

# Wargrave News



## Celebrating 50 years Learning About Life



Find out which of our values have been met this week



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## Dear parents and carers,

### CEO UPDATE

Robin Bush

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I wish the best weekend possible,

**Robin**



## Dear parents and carers,

### HEADLINES

Stuart Jamieson

**Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our remote parents progress evening last week.** In spite of meeting remotely, our teaching staff immensely valued sharing progress with you all. For those of you who were unable to attend we will prove a further opportunity for liaison.

We were really pleased with our learners who created stunning work throughout anti bullying week including kindness posters and tips to support their peers. The value this work has upon prompting such awareness raising and leadership continues to be effectively linked to our key character values. We will be in touch regarding a series of end of term activities which include Engage and all school classes attending the pantomime Jack and the Bean Stalk at Theatre Royal St Helens.

Christmas lunch will be offered on 8th or 9th of December with Christmas jumper day taking place on Friday 10th December. College students are also busy preparing for a Christmas market and special Santa Cosy Corner Café Event. Just by way of reminder the last day of our Autumn term is Tuesday 21st of December. We will close for the Christmas holidays at 2pm, ready for our return on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Have great weekend,

**Stuart**



# Children in Need

Thank you to all the students and staff for supporting my cake sale for Children in Need. I sold all my cakes and raised £41.  
**Thank you from Peter and all BASE5 staff.**



# Online Safety

With the Christmas holidays fast approaching now more than ever online safety is important as many children and teenagers get new devices with access to online platforms with little understanding of the risks and how to make themselves safe. This obligation falls to the parents / carers. Kidscape offer workshops for parents and professionals on online safety and cyber bullying. If you are interested in finding out more, visit the kidscape website or if interested in attending the workshop please email [programmes@kidscape.org.uk](mailto:programmes@kidscape.org.uk) - The next available webinar workshops are:

- Tuesday 7th December | 10.00 am - 11.30 am
- Tuesday 25th January | 10.00 am - 11.30 am
- Monday 14th March | 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm



Click [this link](#) to find out more from Kidscape



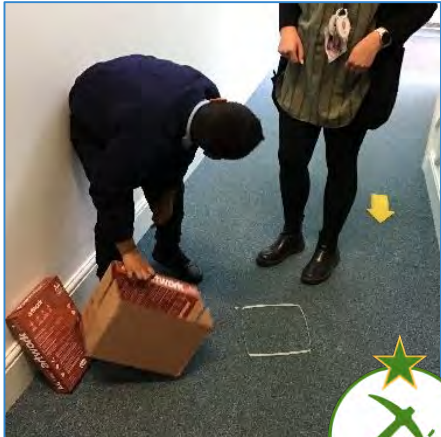
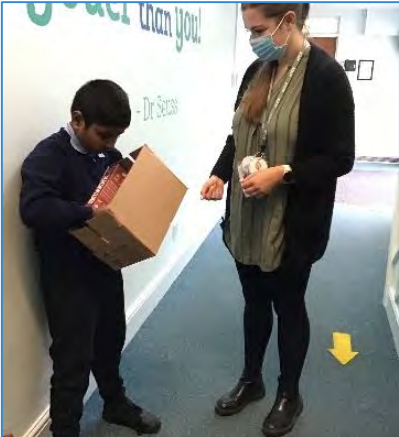
# Anti-Bullying Week

Learners across school took part in Anti-Bullying Week last week. Some wore odd socks to celebrate difference and were asked to write down positive things about their classmates and about themselves.



# Engage

**Engage have had a busy two weeks, learning in the community and school.** Will and Nethusha worked on Independent Living Skills, cleaning windows and delivering paper around school. Sonia played a turn taking game, using her iPad to make requests. Staff and students' attention was grabbed by Glenda's foaming worms.



# BASE5

**John voluntarily brought items from home to take to the food bank.** He had remembered our conversation about the community centre now being a drop off point for food items. Beyond impressed and proud of him for thinking of others. Well done, John. The community centre were very grateful.





# RISE2: Outdoor Learning

RISE2 have been continuing to focus on the bronze level of the Green Tree Schools Award during Outdoor Learning. Two of the tasks have been celebrating and decorating trees and being introduced to William Shakespeare's play

'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. RISE2 loved making clay faces on their own chosen tree and explored the fairy characters from the play. RISE2 then made fairy houses using natural resources. The group have shown amazing resilience, creativity and respect for the natural environment.

Great work RISE2! Oh and we also love drinking hot chocolate in the woods.





# RISE1

**In RISE1, we have been reading 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Gruffalo's Child'. On Thursday, we went for a trip to Delamere Forest to follow The Gruffalo Trail.** When we got to the end we were very surprised to see that The Gruffalo was not there because he had gone on holiday! Luckily, we saw lots of his friends along the way. We had a picnic for our snack and listened to 'The Gruffalo's Child' story as we ate. We had a great morning at Delamere Forest. We liked playing in the leaves and seeing lots of Christmas lights being put up around the forest.



# RISE1

**BASE4 have enjoyed performing and learning gymnastic balance positions during PE this week.** We've also been busy baking shortbread, and decorating biscuits in preparation for Christopher's birthday party.





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## Dear students, parents and carers

I am delighted to share with you the fabulous news that Post 16/19 colleges at Wargrave House School and College have been recognised at the prestigious Educate Awards ceremony on 19.11.21 in a beautiful ceremony held at the Liverpool Cathedral (please see our Facebook page for photos). We won the 'Community Partnership Award' and were runners up for the 'Support Star' (Tara Thomas) and the 'Most inspirational 16-18 Educational Provision', to achieve such accolade against strong educational competition from across the north-west is phenomenal and this is all due to our incredible young adults who demonstrate resilience, determination and pride in all that they do, supported by an outstanding team of staff. **I am thrilled to share with you that the Lakeside band 'Electric Stars' are playing their part in the Earlestown Christmas Lights Switch on event on Sunday at 3:45 pm - 4:00pm** joining in with a day of festivity and fun that starts in Earlestown at 12 noon until 6:00pm. We would be very pleased to see as many of you there supporting our young stars as possible. In light of the Covid spikes locally and nationally I would like to request that any updates regarding first or second vaccinations or boosters for all the Post 16 and Post 19 students be emailed to me please. This is so we can risk assess all activities appropriately and ensure our records are up to date in the event of any Covid outbreaks: [julietdoherty@wargravehouse.com](mailto:julietdoherty@wargravehouse.com)



**Many thanks for your continued support, Julliet and the Post16 Team**

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# Musical

The Nordoff-Robbins musical that a number of our learners have been involved in will be premiering on Facebook on **9th December at 6pm.** Please feel free to tune in!





Nordoff Robbins  
presents

## The Beat Goes On

A New Musical From  
Nordoff Robbins

**Thursday 9th December - 6pm**

Join Alex, as she journeys to find  
the beat in a world full of music

Live on the Nordoff Robbins  
Facebook Page  
[www.facebook.com/NordoffRobbins](http://www.facebook.com/NordoffRobbins)

# Christmas Light switch-on

Head down to the Earlestown Christmas light switch on this Sunday 28th November and enjoy a fabulous line up of entertainment. We are proud to announce that at around 3.45pm our very own Post 16 student band, 'Electric Stars', will be performing on the main stage. **Hope to see you there!**



# Christmas

**LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2021**

EARLESTOWN CHRISTMAS  
LIGHTS SWITCH ON  
SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER  
12NOON - 6PM  
EARLESTOWN TOWN CENTRE

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## #EducateAwards

It is with the most incredible pride that I share with you the phenomenal success of our Post 16 and Post 19 education provisions at Wargrave House School & College at the prestigious Educate Magazine Awards ceremony on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at Liverpool Cathedral. Post 16/19 won the 'Community Partnership Award' and were runners up for the Support Star (Tara Thomas) and Most Inspirational 16-18 Educational Provision Awards. This is a remarkable achievement and all down to the incredible dedication of staff and unbeatable enthusiasm and determination from our students.

Our Lakeside Cosy Corner Café students supported the event preparation during the day, working alongside the Educate event team, all thanks to Kim O'Brien and Tara Thomas TSA, two of our young adults, Alicia and Yanick stayed on until 7:00 pm supported by Jackie McIlwaine TSA to greet guests at the Cathedral and run the cloakroom. This was the evening highlight for me and our staff to see our young people so confident and so resilient is the biggest win of the night!

Huge thanks to all our parents/carers and wider stakeholders who support Post 16/19 to be so outstanding in all that we do and to continue to give our incredible young people the most wonderful opportunities. **Juliet Doherty: Head of Post 16.**



**Rachel Newman**

**Business Development Manager,  
Open Awards:**

"To come runner-up for 'Most Inspirational 16-18 provision' is fantastic"

"Students were amazing at developing their life skills"

[Click here to read Rachel's comments in full](#)



**CHRISTMAS**  
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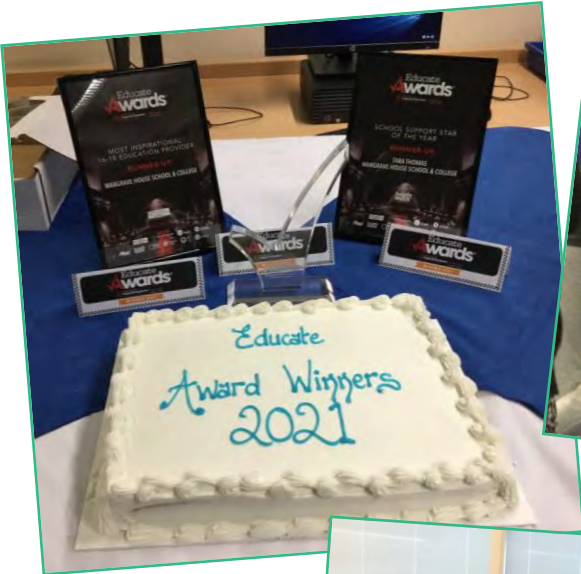
**Post 16 students are busy making Christmas items to sell at the College market on 10th December.** To pre order any items please return the order forms, these will then be available to collect from the market stalls.

Raffle tickets are on sale for the Christmas hamper at £1 each. Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas markets on the 10th Dec.



# Celebrations at Wargrave

Today, our celebrations continued over at LEAP college so that all our students could join in with the applause for our fantastic staff and young people who were nominated.





We are extremely grateful that Tony Costello (Galliford Try) has agreed to allow post 16 students to shadow him on their individual work placements and gain an overview of the running of this construction company. This is in addition to the Post 16 Social Media Group that is working in conjunction with Tony and underlines the commitment that Galliford and Wargrave have to community partnership working.

Post 16 have been working with the Mersey Forest Team to identify projects that they can complete as part of their work placements. LS1 and LS2 students are providing support for the management of Collier's Moss with our team leaders being Brandon (construction), Tarran (ecology) and Alicia (art/restoration). The students will be providing an important service to the local community who will be able to take ownership, as the Moss is restored to its prime.



Students survey the Moss and meet the St Helens team who are widening the paths in the Moss. Julliet and I are working with Dionne Knowles (Marketing Manager of Tequipment) to equip our students with real life understanding and the skills required for the engineering labour market. We travelled to Nottingham to brief Dionne and the management team of this multinational company which is involved in the manufacture of market leading engineering around the world. We are now working on the best way to raise the profile of our young

peoples' talents and ensure that their needs are met in colleges, universities, and the workplace.

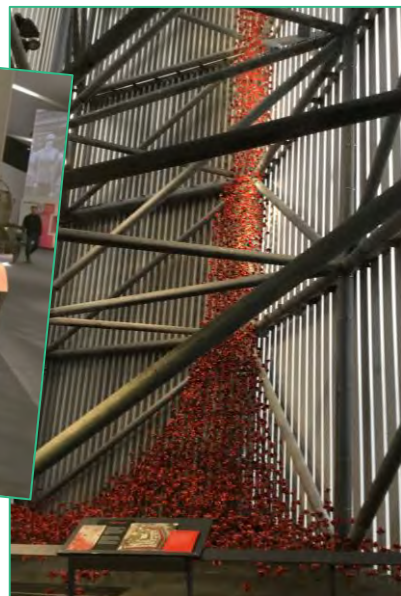
Steve Hogarth CEIAG Lead





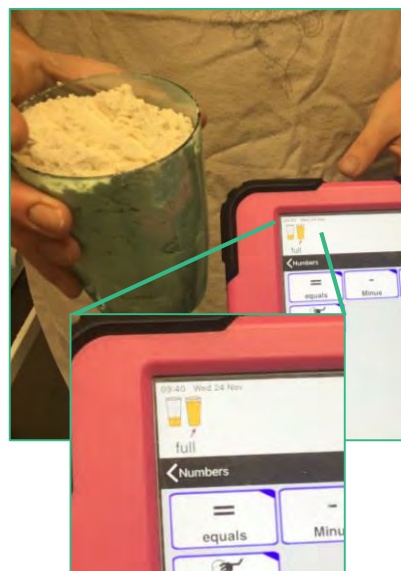
# LEAP1: Imperial War Museum

Following on from Remembrance Day, LEAP students visited the Imperial War Museum in Manchester to broaden their knowledge and understanding of conflicts across the world and how it affects people and generations to come. They saw exhibits from past and present wars and terrorist attacks. They really enjoyed seeing the spectacular poppy display which was made using poppies from the two touring elements - Poppies: Wave and Weeping window.



## Capacity

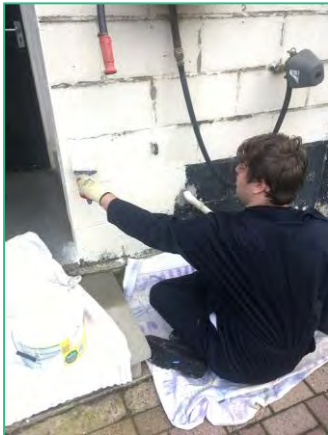
For Bens Functional Maths qualification he has been working on 'capacity'. Today he has made short bread biscuits. He has used the terms full, half, empty, less and more by measuring out the ingredients using a cup and then finding the words on his iPad. Ben followed a visual work system to promote his independence during this task.





# Supported Intern: RSPCA

Over the last two weeks, Nicky has been working hard on his Supported Internship at the RSPCA. He has continued to work with Mark on maintenance jobs around the site, he did a superb job painting the walls outside of the dog block and helped Kev to plant hedges that had been donated to the centre.



## LS3

We have had a busy week working on our independent living skills by doing some shopping at ALDI. We enjoyed a game of basketball together, worked on our academic subjects in class, and prepared meals (followed by cleaning up).





## Lakeside

**LS1 & LS2 have been working hard this week at Try Fitness.** Tony has been building their fitness levels up every week and the students all ways look forward to going each time. This week they were concentrating on their boxing skills. They are doing well at work working towards their RARPA Health and Fitness award.



**On Monday LS1 and LS2 visited the Manchester Christmas Markets.** The students used their travel training and community skills to navigate their way to and from choosing the quickest mode of transport, route and timetables. The experience was enjoyed by all Christmas is round the corner!

**LS1 & LS2 went to Pennington Flash this week to see globe-like installation by Luke Jerram.** The Floating Earth is a 10m diameter replica of planet Earth, projected with imagery taken directly from NASA and had been floating on Pennington Flash, giving the students a unique experience to view the Earth as though it has impossibly fallen from the sky.

