

# News



## CEO Update

Dear Parents/Carers,



## Headlines

Thank you for all your support throughout 2019.



It's been a great first term for me getting to know all the staff and students here. There has been no let up in the busy lead up to Christmas. I would like to particularly express my thanks to staff for going above and beyond most recently on 5th and 17th December a broad cross section of our House team, including LEAP students joined the Newton-le-Willows Rotary Club Christmas Float, this was a great opportunity for our young people to develop a sense of community involvement. In January 2020 we look forward to launching our new website and we will keep you informed of key links through the school's Facebook page. Throughout 2020 I am looking forward to continuing the excellent start we have made in broadening the new links with potential employers for our students alongside local authority commissioners from across the North West. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and an inspiring 2020! ► **Robin Bush**

Following the recent outbreak of illness, we are pleased that all our young people have been a credit to you through continuing to show a great sense of pride, positivity and engagement in their learning. Sincere thanks also for those of you who completed the online questionnaire for our Ofsted visit in December. We expect to receive an update from inspectors before the end of February. Once again, we were so proud of the way our staff and students responded to our visitors throughout the various meetings and lesson visits. It was wonderful to witness so many friends, parents, carers and community members at our end of year Christingle celebrations at St John the Baptist Church, Earlestown. Amongst the highlights of the occasion was the generosity of people donating in excess of £130 towards our chosen charity, Baby Basics. The project leader, Beryl Barton was humbled by the gifts packed into Moses baskets. We believe this partnership resonates with our wider sense of social care through supporting new mums in need. We look forward to beginning the term on 6 January, 2020 in the hope that you will all have enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year. ► **Stuart Jamieson**

## Find the Elves

Can you find all of Eddie the Elf's friends in this newsletter? Count them as you find them and write your total on the back page.



## Cosy Corner Café

LS1 have opened a new café and have been inviting all classes to think of a name for it. In the end, it was decided that "Cosy Corner Café" would open for business on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and run every Friday. Staff and students work as a team; cooking, cleaning, serving and taking orders.



## Christmas Word Game

Complete the word puzzle on the back page by naming all the Christmas items. Find the mystery word and hand in your page on the first day back to have a chance of winning a mystery prize.

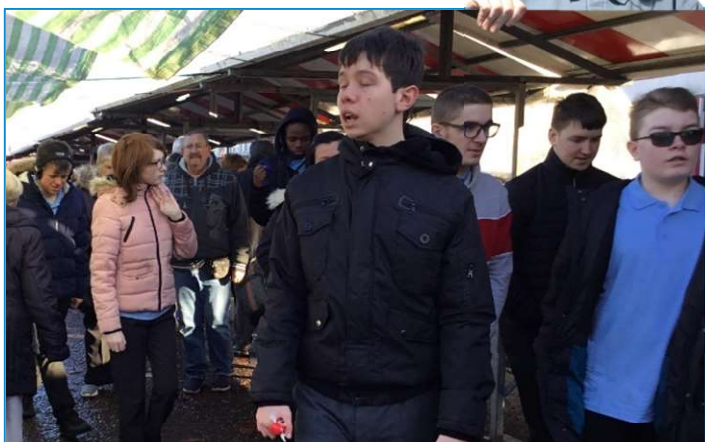




## BASE 3

### ADVENT CALENDAR HUNTING

Recently Base 3 ventured over to Earlestown to buy chocolate advent calendars for school



BASE 3 shopping in Earlestown

in December. Unfortunately there were none in Earlestown so they went to Tesco and then Aldi to buy advent calendars.

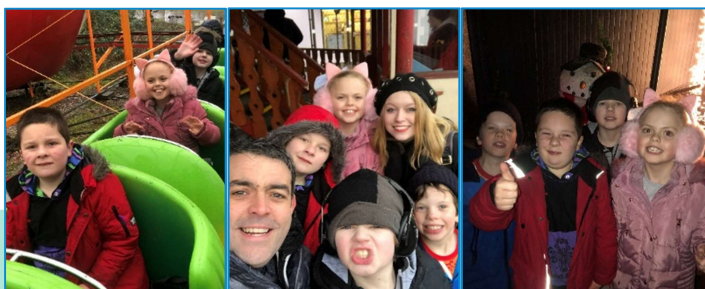
### SWITCH-OFF FORTNIGHT

Eco Club has made an Event called 'Switch off Fortnight'. In this event, students and staff have to make sure that any electronics they're using are turned off and that all lights are off when no one is in the room. To make sure everyone remembers, Eco schools have coloured or made posters about switch off fortnight and stuck them all around school.



Eco Club

► by Alicia Roberts | BASE 3

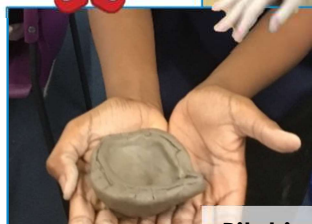


RISE 1's trip to Gulliver's World

## RISE 3

### DIWALI LAMPS

In RISE 3 we had to do some modelling for our lesson. We were making Diwali lamps out of clay. It was fun and I was proud of my work.



Ritchie & Archie

► by Ritchie Maseko | RISE 3

## RISE 1

### GULLIVER'S WORLD

Rise 1 enjoyed a fantastic day visiting Gulliver's World Winter Wonderland. The visit included a Christmas adventure show, plenty of time to ride the attractions and of course a visit to see the big man himself – Santa. Students enjoyed riding the tea cups, the wriggler roller-coaster, the joker rocket and apache falls. The highlight had to be the Dodgems which allowed the students to team up and crash into Mr Dickson! Rise 1 said "We had a brilliant day at Gulliver's World."

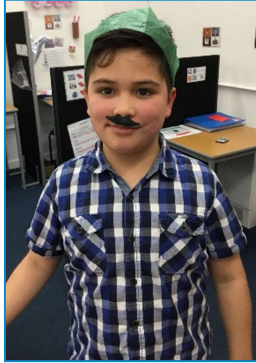
► by Mr Dickson | RISE 1





## Festivities

Students & staff got festive over the Christmas period by wearing Christmas jumpers, eating Christmas dinner and making various decorations and creations.



## Alfie's Visit

Glenda kindly introduced Alfie to students, who loved meeting him, petting him and playing with him. Alfie joined students during their retirement home visit and he will be returning to Wargrave every so often.

## Christmas 2019 Church Service

Christmas has got off to a merry start following our annual Wargrave Christmas Service at St John's the Baptist Church, Earlestown. This year you have shown tremendous support for the 'Baby Basic' charity by donating baby items for mothers in our local area. During the service itself, as ever, our students contributed in their own unique way, that made the occasion welcoming and celebratory. The inclusive atmosphere focused on the traditions of Christmas and gave voice to the achievements and wide range of experiences that have been part of Wargrave this Autumn term. We thanks Rev. Gareth Banton for providing us with a warm and safe haven and we look forward to his future visits at Wargrave School and College in 2020. So, thanks to one and all for attending and for your generosity, till next time, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from one and all at Wargrave House. ► Mrs Heneghan



## Well Catered For

Thank you to all of our catering staff for our Christmas dinners, and for feeding us over the school year. Thanks also to our house-keeping team who work behind the scenes making our environment safe and clean.





## Newton Boys & Girls Club

From September, Base 3 students took on new roles as Youth Volunteers at Newton Boys & Girls Club. Some of these roles include running a café, managing a music room, leading table top activities and running games in the sports hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for Base 3 students to develop and generalise their communication and interaction skills, as well as their confidence and self esteem. Students from the RISE and BASE classes attend the club every week and are fully enjoying everything on offer, as the photos show! Base 3 are proving themselves to be amazing volunteers and are doing a fantastic job in their roles. They're making us all very proud!

► by Helen Sim



### P.E. Success & Celebrations

Lewis, Marcus, Reuben and Thomas received medals for having full attendance in Table Tennis Club.



Table Tennis Stars

### Trampolining

John has worked so hard to progress through his Winstrada Grade 4 certificate and badge. He achieved it this week!

### Positivity

Whilst completing his fitness circuits, Ritchie from RISE 3 was tired but said, 'I know it is hard but you just have to carry on'. We are so proud of all of them. ► by Mrs Woodward



John | BASE 2

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**PERSONAL FINANCE**  
CHALLENGE

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### Managing Money



What ways can you pay? Which ways do you pay?

### Critical Consumer



What can you buy with £5 that you need? How much change?  
What can you buy £5 that you want? How much change?

### Managing Risks



You get £1.50 pocket money a week....How many weeks until you can buy the teddy?

### Important Role of Money



How can money be gained?

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

## Family Liaison

### NEW STUDENTS

Since September, we have welcomed 8 new students to the school. As part of their admission, Andrea Smethurst (SENCO) and I have facilitated a 'New Student Meeting' for the students and their families to see how their child/ young person has settled into the school as well as offered support where needed. The feedback received from parents has been positive! Parents have stated that, 'their child is less anxious and greets their PA and driver with a smile and comes to school in the same manner', 'overall, Wargrave seems to be the right place', their child is, 'settled, happy and engaged', 'my child has settled in quickly and it's a credit to all the staff at Wargrave'. We are delighted with this feedback and thrilled to have welcomed the students to our Wargrave family. We look forward to them continuing their journey with us.

### STUDENT BURSARY

A reminder for our Lakeside and LEAP students - you can still apply for the Vulnerable or Discretionary Bursary. Please contact me in school on 01925 224899 or via my school email address [nataliemolyneux@wargravehouse.com](mailto:nataliemolyneux@wargravehouse.com) for an application form and I will be more than happy to assist in helping you to apply. If you already have an application form and need any help with completion, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

### LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD

I have been undertaking the 'Leading Parent Partnership Award' (LPPA) and on 7th January 2020, we will be undergoing an assessment to ascertain if we have achieved this award! Keep your fingers and toes crossed for us and we'll keep you updated on our progress!

### PARENT PARTNERSHIP GROUP

In line with the LPPA, we asked parents if they would be interested in joining a 'Parent Partnership Group'. The first meeting for this has been booked in the New Year for Monday 20th January 2020 at 10am. There will be refreshments available and the meeting will be facilitated by Kelley Garth (parent governor) with support from myself. Please do come along, we would love to have you attend!

► Natalie Molyneux | Family Liaison Officer

## Children in Need

Our recent Children in Need fundraising efforts brought in £90.78. Students and staff wore own clothes for the day – thanks to those who participated.



## Children in Need

### Max's Prayer

Well done to Max, RISE 3, for getting up in church during the Christmas celebrations to use his comm. to say a prayer. This was a special moment of reflection on our central theme of 'HOPE'.



### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
Parent Partnership  
Group  
(first meeting)  
10am-11am



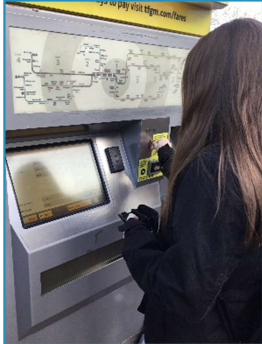
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Tooth Brushing  
Programme coffee  
morning  
10am-11.30am  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
Forest Schools  
Workshop  
10am-12noon





## LS1 Community Day

For our community day out, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we went to the Manchester Christmas markets. We used the park and ride facility from Eccles to Piccadilly. We all bought our own tickets on the tram platform. It was very busy but we managed to find a seat. The journey was half an hour long and we saw lots of sights. We went in Fopp which is a new shop and everyone enjoyed it. We all got back safely to Eccles on the tram and minibus to college.



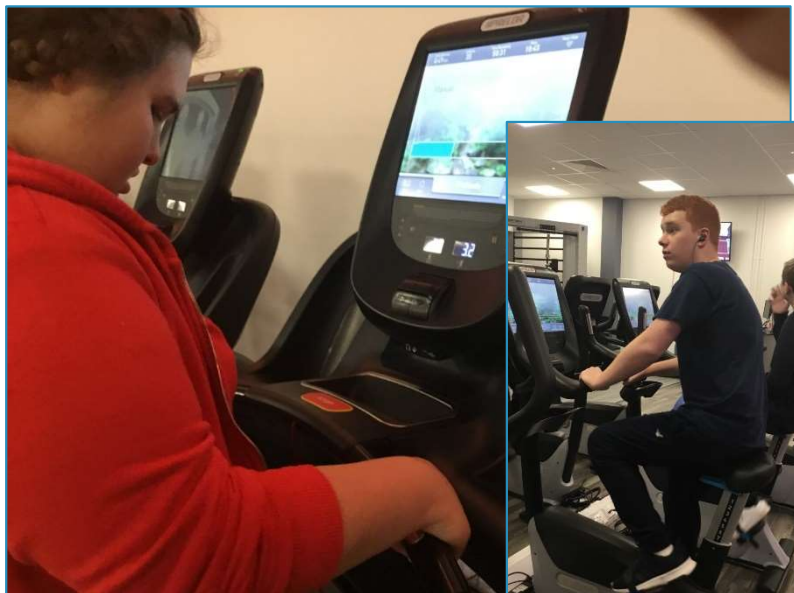
## ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS FLOAT

Thank you to all staff who supported the Rotary Club Float but especially Courtney Shawcross and William Owen Harrison who helped collect money on 17<sup>th</sup> December with Rotary Club members.



## LS2 Leisure Centre

Students in LS2 enjoy a weekly visit to the new gym at Selwyn Jones Leisure Centre.



## Lakeside Coffee Morning

I have enjoyed organising the coffee mornings, one of my favourite ones was the Save The Children: Christmas Jumper Day in December. I went to Tesco with staff and students and we asked if they would donate any cakes or chocolates to Wargrave and they said yes. When the event happened everything went well. The staff and students that put everything together did really good and we hope you all enjoyed it. We raised over £200 for Save the Children. ! ▶ Courtney Shawcross | LS1

## Event Planning

As part of their Open Awards qualification in Event Management, Courtney & Owen met with Events Management at the Mercure Hotel, to discuss a potential future opportunity. Watch this space!





## LEAP JD

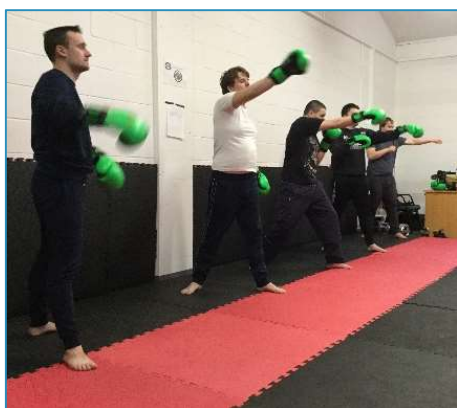


### GENEROUS DONATIONS ▲

A big thank you for the very kind donation of £250 from Marks and Spencer's and £20 from Pat to the college.

### MARTIAL ARTS ▼

This term the students in LEAP 1 took part in a martial arts exam to earn their first yellow belt. All the students successfully passed their exam and demonstrated teamwork, focus and they also recalled the skills that they had learnt throughout the weeks.



### TEARDROPS CHRISTMAS WRAPPING ▼

LEAP & Lakeside students helped out at local charity Teardrops by wrapping present to give to the homeless.



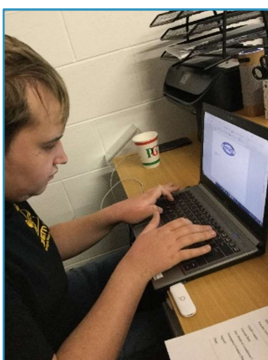
### CHESTER ZOO VISIT ▼

The students in LEAP 1 enjoyed a visit to Chester Zoo this term. They took part in a question and answer workshop where they talked about the animals living environment and poaching.



### ▼ "THANK YOU"

A big thank you to Greenslate Farm, Premier Martial Arts, Earlestown Cricket Club, Walton- Lea project and Enover- Lyme and wood landfill site for providing LEAP 1 students with work experience.



### ▲ CHURCH REFRESHMENTS

LEAP 1 students did an excellent job of helping to serve drinks and mince pies at the Christmas church service!



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## Elf Hunt - I found ? elves

Did you count the elves in the newsletter? If not, flick through the pages and see how many different elves you can find. Then, complete the Christmas Word Game and hand in this back page to Mr W the first day back in January, to be entered into a prize draw to win one of a limited number of Wargrave House Chocolate Bars.



## Christmas Word Game

Look at each picture and fill in the word grid. Each picture is numbered to show you where to start each word on the grid. The letters in the yellow boxes make up the mystery word.

The mystery word is:

My name is:

Hand in to Mr Whittaker to win a limited edition Wargrave House School Chocolate Bar

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