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The Autism Specialists



Main School

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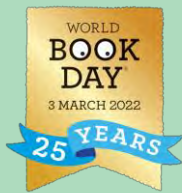
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Dear parents and carers

CEO UPDATE
ROBIN BUSH



I hope our newsletter finds you all safe and well.

We are delighted to be able to develop our strategy of 'living with COVID'. We will retain our ongoing risk assessments and management of C19 and encourage you to support us with twice weekly testing of our young people in the hope of minimising infections particularly for vulnerable young people and staff. With effect from next week we will be inviting visitors on site this will be a welcome return to enable us to collaborate with all our key partners and stakeholders who we have missed.

I was delighted on Friday morning to welcome all our guests to the official opening of Lyme & Wood Learning Hub on Vista Road. The St Helens Mayor, Cllr Sue Murphy, officially opened this new learning provision for our Post 16 students. This provision will enable our young people to develop their skills in horticulture, crafting and upcycling. I was particularly proud of Alicia Roberts, who presented the Mayor with a bespoke hand painted terracotta pot filled with hyacinths symbolising new growth. It was great to see a number of community partners including Lyme & Wood, Earlestown Cricket Club, Mecure Hotel, The Griffin pub. We were pleased to also host Kim O'Brien from Educate Magazine and Rachel Newman from Open Awards (Higher Education). Phil Round represented the Governing Body through his Post 16 and Careers Link.

My sincere thanks goes to Juliet Doherty, Head of Post 16, who ensured everything went according to plan. I would like to thank our students who provided warm hospitality onsite via Cosy Corner Café. Last but by no means least thanks to Chris Mooney for providing a musical theme to the morning highlighting his DJ skills.

Warm wishes for the week ahead, Robin.

I hope this edition of our newsletter finds you all well, looking forward to some improved weather and Spring time!

HEADLINES

STUART JAMIESON



I'd like to echo Robin's praise for the successful opening of our post-16 Learning Hub, based at Lyme & Wood. We look forward to our college students and young adults being able to use this facility for experiential activities.

Last week saw us celebrate World Book Day. Learners and staff dressed as their favourite characters and completed fun learning activities throughout the day. Take a look at our class pages for some fantastic pictures. I would like to thank in particular Joan Beddows and Sarah Wilson for organising a very vibrant and uplifting World Book Day. Both staff and students went to so much effort creating costumes of their favourite literary characters.

Although the next edition of our newsletter is Friday 15 March, please save the date for a Cosy Corner Café Coffee Morning on Friday 25 March 10.30am.

Wishing you the best week possible, Stuart.



Assemblies & Values

This week's focus was Creativity. All values were celebrated in assembly and the value for the week was awarded to **Alex Burkey** for his excellent keyboard playing skills.

Marcus completed another reading reward chart (another 10 books) and a 6-move routine in therapy. **Jacob** remained calm and sensible in challenging situations. **Alfie** shared his Ed Sheeran guitar with Alex B. **Caprice** was resilient during a challenging week.

Louis helped a friend with a problem he was having. **Alex** made Miss G a drink because she was in the blue zone to make her feel better. **Justin** rolled a ball for a friend.

Archie, Timothy, Lucas, Reuben & Oliver made progress to try new foods in PSHE. **Archie** has demonstrated more understanding of multiplication using sets. **Timothy** and Lucas have been keen readers this week.

Bethany independently completed work in Geography.

Daisy independently researched the names of irregular 2D shapes as part of Maths: Number.

Safeguarding Update

There are easy to read versions of Wargrave House policies on the school website.

If any parent/carers is concerned about their young person having anxieties or worries regarding the world news situation with Ukraine and Russia if you contact the class teacher, they will be able to provide resources to help support the young person.

BASE5 Classroom Upgrade

Work has recently been completed on BASE5's new classroom. The former bedrooms-turned-MySpace rooms have been combined to make one large open-planned classroom, equipped with several PC's. Their former class base will now be refurbished to make more learning space for the group.



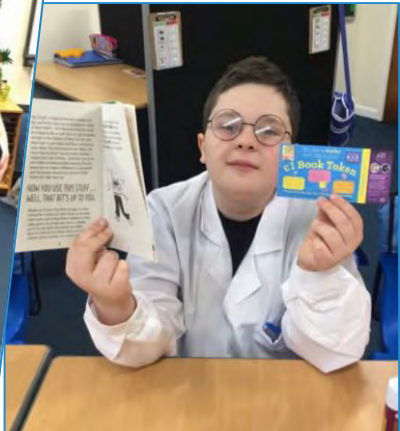
World Book Day 2022

Friday was World Book Day, a day designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, marked in over 100 countries around the globe. We share its ambition to celebrate stories and promote a love of reading. This year our theme was 'The World of Work' with our range of Chocolate themed activities all based on the idea from Roald Dahl's Charlie & the Chocolate Factory. Across the day we encouraged communication, interaction and flexibility of thought through promoted engagement themed on a working factory. This will included enrolling ready for work, following health and safety procedures and an afternoon of food, drink, production and experimentation. It's fair to say that factory life has rarely ever been so much fun!

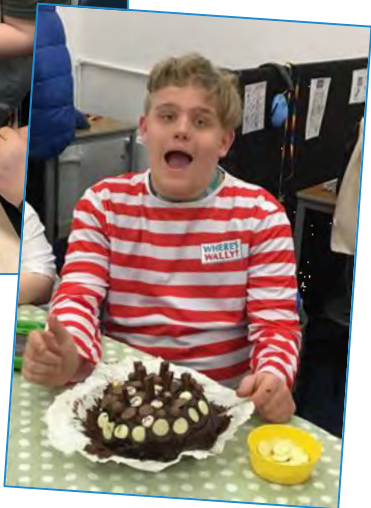
Engage



RISE



BASE





It has been a joy to see Engage Learners beginning a new half-term with enthusiasm.

During Community Learning, skills in flexibility of thought, social learning and communication are practiced, developed and reinforced.

Engage used prize money for a treat trip to New Shack Diner in Newton-le-Willows.

All learners waited and engaged in the activity wholly appropriately, making staff burst with pride.

Rain or shine, Sefton Park is a favoured location for Engage learners.





We have been very busy this week in RISE1 and have lots to share with you! We celebrated Henry's 8th birthday with party food, games and singing Happy Birthday to our friend.



We went on a trip to Acorn Farm and saw lots of different animals. Our favourites were the sheep and the pigs! We fed the animals and practiced our animal noises!



On Pancake Day we turned RISE1 into a Pancake Making Station. We had lots of chocolate spread, jam, golden syrup and fruit to choose from! Cayden's favourite was chocolate sauce with strawberries and he enjoyed helped staff to make their pancakes too.



We enjoyed dressing up in all our costumes for World Book Day. We turned RISE1 into a fruit making workshop for the Wargrave Chocolate Factory. We acted as work men and made fruit kebabs and read lots of stories!





RISE2 have been very busy with practicing and enjoying reading during ERIC. RISE2 are currently developing their reading area in class to encourage reading for pleasure as well as learning from it. We have been very excited to have new books from the library service and Miss Lewis to read. RISE2 also worked very hard in Maths. Miss Orme decided that the day was too nice to be in doors so we took our maths lesson to the park. Well done RISE 2!



RISE2 have been exploring the weather in Outdoor Learning. We learned about different types of clouds and then used cloud viewers to decide what types of clouds we could see. We learned about the water cycle and then completed an experiment which was making our own clouds in a jar using hot water, ice and hairspray. We had a great time!



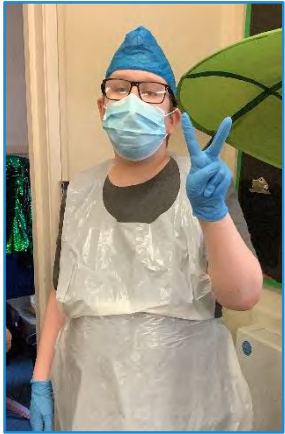


We have enjoyed SALT sessions with Glenda this week, doing a toilet paper race challenge in teams!



Ianis has been making snacks to go towards his EHCP targets. Here he is making pizza bagels!

For world book day, we were the "Sweet Cone Crew" and worked in an assembly line to make our tasty treats!

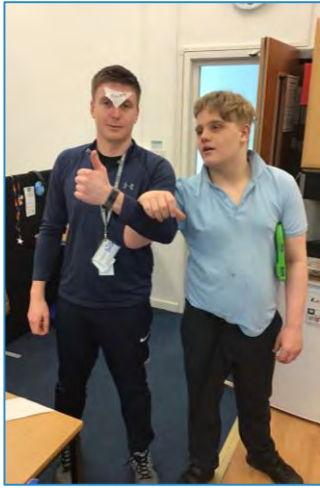


Here's El-Jay and Ianis showing off their food safe outfits! All of BASE 1 did really well to follow health and safety rules and instructions to make our sweet cones!





This week BASE2 have completed tasks with therapy based on the tv show **Taskmaster**. As part of our challenge, we had to turn our friends (and staff) into mummies! It was lots of fun!



BASE5



BASE5 worked with Green Influencers this week, making fat balls to feed the birds at school as part of their Employability lesson.



BASE3



BASE3 celebrated World Book Day by creating their own custom chocolate treats in the style of **Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory!** All learners got stuck in to the mixing, making (and eating)



BASE4 THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



BASE4 celebrated World Book Day by designing their own drinks, and learning about personal protective equipment within a factory. We have also been trying a range of new foods, and learning about the essentials needed to carry during a DofE expedition.



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Dear parents and carers

POST-16
JULIET DOHERTY



I am very pleased to share the opening of the Lyme and Wood Learning Hub on Friday 4th March by the Mayor of St Helens. This new resource hub will be a fantastic addition to the Post 16 offer, and we look forward to sharing with you, pictures from the opening (see inside for further details) and our future experiential activities from the hub.

I would also like to respectfully request that if your son/daughter tests positive for Covid or displays symptoms, you follow government guidance of 5 days self-isolation and then carry out two tests to identify if they are still symptomatic. We will continue to do all we can to ensure the students, staff and our wider community always remain safe.

Staff member Michelle, and one of our students, Ryan, have stepped up to undertake The One You Couch to 5K Challenge, two prep runs have been completed so this week it is Jo Whiley on the ear plugs and off the mark with the running we wish them well.

Our Duke of Edinburgh students are planning and preparing for their next expedition, undertaking a range of personal challenges. The impact of this enrichment activity include Confidence, Ability to manage feelings, Resilience, and determination, Building relationships and leadership, Creativity and adaptability, Planning and problem-solving, Civic & intercultural competence, Personal and social well-being.

As always if you have any questions related to your son/daughter's curriculum please do not hesitate to contact class staff who are generally available to answer calls from 8:30am - 8:55am and 3:45pm - 4:25pm As you will appreciate during the college day, we are all busy working with the students.

We thank you for your continued support.

Very best wishes, Juliet and the Team at Post 16.

Lyme & Wood Learning Hub Opening

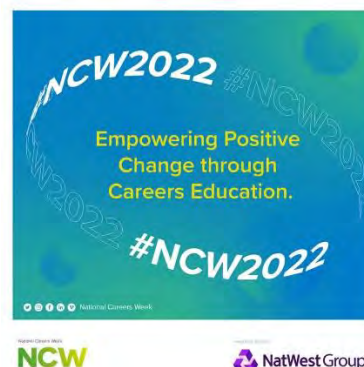
Post 16 celebrated the official opening of the new Learning Hub at Lyme and Wood today! Over 40 visitors attended the event where The Mayor of St Helens, Councillor Sue Murphy cut the ribbon to officially open the learning hub. Students set up workstations to give an insight into the type of work that will be carried out at the learning hub and showcased their talents. Post 16 staff and students are very excited about the future opportunities the learning hub will create. Watch this space for further updates on what's happening at our learning hub.



Careers

This week (7-12th March) is National Careers Week.

Careers Education is linked with National Careers Week but what exactly does it mean for our learners? At Wargrave, 'careers education' 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 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:

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| 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. Key Stage 3 learners are following a new innovative careers programme of study which is currently being developed (see last edition of the newsletter).

EmployAbility

Building – Employment – Skills for – Tomorrow (BEST)



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. The official opening of our Learning Hub at Lyme and Wood Pits Country Park Covid will enable us to further strengthen our community partnership working.

Students developing their forestry skills at Lyme and Wood with Enover Ranger, Scott (right).

Follow our social media for details of our Careers Week activities and events.



Steve Hogarth: CEIAG Lead

Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance



Nicky's Theatre Visit

Nicky enjoyed his Birthday treat by going to watch **Bedknobs & Broomsticks The Musical** at **Liverpool Empire Theatre**. He was excited to find the stage door and spend his birthday money on the show merchandise. Nicky thought that the show was amazing and gave it a 5 star rating. ★★★★★



Lakeside Birthdays

Lakeside have had a busy week celebrating birthdays. First, we had **Ethan** who turned 19 and **Yanick** celebrated turning 18. The class couldn't resist but throw a party and eat cake. The party food was homemade during Independent Living Skills. We even shared our cake with friends from LEAP. Happy birthday guys!



LEAP1

Today students in LEAP1 continued with their travel training by visiting Liverpool on the train. The students enjoyed a visit to Quirky Quarter where they had the chance to immerse into the museum with surreal exhibits offering optical illusions, oddball photo opportunities, meddling in challenging puzzles, brain teasing workouts and interactive experiences.

