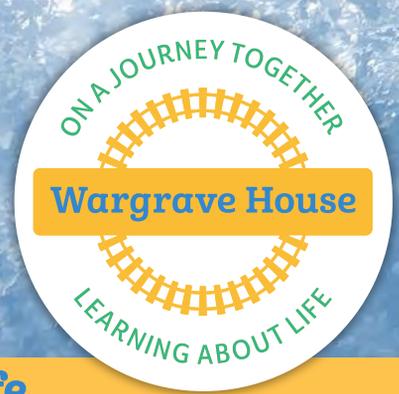


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Jeans for Genes



The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic disorder and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. Most importantly, the campaign:

- brings together the genetic disorder community in order to make a loud noise about the issues that matter to them
- shines a light on the organisations that work tirelessly to improve the lives of affected individuals
- celebrates the achievements of those living with a genetic disorder.

Last Friday, we managed to raise **£100** and we would like to thank everyone who took part in the event.

Assemblies

Now that social distancing rules have been relaxed, learners are glad to be back in assemblies on Friday afternoons. We reflect on our Wargrave Values and celebrate any successes towards these.

Creativity



Confidence



Resilience



Respect



Kindness



In our first assembly, **Jacob** was presented with a Kindness award for writing a welcome card to his new classmate. The following week, **Jack's** kindness was recognised as he encouraged his classmate to take part in a game. We look forward to celebrating any of our learners demonstrating the Wargrave Values.



If your son/daughter shows a Wargrave Value at home, we'd love to hear about it and celebrate this too! Let me know!

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Therapy Information

The Therapy team have introduced a morning regulation session in the gym. Each day there is a different activity that students can come and join in with.

- Monday: exercise circuits
- Tuesday: yoga
- Wednesday: music
- Thursday: dance
- Friday: mindfulness

Both staff and students have been enjoying the different activities and learning some new skills along the way.



RISE2

RISE2 worked hard to clean the horse's stables and were all very calm and professional when riding and leading the horses around the arena.



Therapy Dog

Nico is enjoying being back at school and college after the holidays. He is nearly 6 months old now and has grown so much!

Nico has now started his Bronze Level therapy dog training with KRRs Training and is enjoying learning new things and building on his skills – for lots of treats of course!



Staff Update



Hi, my name is Leanne Dickson and I am the current RISE1 teacher. I have been a teacher for four years. I live at home with my husband, three children, my dog Nala and my cat Jewel. In my spare time you will find me huddled in the corner of a book shop or out with my family on a lake kayaking. I love going to watch Everton FC, although my husband supports Liverpool! I am passionate about providing the children I teach with opportunities to develop their independence, resilience, and passion for learning.

BASE4

Congratulations go to Jack Garth who has received a Blue Peter badge for designing a family crest.

Jack used the Blue Peter boat as the template and used colours of the rainbow to make a family badge. Jack said, "I am very excited to receive this badge I feel proud of myself."



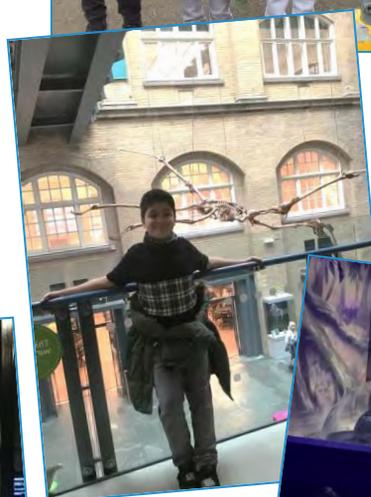
Outdoor Learning

RISE1 are working brilliantly towards the bronze level of **The Green Tree Award from The Woodland Trust**. After 'washing and squashing' recyclable items the previous week, the group worked hard as ground maintenance staff and visited the recycling bins at school to recycle their items. Great work RISE1! We'll soon achieve Bronze level!



BASE5 Travel Training

BASE5 students took part in some travel training this week. They travelled by train from Earlestown to visit Liverpool World Museum.



Engage

This week Engage have been learning in the community whilst shopping at Tesco. Learners worked on just buying items on their list, (however tempting other favoured items may be), waiting in a queue and exchanging money at the till.



RISE1

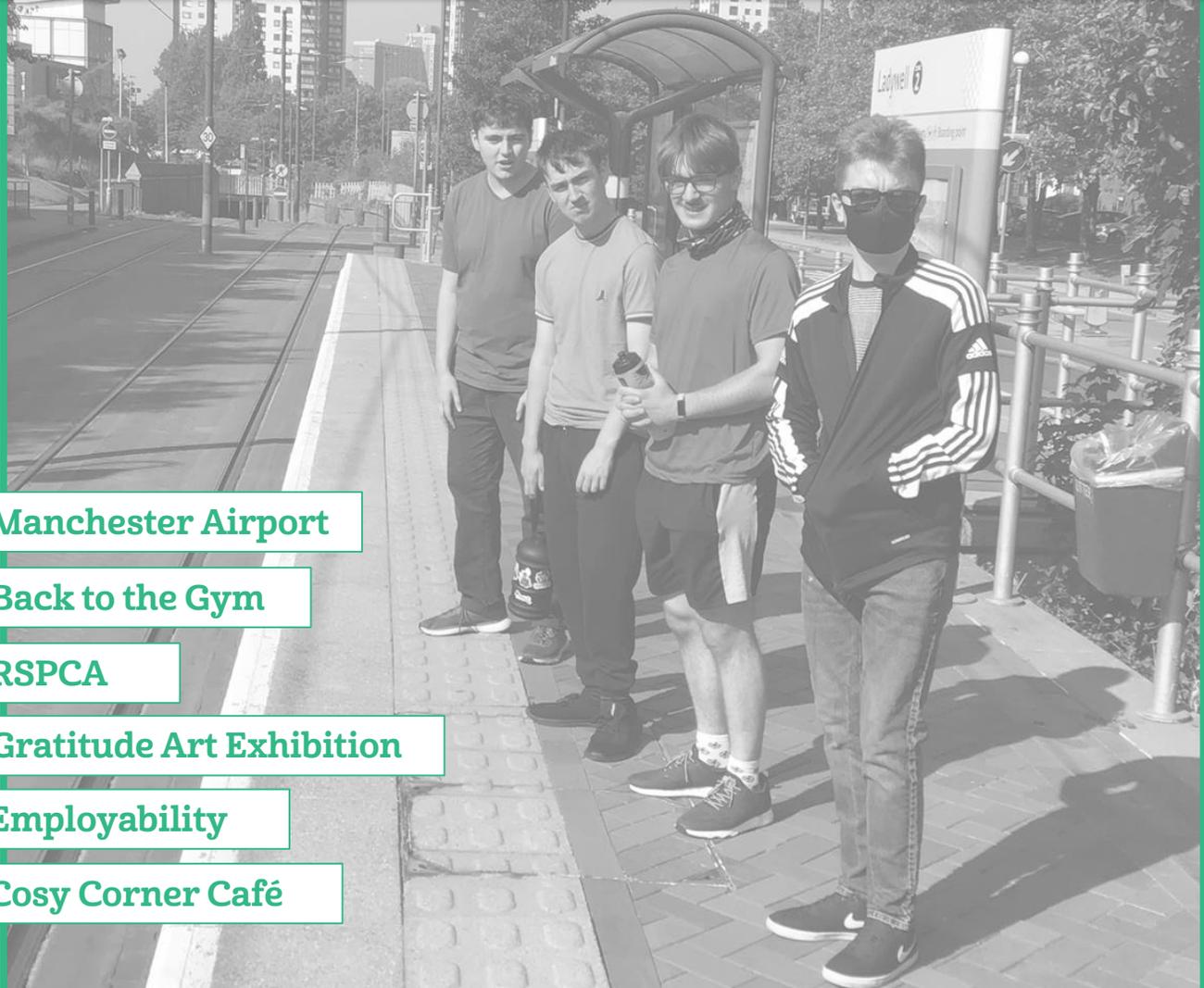
In RISE1 we introduced our new hamster. We went to Aldi for our weekly class shop and Henry helped a member of the public with their shopping in outdoor learning we have learnt about looking high and low. Kieran loved the binoculars. We did some baking (scones and cupcakes) for the cosy corner cafe Macmillan coffee morning, Kieran got carried away with the flour. We went to the community centre for snack and had fun time outside.



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Dear students, parents and carers

It has been a very busy return to Post-16 with some incredible achievements already being demonstrated:

LEAP3 students have been helping prepare our new off site classroom alongside Scott, the Enover site ranger at Lyme and Wood Country Park. **Nicky**, one of our Supported Interns, has been getting to know the team at the RSPCA and working alongside them to develop his employability skills, supported by Dan our Job Coach. **Khovan** is building his sports leadership skills by acting as a trainer for the MMA sessions, **Courtney** has started working at a local children's nursery as part of her career aspiration and to enhance her Access to HE Level 3 Education qualification. Tony Costello from Galliford Try the national building company is working with us to identify work placements for a range of our young people, as well as arrange some incredible team building days with Speedy Hire and other construction companies. The Cosy Corner Café Team are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning for school and Post 16 staff and students on 24.9.21 and the Post 16 students are taking part in the 26 miles in 26 days fund raiser, so please do sponsor them and encourage their participation in this worthwhile cause. I look forward to sharing our future successes with you in the coming weeks and months. **Best wishes from Julliet and the Post 16 team.**



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Staff and students from school and Post 16 enjoyed a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan. Thanks to all those who donated cakes and supported the event. Post 16 also enjoyed a game of bingo – held by our resident bingo caller Yanick. The atmosphere was fantastic and enjoyed by all. Donations are still coming in so we'll let you know soon the full amount raised for this worthy cause. **THANK YOU!**

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CANCER SUPPORT



LEAP3 Independent Living

The students all went to Tesco to buy the ingredients to make their own lunch, each student had a shopping list and paid for their items independently.

The students worked together to prepare the meal. One student peeled the potatoes whilst another cooked the chicken and another cooked the sweetcorn and another cooked the peas putting it together to make a Hunters Chicken and Chips with Peas and sweetcorn meal.

The students then cleaned all the dishes and the area before sitting down to eat their meal together.



LEAP3 Independent Living

LEAP1 went out and about today in Liverpool. The students continued with their travel training and a visit to the world museum where they followed an eye spy.



Cricket Club Garden Project

LEAP students continue to work hard at the cricket club garden project. Using different tools safely and working together to build different raised beds!



Careers & Employability

Wargrave House needs to demonstrate that we are meeting all 8 different Gatsby Benchmarks (GB) which provides a framework of guidance that defines the best careers provision in secondary school/Post 16 education.

We are currently trying to find regular work placements for our students from years 10 onwards. This can be done through site visits, work shadowing and/or independent work experience which dovetails with the individual learner pathway and their skills and aspirations. We are fortunate to have the backing of the Holiday Inn (Wigan), Mercure Hotel (Haydock), Enover, Galliford Try, Newton Community Centre, Earlestown Cricket Club, Greenslate Community Farm and the Mersey Forest as well as our own Cosy Corner Café, to name a few. These all provide regular placements for our students to explore different occupational areas. This year we have extended our opportunities to include work with the RSPCA, dog grooming, an on-site car valeting service as well as local community cafes and local art projects.

Galliford Try (a construction company) will be providing at least two placements for our students as well as supporting on the job training with some basic construction skills at our Enover site. We have set up a student media group with Galliford who have donated a Go Pro so that the students can record the community project that we are involved in. Back on site we now have a student maintenance support team that will professionally undertake jobs which are allocated by the Estates Department.



LEAP3 students have an overview of what is involved with drilling holes to make a fence, after Scott stops work. Students will have opportunities to complete basic construction work with full PPE at a later date.

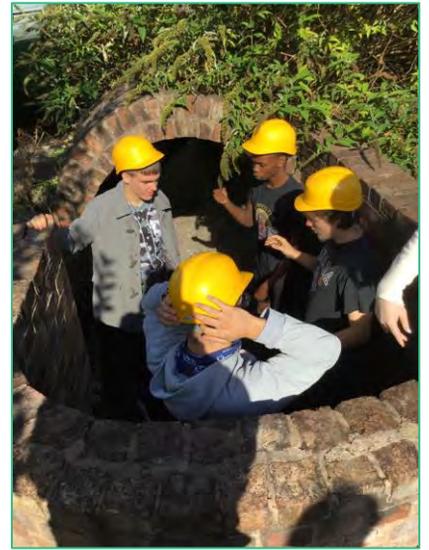
Steve Hogarth - CEIAG Lead

Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance



Lakeside

LS1 and LS2 went on a tour of St Helens World of Glass as part of their community day. They learned about the different roles in the company and about the history of glass making. They visited the tunnels to learn about how glass used to be made and then found out how the production has changed with the addition of machinery. They also put their road safety skills in to practise whilst they walked to a local restaurant for lunch.



LS1 and LS2 have been focussing on their fitness at Try Fitness. After climbing the four flights of stairs to the gym they were suitably warmed up for their individual fitness programmes which included exercise equipment such as the rowing machine, kettle bells, punch bag and tractor tyre.



LS1 and LS2 visited the Atkinson museum and art gallery in Southport. They were really interested in the different art exhibitions there and enjoyed exploring all the different materials used to create them.



Manchester Airport

Today LEAP1 & 2 visited the Runway Visitors Centre In Manchester. Students had the chance to watch planes taking off and land. They had the opportunity to have a real-life plane experience on a grounded Monarch where they had the chance to sit in the cockpit and dress up as some of the airport employees. They were all very excited to sit on a grounded Concorde! Fun was had by all!



LS3 are happy to be back at college and are getting out and about.

LS3



RSPCA

Nicky has had another successful week on his Supported Internship at the RSPCA. He has continued to work with Mark on maintenance jobs around the site and he did an excellent job deep cleaning the dog grooming and enrichment rooms at the centre. Well done Nicky!



LEAP3: SeaLife Centre

LEAP3 visited the Sea Life centre in the Trafford Centre. The students really enjoyed all the brightly coloured fish and lights. They then went to the pub for lunch afterwards and all independently chose their lunches and paid for it.

