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In RISE1 we have been making 2D and 3D shapes using pasta and marshmallows. We have also done some baking and went for a walk to the park. Kieran has also been enjoying our variety of dressing up costumes.



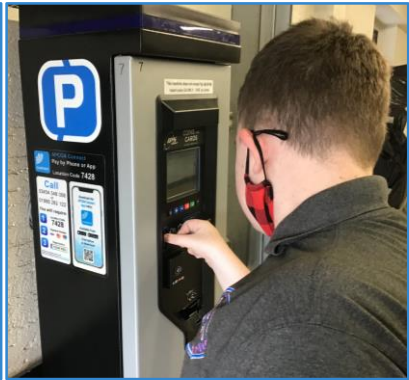
BASE2

BASE2 Learners have also begun learning about measurement. They chose objects around the classroom and used rulers to measure length in centimetres.



BASE5

Jamie has been busy on and off site recently. He has visited the post office to pay in our Jeans for Genes donation, been to a chemist to find out how to get a prescription, made a booking and went for a hair cut, put on a load of washing and very kindly offered to make refreshments for staff. Thanks Jamie for all your hard work.



Outdoor Learning

RISE1 have been busy continuing to earn points for the Green Tree Schools Award. They have explored natural resources, made leaf pictures and decorated trees. Well done RISE1!



BASE5

BASE5 students enjoyed their community day at Knowsley Safari Park. Students went on the safari drive, then participated in a safari walk and watched the sea lion show.



RISE2

On Friday RISE2 enjoyed visiting the riding stables for Equine Therapy. This included grooming the horses, riding the horses, helping staff to collect the hay and mucking out!



BASE2

BASE2 have visited a lot of cafes recently. Don't worry we have worked it off during our PE sessions doing rugby.



Engage

The Engage students have been to the sensory hub where they explored all

their different senses. The Engage students have been working on their turn taking skills with their friends. They have also been getting lots of exercise during P.E exploring and expanding our fitness circuit. We have also had sensory stories and exploring our senses and have been really engaged during our attention autism sessions.

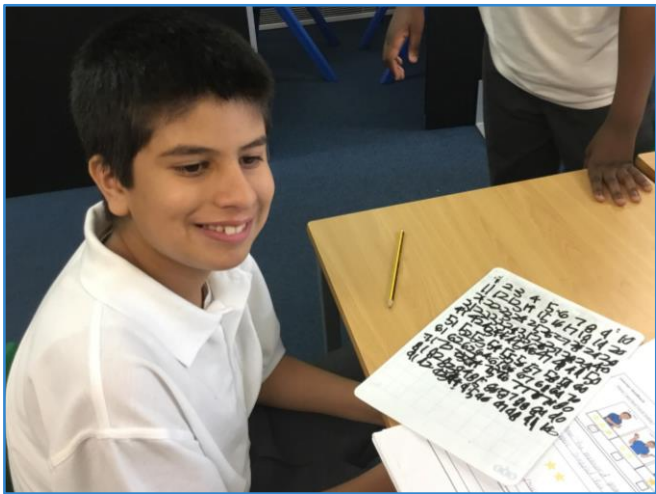


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BASE1 have been working hard on EHCP targets, including Ianis practicing different emotions and Alex zipping up his coat!



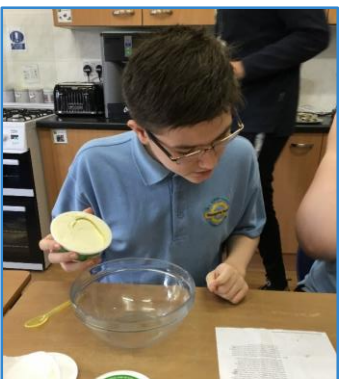
We have also been learning numbers to 100, shown here by El-Jay and Omar. Omar even wrote all his numbers without needing prompts!



BASE1 have loved their weekly OT sessions with Karen and Laura-everyone has joined in and loved listening to the stories while doing the activities!

BASE4

BASE4 continue to build on their interpersonal and communication skills by engaging in a variety of practical learning activities. Here we can see Jack and Alexis working together as they collect litter as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Alex grated a lemon whilst Christopher checked the quantity of cheese we needed for a cheesecake recipe in Independent Living Skills. Daisy, meanwhile, demonstrated her knowledge of non verbal cues by showing Miss Pennycook the gesture for “come here”. Finally, we had to say a very sad “goodbye” to our TSA Georgia Meadows who has left the Wargrave family to begin a new chapter in her teaching career.



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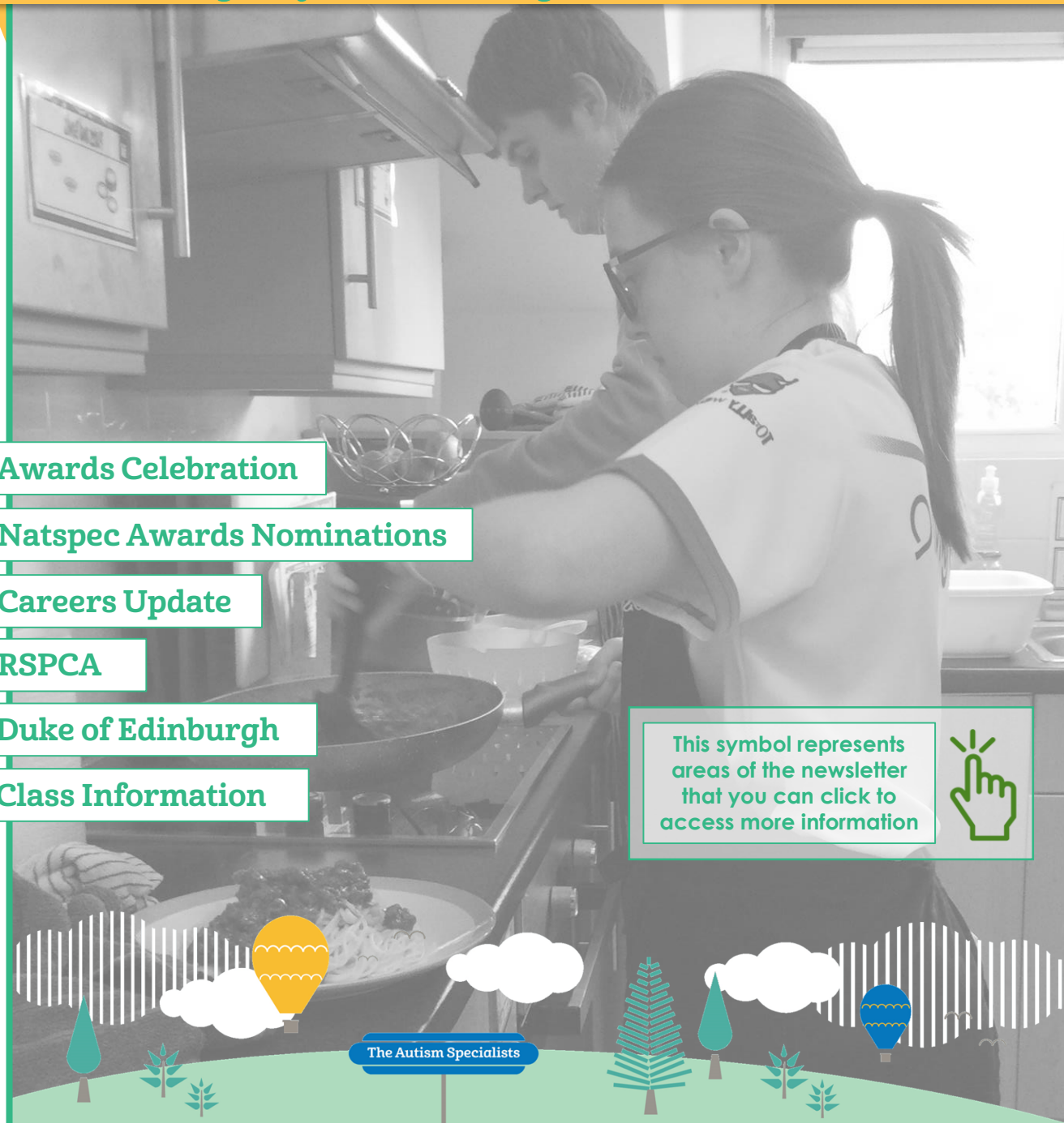
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Dear students, parents and carers

Welcome to this issue of the Post 16 newsletter. I am pleased to announce that our Macmillan coffee morning was a huge success with staff and students raising **£227.00** for this very worthy cause. A huge thanks to all those who sent in cakes for the day and money to donate. I am so very proud to share in this newsletter the wonderful celebration event we hosted in Post 16 on 7.10.21 which was an opportunity for all our students to share their wonderful, accredited learning achievements and Duke of Edinburgh success with The Mayor of St Helens, Cllr Susan Murphy, Cllr Jeanie Bell and our Lead governor Phil Round. A cream tea lunch was served by the Cosy Corner Cafe team after the presentations, please see Facebook for more details. Another wonderful piece of news which we will share on Facebook is the shortlisting of three key awards for Educate magazine in the following categories: Most Inspirational 16 - 18 Educational Provider, Community Partnership and Support Star of the Year (Tara Thomas). The winning provisions will be announced on the 19.11.21, so fingers crossed. We hope you enjoy reading our articles and sharing in our news stories



Juliet and the Post 16 Team

Educate Awards Shortlisting



Community Partnership Award

- Maricourt Catholic High School, Sefton
- **Wargrave House School & College, Newton-le-Willows**
- The Hollins, Accrington
- St Bede's Catholic High School, Ormskirk

Most Inspirational 16-18 Education Provider

- **Wargrave House School & College, Newton-le-Willows**
- Myerscough College, Preston
- Fast Track to Apprenticeships Programme – St Helens Chamber, St Helens

School Support Star of the Year

- **Wargrave House School & College, Newton-le-Willows – Tara Thomas**
- Plantation Primary School, Knowsley – Damon Murphy
- Stockport Academy, Stockport – Don Farquar
- St Julie's High School, Liverpool – Mike Anderson

Awards Celebrations



Post-16 staff and students celebrated their Open Awards, City and Guilds and Duke of Edinburgh awards yesterday. We were very pleased to welcome The Worshipful, The Mayor, Councillor Susan Murphy, Councillor Jeannie Bell and our Post 16 Lead Governor Phil Round to present awards to our students.

We were also pleased to be in a position to host this event to celebrate the outstanding commitment, resilience and success of the amazing young people across Post 16 here at Wargrave House School, College & LEAP.

Over the past 18 months the students and staff have worked tirelessly to achieve across all aspects of our curriculum from accredited learning, enrichment opportunities and our Preparation for Adulthood pathways.

We are beyond proud to work with these phenomenal young people who face a range of challenges across their day, which have been undoubtedly impacted more due to the pandemic. To have achieved at the level that these young people have is difficult for me to put into words. Daily we see examples of our young adults facing challenges around individual sensory needs, communication needs, and the ability to cope with all the expectations that life throws at them. Post 16 has been truly a shining light over the past 18 months and this has been acknowledged by our:

- **Natspec 2020 Partnership Working Award,**
- **Natspec 2021 Pathways into Employment Award,**
- **Educate 2021 Most Inspirational 16 – 18 Educational provision Award**
- **Educate 2021 runner up, Community Working Award.**

These accomplishments are testament to the dedication of students and staff across Post 16.

Awards Celebrations

To be able to share the successes of our young people with our esteemed guests was a pleasure and a delight as it is so important to me and to the staff here that our local and wider communities are inclusive, welcoming and a safe place for all of us to live and work together.



We shared a short presentation about some of the work the students have completed to demonstrate how they achieved their award successes. And this was followed by Lead staff giving a short presentation about the curriculum area they lead on.

I would very much like to thank Madam Mayor Cllr Susan Murphy for presenting the City and Guilds Awards, Cllr Jeannie Bell for presenting the Duke of Edinburgh awards and our Post 16 Lead Governor Phil Round for presenting the SFLE (Employability) Awards.

This was a hugely enjoyable event and the Cosy Corner Café team put on a splendid cream tea lunch, their hospitality skills being applauded by our guests, staff and fellow students.

Watch this space for further events that we look forward to inviting a wider guest list too as we slowly move in to our post-Covid lives.

Take a look at our awards photos at the end of this newsletter. **Juliet.**



Juliet and Steve will be visiting TecQuipment next month to further develop our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) activities. STEM

education emphasises collaboration, communication, research, problem solving, critical thinking and creativity Skills, which students need to be successful in today's world- regardless of their specific interests or career goals. TecQuipment is a company committed to developing products for the practical teaching of engineering principles across the world. We will be running bespoke familiarisation visits and potential placements for students (ages 14-25), with a view to them learning more about engineering through direct contact with employers and employees.



TECQUIPMENT



Our first 'Business Breakfast' takes place next week with Tony Costello from Galliford Try who is one of our new Governors. Over breakfast, the Post 16 student social media group will plan how they

intend to publicise the future STEM activities and work placements that Tony has kindly put in place for the school and Post 16.



Lakeside and LEAP students have been regularly attending the Enovert site this term. LS1 and 2 have been looking at how best to landscape the area next to our new teaching facility to incorporate a sensory garden, raised vegetable and flower beds, a workshop, pergola and wildlife garden. Other classes will be adding their own ideas and plans and ideas.

I will keep you updated on all of the exciting events coming up over the next few weeks.

Steve Hogarth - CEIAG Lead



Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance



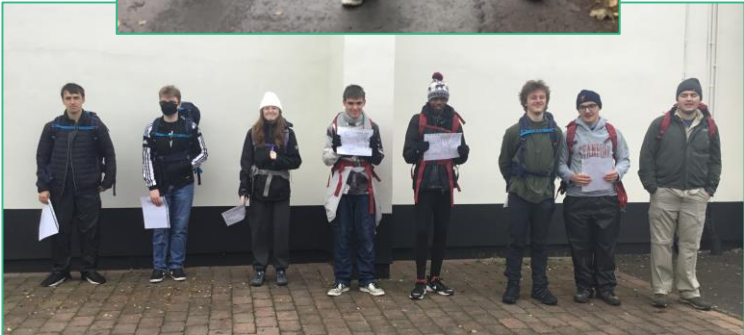
RSPCA

Nicky has been working hard over the last two weeks on his **Supported Internship at the RSPCA**. He has been supporting Mark with different maintenance jobs around the site using new tools and equipment. Nicky particularly enjoyed using the petrol lawn mower and did an excellent job cutting all the grass.



Duke of Edinburgh

On Tuesday our FE students completed their required **Duke of Edinburgh practice sessions in preparation for their Qualifying Award next week**. All students successfully completed the sessions walking 9.8 kilometres in less-than-ideal weather conditions. Everyone remained totally motivated and high spirits! Well done everyone - onwards and upwards!

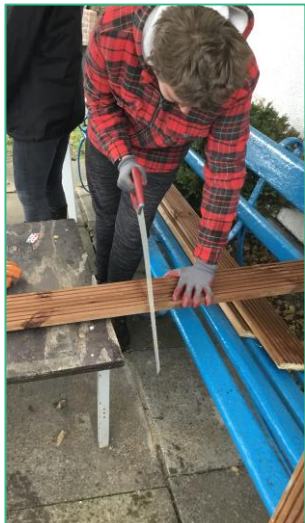


LEAP 1 & 2

LEAP1 and 2 enjoyed a visit to Warrington Police museum, students got the chance to see real life cells, sit in a police car and to try on police uniforms. The tour guides where very informative and gave students the history and their own experiences on the force!



Earlestown Cricket Club garden project continues - LEAP students worked extremely hard together today to finish off our raised beds in preparation for the soil delivery next week!



Greg has been learning how to make bread. He was not very keen on touching the sticky dough, but rather than refuse to touch it he asked to wear gloves. The class enjoyed the bread rolls for lunch. Greg also worked out at the gym. Rhys enjoyed making playdough and cleaning up in the kitchen afterwards. Dylan enjoyed doing jigsaws.



LEAP students completed work for accredited City & Guilds units. The practical maths lesson was to compare weights using scales and estimations. Students used different terms for capacity full and empty.



Awards Photo Gallery



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