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Countdown Maths Challenge



Can you make the Main Target, using the numbers in the blue boxes? You can use + - x and ÷ and you can use each blue number only once. Even harder: can you make the Challenge Target?

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Email your solutions to iandickson@wargravehouse.com Well done if you got last week's solutions! MAIN TARGET CHALLENGE TARGET

Life-saving app

Download the St John Ambulance app on your phone. It lists emergency situations which you can select. It will then guide you through the steps you should take to provide first aid under each circumstance. The app is free and easy to use. A potential life-saver in your pocket.



Ideas & information

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network encourages, equips and empowers children, young people and their families living with neurodevelopmental conditions, specific learning difficulties and associated mental health needs. Find out more about the specific support on offer in Liverpool, StHelens, Warrington, Wirral, Knowsley and Sefton. If you don't live in one of these areas you can still access the community network groups. For more information visit: https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/home.html

Carers Centres – Have you contacted your local carers centre recently? With advice, support and signposting on a range of matters from benefits to local services it is worth remembering as useful local contact. We are currently making enquiries in hope that a North West based carers centre will be able to speak with families and highlight further – watch this space!



RISE1: Healthy Teeth, Maths & PE

RISE1 have enjoyed learning how to keep their teeth healthy in LIFE. In maths they worked hard to multiply numbers by 2, 5 and 10 and to tell the time! RISE 1 have also been practising their ball skills in P.E finishing off with a parachute game. Well done RISE1 for all your hard work.



BASE4: Duke of Edinburgh

Last week, BASE4 visited the garden centre to purchase soil as all their seedlings needed potting on. They are growing tomatoes, carrots, beetroot, and lots of herbs; this is part of their DofE Awards.







The girls in BASE4 have formed a new group with the therapy team. It was great fun doing things that we like doing the most.









RISE2: Easter activities

This week RISE2 have been enjoying lots of Easter activities. We have made some Easter rice crispie nests, Easter cards for family, enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and watched an Easter film (Hop!). Getting in the Easter



School News

BASE3: Our Week

BASE3 students have continued to explore learning in its many facets over the past few weeks developing transferable skills and qualities. Luke and Sean demonstrate great teamwork skills and kindness as they litter pick as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Daisy and Luke show they can work Bronze Award. independently on a task as part of Employability, and Sean, John, Byron and Alexis exhibit excellent listening skills while carrying out their daily mile activity in the community. As part of our Easter celebrations BASE3 chose to explore "Ostern in Deutschland" (Easter in Germany) which is the tradition of adorning trees with painted and decorated eggs. John started off creating a German flag by colouring in the black, red and gold stripes, and Byron and Sean decorated their eggs using paint and sequins. As a class, we then hung all our creations on a tree and put our flags around it to let other students know that the tradition of decorating a tree with eggs comes from Germany.











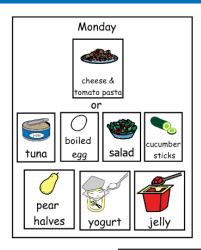


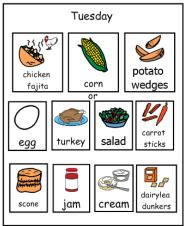


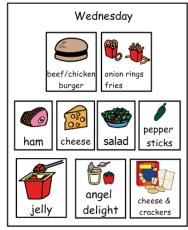


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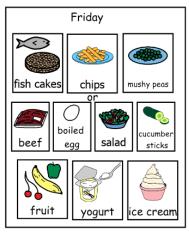


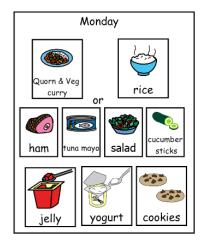


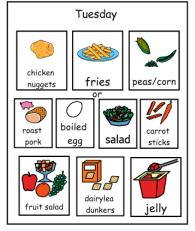


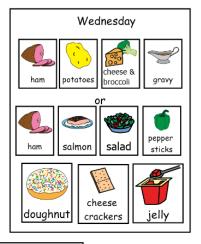






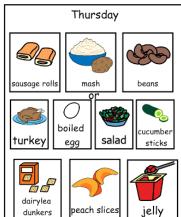


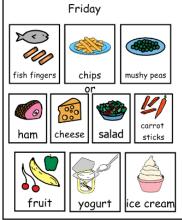






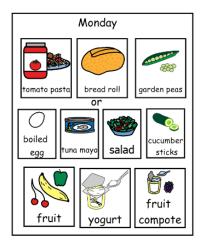
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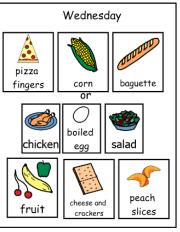


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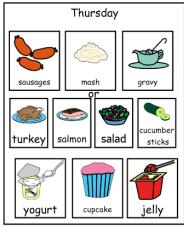


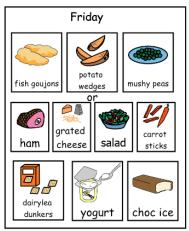


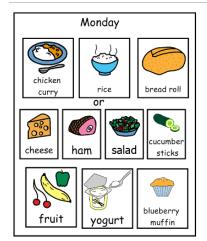


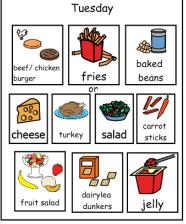


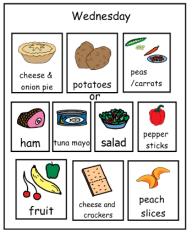




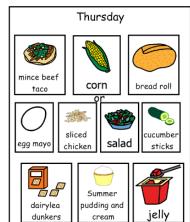


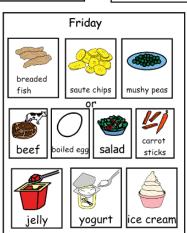




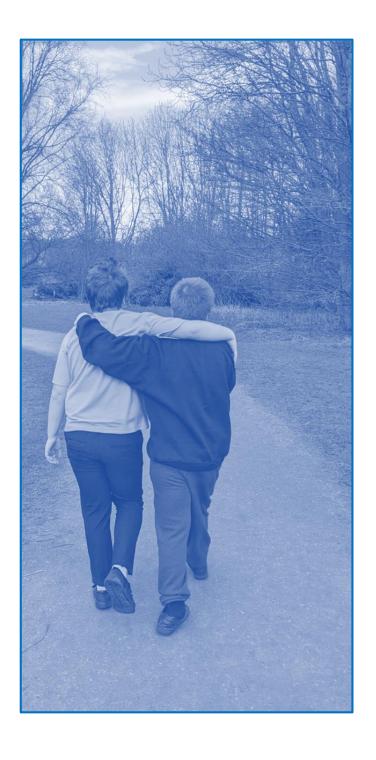














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As we move towards the end of the spring term, I would like to thank you all for your outstanding efforts in becoming home teachers again in January and February, something I am sure you, just as we, do not want to have to repeat ever again! It has been wonderful being able to pick up the reigns from you again and having all our students back in college. Attendance has been excellent and there has been a lovely buzz across the post 16 provision, with students enjoying getting back into their learning routines and seeing their friends and staff. We wish you all a relaxing Easter break, you have all

deserved it! We look forward to seeing you all on the 19.4.21 upon our return to college. Wishing you all a very Hoppy Easter ★ stay safe. > Julliet and the staff team in Post 16

Employability & Careers

Career related learning and employability are terms that are used consistently in education but what do these teams actually mean in the Wargrave setting? At Wargrave careers learning and employability centres on working with our partners to enable our learners to understand themselves, obtain information, explore opportunities and develop the skills they need to manage their own development and make life choices and decisions about their future. Student destinations range from supported living options, internships to full-time jobs or Higher Education. These life choices benefit their own mental health and wellbeing and contribute to the wellbeing of others. There are 8 Gatsby Benchmarks that form a framework of guidelines defining the best careers and employability provision in schools and colleges. We have adopted these to give our learners the best possible start in life and equip them with the necessary life skills for life after Wargrave.

The 8 Benchmarks are:

(1)	a stable careers programme	(5)	encounters with employers and employee
2	learning from career and labour market information	6	experiences of workplaces
3	addressing the needs of each learner	(7)	encounters with further and higher education
4	linking curriculum learning to careers	8	personal guidance

In school all learners have an Employability Passport which records their aspirations and goals, achievements and activities whilst recognising their personal employability skills and abilities. Differentiated stickers recognise individual achievement and keep the learning live across the whole curriculum.

EmployAbility

Building Employment Skills for Tomorrow (BEST)















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A personal vocational profile takes the place of this passport in Post 16, as students focus more on action planning and breaking down the barriers to future positive outcomes that include employment. Covid has curtailed many of our face to face encounters with employers/employees and placed necessary restrictions on work placements. However, we have still managed to work safely with our community partners including Enovert/Mersey Forest, the Mercure Hotel and Earlestown Cricket Club.



We have also continued to develop our careers programme across school and Post 16. Despite the pandemic, we have provided meaningful experiences for all of our Post 16 students. LS2 have even started their very own Grand Designs renovation of the Lakeside Garden!

This commitment by Post 16 staff and students has been recognised by the department being shortlisted for this year's Natspec 'Pathways into Employment Award'. The judges looked for evidence that students' aspirations, interests and skills are core to the development of their pathways and we are just awaiting the results. We are hopeful that outdoor work placements (following strict Covid protocol) will be available for years 10 and 11 this summer. Hopefully sometime next year it will be safe enough to reinstate our full range of indoor partnership placements.









Teams/Zoom has played an important part in bringing the workplace into the classroom (e.g. supported internships, music venues, film studios, game developers, a supercar engineer) and we see this as a starting point for group discussion to inspire our learners to move on to realistic destinations whilst maintaining their individual interests, enthusiasm and motivation. We would like to continue to utilise Teams/Zoom to strengthen our students' knowledge of the world of work through bespoke virtual meetings with our Wargrave parents/carers/friends in their workplace. If you would like to take 30 minutes to support this project or discuss anything else relating to employability/careers then please contact Steve Hogarth (Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance Lead Teacher) via school telephone or by email: stephenhogarth@wargravehouse.com

Post-16 need your help

Post-16 students are developing the grounds of Earlestown Cricket Club as part of our Better Work Together project. As you can see from the photos we have a lot of work to do. We are planning a sensory and wildflower garden, and to build raised beds for fruit and veg which we will be donating towards the food bank that is run from the Cricket Club. This is where we need your help. We are asking for any donations of any garden items that might be lurking in your shed, garage or that forgotten corner of the garden where unwanted ,unloved and forgotten items lurk. If you can help please contact us at LEAP. One person's junk is another's treasure!













Young Citizen Award

Warrington student nominated for national Young Citizen Awards! Rotary Newtonle-Willows has put forward five inspirational local young people for Rotary's national Young Citizen Awards. One of our Post 16 students Khovan is amongst the short listed young people. Rotarian Chantelle Seaborn said, "We were overwhelmed by the response to our call to hear about local young heroes. The stories we heard about the remarkable resilience of local youngsters amazed us, particularly given the challenging year we've all endure". Khovan has been shortlisted for all his work to support others. Despite shielding at times, he has supported his peers and accepted new challenges. Among other activities produced his own short fitness video to help staff and peers maintain their fitness during



lockdown, recognising the limitations and motivators specifically for his class team. Geoff Shaw, President of Rotary Newton-le-Willows, said, "We are delighted to recognize all these young people for their incredible support for others in a difficult year. "They are a credit to our local community and are truly young people of action!"



We are delighted to inform you that our entry for the following Natspec Award has been shortlisted:

Award: Pathways into employment

Project Title: Post 16 Provision supporting student aspirations and goals whilst embarking on to Pathways into Employment.

Natspec had almost 50 entries for the awards and the overall the standard was very high. **Pathways into employment:** Hive College LEAP College, St John's.

Residential

Dates to remember

We are super EGG-cited to host a "cracking" Easter Holiday Club!! Oh what fun we have planned under the umbrella of "growth and development", from adventures to discover wildlife and local beauty spots to crazy art and inflatable outdoor activities – we can't wait to share the experiences with you!

Did you know that we offer Saturday and Holiday Clubs?

Please contact Chris Powell – Senior Care Manager for further information.

Dates to remember

Meet Mandy, Residential Learning Support Assistant

How long have you worked at Wargrave House School and College?

It'll be 17 and a half years now!! I was the deputy cook in charge when I first came here!

What do you like about working here?

I enjoyed working in the kitchen for 8 years. I used to cook the teas for residential students and staff, and I loved the way the staff and students got on and had lots of fun, so I decided that I would love to work with the residential team and students!

What is your best memory of working here? I enjoyed when we had a team building day in Liverpool with ALL Wargrave House Staff.

What did you do before you came to Wargrave?

I have always been a cook.

If you were trapped on a desert island, what 3 things would you take with you and why?

All of my family because they are my world! My fur-boy Alfie and my photographs of my mum and dad.

Who is your hero and why?

My mum and my dad, just because.

Thanks Mandy!!

Student voice

Sancha said Mandy is a good friend and would like a paddling pool in the garden at LEAP!!!

What have we been up to?

We have had lots of fun baking, relaxing in the garden in the sunshine, visiting the local fairy forest and getting back into the routine of residential.

Greg and Sancha took a special delivery on Tuesday evening of Easter Eggs, donated to the residential department from a local business! Thank you!

LEAP & Lakeside

LEAP students held a candle and took part in a minute silences in memory of the year of the pandemic, recognising loss, value of life and an aspirational future.



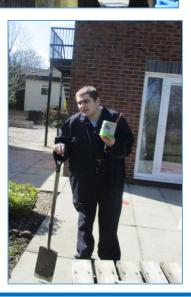


LS2 in the garden

LS2 have been making the most of the good weather by working in the Lakeside garden. They have cleaned and rubbed down the wooden structures ready for painting, painted the wishing well and benches. They have hung some new bird boxes and made a bug house. Students about have been learning importance of making homes for bugs and solitary bees as it helps to increase the pollination of plants. For the Spring Fayre they have continued this theme by recycling plastic bottles and old wooden pallets to make bug and bird feeders.







Information

Easter Extravaganza

Post 16 have had a fantastic morning hosting their Easter extravaganza fayre! they have created lots of Easter treats and homemade gifts!!! Fun was had by all Happy Easter from Post 16! We have raised so far £466.64 to go back into post 16 cafe and events. We would like to thank all staff and students for organising a lovely event!! A big thank you to Jonny Knowles, parents and everyone who donated prizes for our Raffle.













We hope you have a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all again in a couple of weeks.