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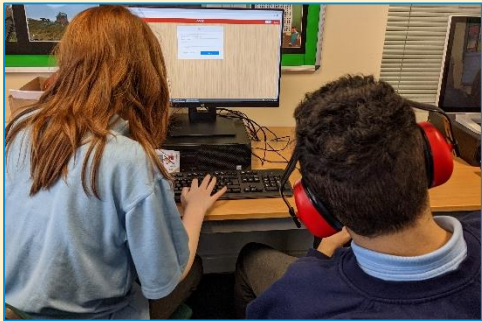
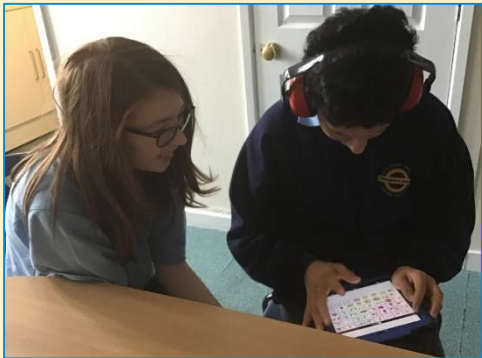
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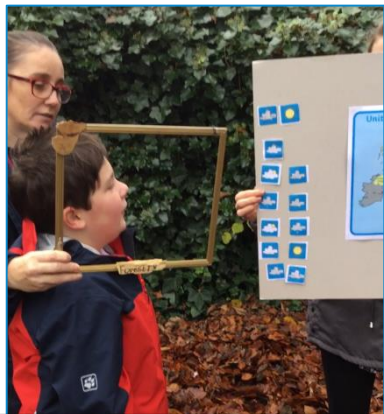
A huge thank you to you all and your students for the harvest contributions. The Community Centre were extremely grateful. The items were distributed to families in the local area.



Alicia chatted to **Max** using his iPad and helped him with some of his work in Computing.



RISE2 have been working hard to achieve their goals in PE. We have really tried hard to compete different activities in circuit training using music to help us to know when to start and stop. We have been learning about exercise and how it helps us to be healthy.



RISE1: Outdoor Learning with Nic; looking at the weather and reading stories.



BASE1 acted out different emotions. Can you guess which emotion each student is trying to demonstrate?



Makaton

signs of the week
Check our Facebook page
for the sign videos



To commemorate this year's Remembrance Day **BASE3** students decided to colour poppies red, green, and purple. The students then created two wreaths from their poppies. We took one wreath and placed it at the war memorial in Earlestown and had an opportunity to see how other members of the community had shown their respects. We placed our second wreath on our Remembrance Wall in school along with our war poems. The red poppies recognised the people who served in conflicts, the purple poppies to remember the serving animals, and the green poppies to reflect on the impact of conflicts on our environment. We wanted our wreaths to remember a member of our immediate community, so we chose Norman Harvey V.C. who was Louise Yates' great grandfather.





BASE3 students took part in team-work activities to help them develop their employability skills. This week's activity was to give instructions to a peer using communication skills to complete a task.

Flu Vaccinations

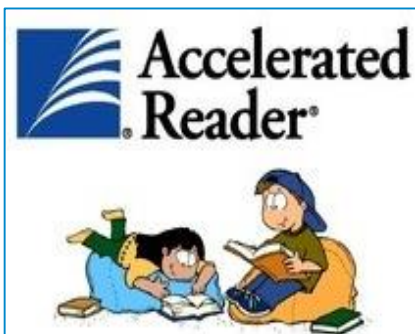
Influenza nasal spray vaccinations took place for all our students (up to year seven) for whom we have received a parental consent form. Thank you to all for supporting this. All students were very brave and provided with great support and encouragement throughout by class staff. Having the nasal spray is particularly important, of course, for children with long-term health conditions, such as diabetes or heart problems who are at higher risk from flu. If your son/daughter has a long-term health condition and they are not within the eligible year group at school, please contact your GP surgery who can administer this vaccination.



This running machine was kindly donated by a member of the public. Having been serviced it has been found to be in new condition. It is a great asset to PE lessons and when it is too rainy to complete the daily mile outside. The students have particularly been interested in reading their pulses and seeing the effect exercise has on their heart rate. ► **Carol Woodward**



It was a spooktacular end to the half term here at Wargrave - with an invasion of ghosts and ghouls joining in our Halloween fun! Some fantastic costumes and a frightfully good time had by all!



Well done to all our BASE students who have been getting back in to the habit of reading since their return in September. Over 70 books have been read and quizzed on. A brilliant effort! Particular congratulations go to Sean Bourne & Bethany Sheil who have read 19 and 8 books respectively. More details to follow on how to access more books online.



STUDENT VOICE

We have recently launched our new reflection week at the end of last half term. This enabled students to reflect on their learning; their attitudes towards learning and their positive contributions to Wargrave House, showing true Wargravian values. Here are some of the positive views that were shared:

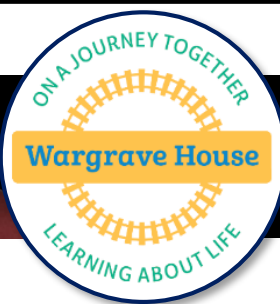
- Students feel happy & safe in school
- Students know who can help them in school
- Students enjoy computing, PE & Art the most
- Students know where to find feedback on their work
- Students identified that they are encouraged to express themselves; gets praised for positive contributions and that teachers help them to progress in their lessons.

Keep up the good work Wargravians!

OUTDOOR LEARNING- The RISE Department continue to learn about the changing seasons in Outdoor Learning. We have loved spotting signs of Autumn and its colours. We are now preparing for what we may see during Winter. We have experienced being weather forecasters and have even made sensory snow which was a bit messy but great fun!



COLLEGE NEWS



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Post-16

Juliet Doherty

Dear Students, Parents & Carers

Welcome to another edition of Wargrave news. This has been a busy few weeks with the post 16 students forming new alliances with Mersey Forest Rangers and the RSPCA. Both businesses have spent time meeting with staff and students to look at future support from internships to training in land and forestry management. I am proud to share with you the wonderful news about Post 16 provision being short listed for 3 awards with the Educate Magazine National 2020 Awards, our shortlisting is for: Most inspirational 16-18 education Provision, Community Partnerships, SEND award. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the outstanding work, resilience, and commitment that your young people demonstrate on a daily basis with us. I hope you enjoy reading about the many varied accomplishments of your sons/daughters and please know that

we are tremendously proud of them in all that they achieve. Aspirations are high and your sons/daughters always reach for the stars. This morning Courtney, Ben and Nicky took part in a tree planting event, socially distanced and following government regulations, this was supported by Councillor Seve Gomez-Aspron, Deputy leader of St Helen's Council. Take care and best wishes.

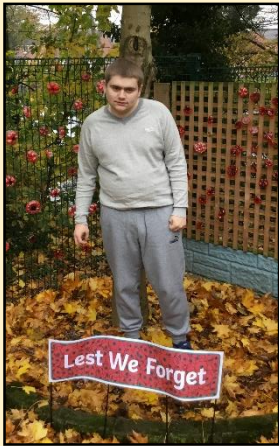
► **Juliet and the amazing Post 16 staff team.**

LEAP & NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS REMEMBER – POPPY CASCADE

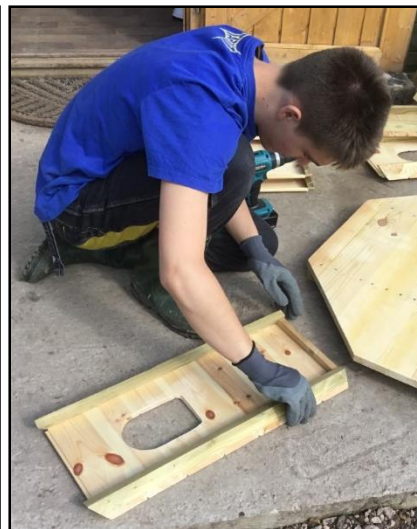
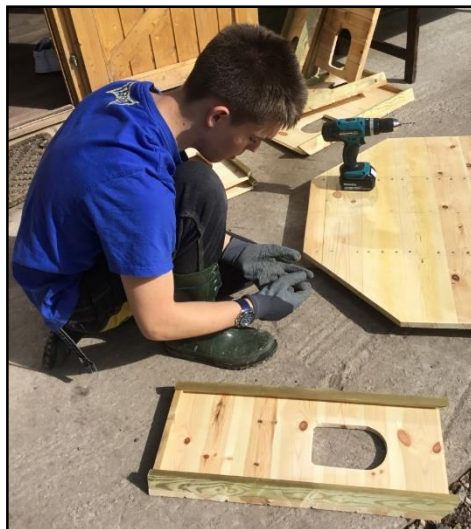
Like many other things in 2020 Remembrance Day looked very different this year. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we weren't able to gather around the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, to remember those who sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy today. **Newton and Earlestown Community Group** came up with an idea that allowed individuals and community groups to join together in a socially distanced way. Through their Facebook page, they asked for poppies to be made and attached to netting laid around the memorial. With their usual show of enthusiasm and community spirit the students produced poppies and painted rocks which they can be seen here laying at the base of the War Memorial.



LS2 created poppies from bottoms of bottles. We then created a remembrance tree and decorated around it with our poppies.

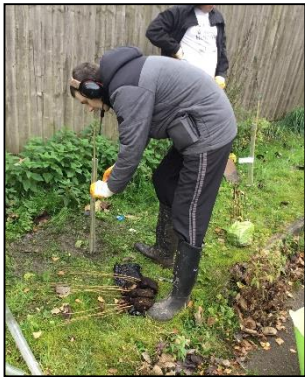


A big thanks to the Rotary Club for their kind donations of tools for our students so that they can continue with a range of small community construction projects (following strict Covid protocol) such as building bat/bird boxes, dovecotes as well as repairing fences, benches and picnic tables at Lyme and Wood Country Park. We have lots of other donations in the pipeline and will credit these sponsors when everything is finalised.



TREE PLANTING AT ENOVERT

Woodland Trust have donated to Wargrave House School and College 420 saplings to be planted at two of our work experience community sites. Post-16 students are asking staff, parents and members of the public to sponsor and/or dedicate a sapling to raise funds to support students to gain meaningful real life work experience and maintain the local community. On Monday, LEAP1 planted twenty saplings at the Enovert site. Each sapling planted will help to create woodland habitats and enhance the local environment.



The students also did an excellent job supervising the staff.

LS1 students continue to develop their forestry skills at Enovert and Lyme & Wood Country Park by planting sponsored saplings on the site. They have independently planted (following Covid protocol) Blackthorn, Hazel and Rowan trees so far and recorded their numbered locations on a map so that the sponsors now exactly where their tree is. ▶ Steve Hogarth



Our first line of tree planting

Post 16 staff and students were supported today at Enover, Vista Road, Haydock to plant trees to root their commitment to moving the Post 16 provision off site into a new and exciting future potential green space.

The staff and students followed strict Covid measures, taking everyone's temperature before working on site, using the cleaning station hand gels to ensure personal hand hygiene, and having bacterial hand wipes available to clean any tools before and after handling them.

We were incredibly proud to have the following support from SLT - Stuart Jamieson Head of Education and Karen Tarbuck Communications and Office Manager, Post 16 Governor - Phillip Round and St Helen's Deputy Lead Councillor Seve Gomez-Asperon.

All planted trees to support us and our future plans. Courtney Shawcross read from a lovely poem , 'Think like a tree' by Karen Shragg, Ben Haining and Nicky Carmichael planted trees with staff.

All of this was supported by Lakeside students, Alfie Houlst, Yanick Maseko and Brandon Stephens, who ran a socially distanced take away 'Cosy Corner Cafe' supported by Tara Thomas.

The sun shone, the trees were planted, and all enjoyed the socially distanced event which rooted us to our new site and embedded us into our community.



Please subscribe to our YouTube channel "Wargrave House School & College" as we will be posting videos of our students and their hard work at sites like this.

Will has been completing his supported internship since September and completed a number of tasks around the college. The internship is a new project supporting young adults into work by offering them an internship with a potential employer to gain experience and a qualification. Will is our first intern and is completing his with the maintenance department here in the school and college, supporting Andy with his vast workload. Most staff will have seen Will around the school using the leaf blower, helping with deliveries and painting, amongst other things. He is taking on new responsibilities every week. This week he sprayed the signs on the car park ground to say it is for visitors and taxis, a job I'm sure everyone will agree was long over due. ►Adam Thoday



LS1 students took part in virtual interviews with Career Connect to obtain impartial advice and guidance on options available to them when they leave college. Our students have excelled in their use of Teams and will be using this for virtual college tours in future.



Educate Awards

It is with the utmost pride and pleasure that I can share some wonderful news with you all. In July 2020, the Post 16 Provision entered for the Educate Magazine 2020 Awards and last night was the live broadcast of the shortlisting.

The Post 16 provision has been shortlisted for three out of the four award categories that we entered for, which are: ►Most inspirational 16-18 provider of education ►SEND provision award ►Community partnership award. This is a fabulous achievement and a huge team effort, I would like to particularly thank Tara Thomas, Michele Davies, Stephen Hogarth and Andrea Smethurst, who all helped to put together the award nomination entry papers. I am proud and humbled by the whole of the post 16 staff and our phenomenal students who all played a huge part in entering for these prestigious awards

9. Community Partnership Award

Educate Awards

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Gateacre School
Progress Schools - Wirral
The De La Salle Academy
Wargrave House School and College

18. Most Inspirational 16-18 Education Provider

Educate Awards

Myerscough College
The Manchester College
Wargrave House School and College

Division Award

Educate Awards

Bickerstaffe CE School
Finch Woods Academy
Netherton Moss Primary School
St Peter's C of E Primary School
The Barlow RC High School
Wargrave House School and College