► Students are rightly proud of the contribution they make to the community through projects and work placements

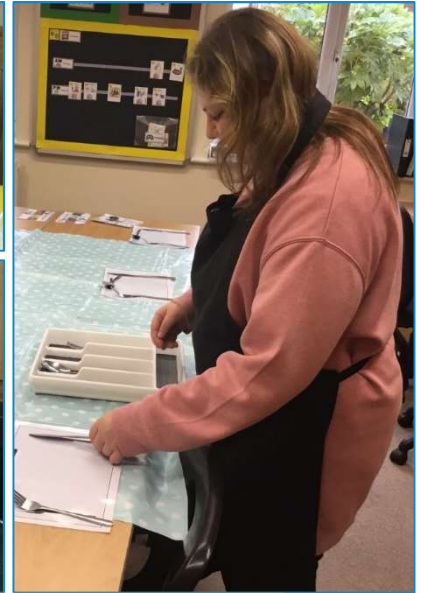
► Students are happy and feel safe at college

► Students enjoy their time at college



► Juliett Doherty & the LEAP staff

LS2 students have been doing a great job at making their own lunches one day a week. They choose what they would like for lunch, make a shopping list of the items needed and then make their own lunch. They even do a fantastic job of cleaning up afterwards!!



The Walton Lea Partnership

A successful taster day at Walton Lea Partnership for a leap student's future transition. William enjoyed meeting new people, fixing bikes using different tools and putting prices on the bikes to sell. He will continue to go each week for his work experience. ► LEAP JD



teardrops
Supporting the Homeless

COFFEE MORNING

Students from Lakeside welcomed visitors to a tea party on Friday 8th November. The morning was a great success and managed to raise £203! Money raised was donated alongside the foodbank donations to Teardrops; a homeless charity based in St. Helens. Thank you for all donations and to everyone who joined us on the day. ► Lakeside



On Monday 11th November, LS1 students and staff visited the Imperial War Museum to pay their respects to fallen heroes from conflicts around the world. They followed the two-

minute silence before going on a fact finding mission to see war through the eyes of the people who lived it.

LEAP & Lakeside took part in an **anti-bullying** session delivered by Shireen from Kazoku. They discussed why bullying in all forms was wrong, what to do if you experience bullying and that martial arts are a last resort.



POLICE VISIT

LEAP students had the opportunity to meet local police officers and ask them about the role they have as part of their job.



OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB

Students visited Tatton Park where they took part in the Great Wizard's Gathering and flew on broomsticks. At Bolton Abbey, students hunted for pumpkins on the woodland trail. At Knowsley Safari Park, students saw the sea lions, owls and other creatures. ► **Sue Bridges**

LITTER PICKING WORK EXPERIENCE

Harry has enjoyed contributing to keeping the local street and woodland clean by litter picking as part of his employment skills.

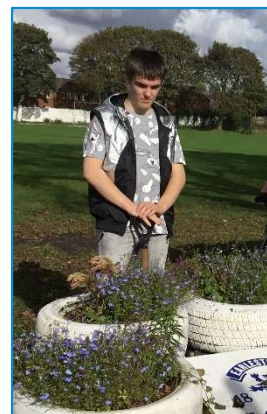


MEN AT WORK

Joe and Chris enjoyed a morning at Green Crew, an organisation based in Hindley that works in the local community maintaining green spaces, footpaths etc... This a possible future work placement for our students. ► **LEAP PA**

BRANDON TAKES THE LEAD WITH A MARKET GARDENING PROJECT

After the success of the sensory garden project at Earlestown Cricket Club by LEAP and Lakeside College, Brandon has now got stuck into the latest 16-25 joint venture. Brandon is leading on a market gardening



project with LEAP. He held a meeting with the cricket club committee and discussed ways to support the wider community. They all agreed that it would be a good idea to grow vegetables at the cricket club and donate these to a local foodbank. Brandon and the other students will be learning some very valuable gardening skills. They will also be helping the cricket club to provide the much needed fresh vegetables that some local people cannot afford to buy. Watch this space for more updates on this initiative!

MESNES PARK WORK PLACEMENT WITH THE RANGERS

Every fortnight I go with Ben to my work placement with Colin, the local Ranger at Mesnes Park. We walk through the woodland area to litter pick to keep the area tidy



and safe. We help maintain the park by tidying and fixing anything that is needed. We planted crocus bulbs in the shape of the park's logo. This will look great in the Spring when they flower. I enjoy my time with Rangers and look forward it. ► **Ethan**