



IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear parents/carers - You will note within this newsletter the updated information and advice relating to the Coronavirus. We will automatically send you via text and email any essential updates as and when required. In the immediate term we are in close liaison with the relevant authorities including Public Health

CEO Update

Robin Bush

England, the Department for Education and the NHS. Naturally these bodies will fulfil the needs of school, college and our residential department. We are stressing the importance of vigilant hygiene relating to hand washing across all aspects of daily activities and learning both inside and outside our immediate setting. Simultaneously we have shared with all staff an autism friendly approach to the latest guidance, you will be able to gain further support from our school/college website. Please do not hesitate to contact our admin team, Natalie Molyneux our family liaison officer or Robert Richardson our school nurse if you require any support relating to this matter.



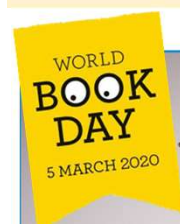
Headlines

Stuart Jamieson

Dear parents/carers - Since your last newsletter in February I am pleased to share with you a wide variety of successes and events. Amongst the highlights of this edition includes our students visit to Belgium and France for the First World War Battlefields Tour. Our sincere thanks go to our Head of Post 16 Learning Juliet Doherty and our Employability Lead Teacher Stephen Hogarth for devoting their time to our wonderful student ambassadors; Alicia, Yanick, Alfie (BASE 3) and Courtney (FE). World Book Day took place yesterday, Thursday 5 March. This morning we were delighted to welcome over 70 members of our local community, in particular it was a pleasure to welcome Lady Mayor Janet Johnson, leader of the council David Baines and Dawn Lacey from Mercure Leisure & Hotels, for a coffee morning to share some of our work through our exemplary students. Please keep your eye out for photos on our Facebook page.

Human Resources Coordinator

We would like to welcome Clare Meighen, who joined us on Monday as our new H.R. Co-ordinator. Clare joins us with a background from the NHS and Matalan. Outside work, Clare spends all her time with her family, including her daughter and their 6 month old dog, Bobby.



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone The BFG The Very Hungry Caterpillar Winnie-the-Pooh The Cat in the Hat The Lord of the Rings Charlotte's Web Northern Lights The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe



Shrove Tuesday



RISE 3 learnt about Shrove Tuesday and why people make pancakes. The pupils then went on to make their own which they really enjoyed. We think they enjoyed eating them ever more. We also had a pancake tossing competition. Max J won with a score of 49 tosses in one minute. As well as this Macauley made his own dairy free pancakes which he shared with senior members of staff. The pancakes were amazing and left members of staff wanting more. ▶ [Karen Griffin](#) | [RISE 3](#)



Meet the Coaches



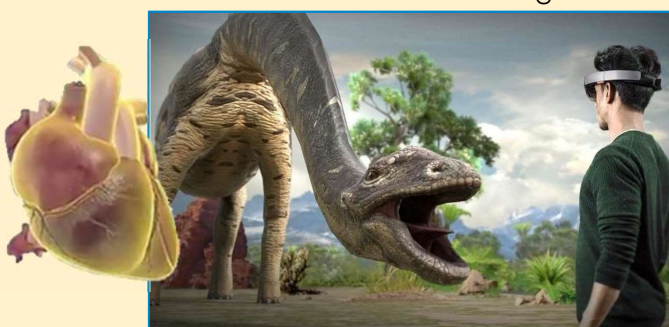
Meet Inayah Robinson-Greenidge and Jack Cairns, they are coaches from Saints Foundation. The coaches have been coming into school since November to coach invasion games with BASE students. Students are learning football skills that are being generalised to the playground as well as developing their social skills and resilience. The coaches have built up a fantastic rapport with students, each week modelling healthy competitiveness and football banter. This week the group were joined by Jessica who impressed coaches by sharing a 'skills and drills' activity she had designed for the group. ▶ [Carol Woodward](#) | [Health & Fitness Coordinator](#)



Virtual Reality

On Tuesday, Graham from Tablet Academy came to demonstrate the VR Headsets to some RISE and BASE students. Some of the experiences included; 3D heart, dinosaurs, World War II

and flight. Students were really engaged and interacted with the technology by looking around and using coded cubes to control a virtual image on their screens. We hope to look into this, and similar technology in the near future and consider its advantages to students' learning. ▶ [Dave Whittaker](#) | [Computing](#)



Coronavirus Update



A helpline is now available to answer questions about Coronavirus (COVID-19) related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: [0800 046 8687](tel:08000468687)

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Please note that the current advice is that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England. Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may

progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

How can you stop Coronavirus spreading? Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups and bottles. If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils and towels. ▶ [Robert Richardson](#) | [School Nurse](#)

Parent Partnership Group (PACT)

Oral Hygiene Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who have attended our PACT meeting. The students are currently undertaking a logo competition, designing the logo for the PACT group. When all the entries have been collected, our parents will vote on the logo that best represents the group. Good luck to all the students involved in the competition; I can't wait to see all the designs! Our next meeting will take place on **Monday 27th April at 2pm**. We would love for more parents to attend. Please email your attendance to: nataliemolyneux@wargravehouse.com or kellygarth@wargravehouse.com

Dates to Remember

Oral Hygiene Programme Coffee Morning

Friday 20th March
10am-11.30am

PACT Group Meeting

Monday 27th April
2pm

Sensory Processing Coffee Morning

Friday 3rd July
10am-11.30am

Forest Schools Workshop

Friday 3rd July
10am – 12 noon

We are hosting a special coffee morning focussed on Oral Hygiene. This coffee morning will take place on **Friday 20th March 2020, 10am to 11.30am** and will be facilitated by our school nurse Robert Richardson and Jill Ollerton from City Health Care Partnership. We would love to have you attend! A letter will be going out this week, so please reply with your attendance or drop me an email:

nataliemolyneux@wargravehouse.com

Neurodiversity Week

Wargrave House School, Lakeside and LEAP Colleges are committed to celebrating our student's uniqueness and aim to positively promote 'being different' during Neurodiversity week. Throughout the week we have lots of activities planned, including each student and also those of our staff who have neurodiverse needs, creating their own 'hand print' (with positive messages written on one side), to represent themselves as a leaf on our 'NeurodiverseTree'. We will also be inviting ex-students to share their successes since leaving the Wargrave family, and we aim to have lots of information sharing around Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia. If you are interested in becoming involved, or would like to add your handprint then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jackie McCann on 01925 224899, or email jackiemccann@wargravehouse.com

PERSONAL FINANCE CHALLENGE

NEURODIVERSITY

It takes all kinds of different minds

ADHD | Autism | Dyslexia | Dyspraxia

March 16 - 20, 2020

www.Neurodiversity-Celebration-Week.com

Managing Money



How much money?

Critical Consumer



What is a need and a want?

Managing Risks



What is the best way to spend or save money?

Important Role of Money



How can we pay?

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

World Book Day 2020

For World Book Day, students dressed as their chosen character and took part in different activities throughout the day. Students received a book token and special detective goodies in their mystery bag. Everyone looked brilliant and a special prize was awarded to Daisy and Luke for their super attire! ► [Joan Beddows](#)



Attendance Shout Out!



Art & Design



Hello everybody. Considering there are still cough and cold germs about, attendance has been very good. Thanks to Robert, our Learning Disabilities Nurse, for all of his communication which aims to support keeping those germs at bay and keeping the learning going. We welcome back our students who attended the Education visits trip to Belgium. They had lots of experiences to talk about once back at Wargrave. A big well done to Harriet who has shown great attendance week to week and to RISE students who are achieving 100% attendance or close to a 100% on a number of occasions. Our new LEAP student, Emily has had excellent attendance too and is continuing to experience our adult curriculum. Thanks to families and transport staff for your efforts in supporting attendance and learning at Wargrave House. ► [Michelle Heneghan](#)

Well done Alfie! Lakeside would like to say a big thank you to Alfie for being a great school ambassador today. He helped show

guests round school, then helped out at the Tea Party, which was a huge success and raised £375.24. Alfie showed maturity and confidence all morning. Thanks Alfie! ► [Tara Thomas](#)





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LAKESIDE & LEAP NEWS



LEAP Specialist College

National Careers Week

National Careers Week ran from 2-6 March and we managed to pack a lot in throughout the organisation. Staff entered into the spirit of the week by completing a personalised door sign to show what jobs they had done in the past and the skills

that they had developed as a result. It was interesting to discover that Richard Grimmer had managed a Bingo Hall before he became a teacher! Students in main school and college have started devising inventions for the Regional Primary Engineer and Secondary Engineer Leaders Award 2019-20 Merseyside and Cheshire. Some interesting designs include road safety features for motorways, internet safety devices to keep personal information secure and even 'teleportation' devices. We will discover if we have any winners in a few weeks' time. Year 10 and 11 students met Ann Kerry (Careers Connect) who has now started the impartial tutorials for BASE and Lakeside students which will provide an opportunity for them to discuss their future pathways.

We are grateful for the fantastic support from our community partners including Earlestown Cricket Club, Friends of Lyme and Wood/Enovert, Newton Boys and Girls Club and the Mercure Hotel who all continue to provide excellent support, guidance and training during our student placements across the organisation. Finally, three teachers have applied to complete a Careers Leader qualification to support the employability programme. Overall, it's been a very busy week on the employability front and we haven't even discussed the special coffee morning that staff and students organised! ► Steve Hogarth

National Careers Week

NCW

2ND – 7TH MARCH 2020

Strawberry Fields

This half term we visited Strawberry Fields in Liverpool. LEAP took part in a steps into work presentation and discussion to help us look at other provisions for our college to work with. I had a great time at Strawberry Field.

► Will Owen-Harrison



MD Productions

LEAP had a visit from Miguel Doforo from MD Creative's Blank Canvas in St. Helens for our post 16 to collaborate together which is exciting news for the future.

Thank You

A big thank-you to Newton Community Centre for allowing me to independently work alongside staff for my work experience. I also enjoy walking and collecting class lunches from Newton Deli. ► Nicky C

Swan Rescue

Recently, we had an unexpected visitor in Lakeside. A swan, from the nearby lake, had gotten itself stuck beside the greenhouse. We decided to call the RSPCA, who would help us to relocate it to its natural habitat. When they arrived, they managed to quickly remove it and it was taken back to where it belonged. We gave it plenty of space, as a frightened swan can be quite aggressive! The swan was uninjured, but very confused and tired when they took it away. We'd like to thank the RSPCA who managed to rescue our visitor and we wish the swan many more happy swims on the lake!"

► Emily Newell | LEAP JD



Hot off the Press

Today, the college students held the 'Lakeside Tea Party' in LEAP College to help raise funds for their end of year celebration event and what a fantastic morning it was! The college students set up the event and served refreshments to all the guests and also held a raffle with some fantastic prizes including

- afternoon tea at the Mercure Hotel Haydock
- a voucher for Wilkinson's
- a voucher for the Odeon cinema.

Amongst the guests were the Mayor of St Helens, community partners as well as parents/carers and friends of Wargrave House. **The tea party raised £375.24 and we would like to sincerely thank everyone who joined us.** The college end of year celebration event will take place at the Mercure Hotel in Haydock on Wednesday 22nd July 2020 and is part of the students learning as they work towards Open Award level one in event planning and hospitality. The college continues to look for more employers to work with us and engage with our students to further support inclusion and neuro diversity within the workforce, so please let us know if you know of any employers who would be interested in working with us.



LEAP Update



This half term we have been to Manchester and we used the tram.

We bought our Mother's Day presents such as cards, mugs and chocolates. We have also been to Chester using the Park and Ride. We visited the Roman museum and had a guided tour looking at artefacts.

VR Experience

LS2 came to try out the Virtual Reality headsets which were brought in on Tuesday morning.



Benji was engaged by the different experiences that he saw, from educational models, to sensory environments – all in 3D!

First World War Battlefields Tour



Julliet Doherty, Steve Hogarth, Alfie, Alicia, Yanick and Courtney (student leader) recently spent four days (28 Feb to 2 March) learning about the First World War on an action packed trip



across Ypres in Belgium and the Somme in France. We visited the main battlefields and associated museums and cemeteries as part of a 100 strong party of students and staff that were selected from schools/colleges across the North West. Although it was the worst weather that the tour guides had encountered during the past 15 years, the driving wind and rain were no match for our resilient Wargrave House students who kept their focus and humour throughout the extended work outdoors. It was a rigorous schedule but we all benefited greatly from appreciating just how appalling the living conditions were for the soldiers, the scale of the conflict and the vast number of lives lost. We were fortunate to have serving soldiers from the Rifles Regiment who were on hand to compare and contrast today's equipment and fieldcraft with that of the British Army during the First World War. Highlights of the visit included attending the remembrance service led by our accompanying soldiers, exploring reconstructed trenches and of course a visit to a French chocolate shop to stock up on some very tasty gifts.

► Julliet, Steve, Alfie, Alicia, Yanick and Courtney