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Dear parents and carers

I hope our newsletter finds you all safe and well.

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Wishing you all the best weekend possible. Robin.

Within this edition of our newsletter you will see some further developments across Lyme & Wood Learning Hub.

HEADLINES

STUART JAMIESON



Head of Post 16, Juliet Doherty, has enjoyed producing a short film of students' perceptions since the launch of this exciting Learning Hub two weeks ago. Last week we were really pleased to see BASE 4 leading a celebration of careers education, information and guidance through conducting a series of interviews with staff regarding their skills and personal qualities. It was a great development to see the confidence of BASE 4 learners in conducting interviews. Many staff in a cross section of roles displayed their careers journeys on their office doors. We look forward to Steve Hogarth's continuation of inspiring young people to consider their careers choices and options.

The final edition of our newsletter will be the last day of term Friday 1 April. Both school and college will finish at their normal time of 3.30 pm this day is also significant because we are hosting an Autism Conference at Haydock Racecourse and wish Helen Driver and the therapy team every success with this event.

Have a great weekend. Stuart.

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Assembly & Values

Confidence: Chris L for leading a Duke of Edinburgh practice walk.
Resilience: Patryk for persevering when on D of E practice walk
Confidence: Alexis for leading body percussion dance moves in Expressive Arts
Kindness: Daisy including learners from Base 3 in conversations at playtime and lunchtime
Creativity: Ales S taking part in map reading activities in D of E
Kindness – Lucas and Henry sharing toys **RISE 2** were **confident** when making videos about autism for Neurodiversity week. Alfie is been **respectful** to his friends, using kind words and being helpful
Max has been **resilient** at swimming. He listens to staff, following visual cues and has demonstrated his swimming capabilities well. Well done Max.
Confidence- Louis has improved his confidence and fluency in reading
Alex B - **Kindness** for looking after Mandy G who had cut his finger and asking staff for plaster and putting it on Mandy G’s finger.
Charlotte – **Kindness** - for enquiring about the wellbeing of learner who is absent.
Confidence – Louis has improved his confidence and fluency in reading
Kai has been resilient in maths, sorting shapes and creating his own Venn Diagram even when he found it challenging.

Makaton Workshop

Friday 22nd April 10am - 11:45am

We are excited to invite parents on site to attend our Cosy Corner Café for refreshments followed by a Makaton workshop, lead by our therapy team. To book your place please email clairebyrne@wargravehouse.com

Staffing Update

Maternity Leave
Lucy Jones
New starter in Therapy team
Hannah Orman – 1st March 22
Leaver – Therapy
Shauna Donohoe – 1st April 22

NEW AUTISM / SEN STAY & PLAY SPECIALS

Following the huge success of the Stay & Play sessions and the great feedback we are pleased to announce another set of sessions

Building The Basics
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£15 per session
or
£70 for all 5 sessions

April 24th - Dino Land

May 1st - Wheels

May 15th - People who help us

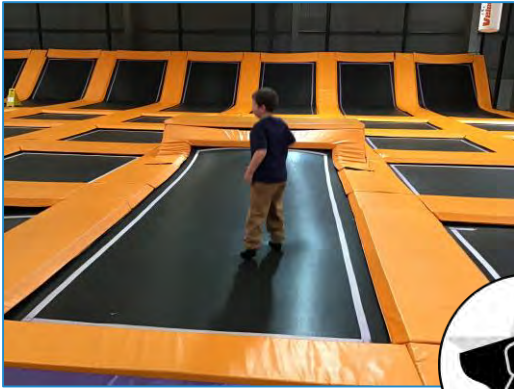
May 22nd - Going on a bear hunt

May 8th - Under The Sea

Book now as places sell fast



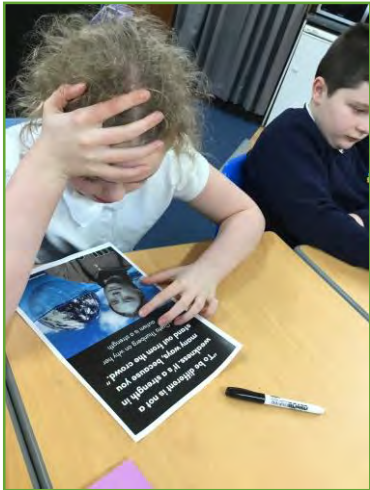
RISE1 have been out and about this week. We enjoyed a trip to velocity and practicing our trampoline skills. We have also been on the Mersey ferry, it was very windy! For British Science Week, we have pet caterpillars that we are looking after and waiting for them to turn into butterflies!



RISE2 & Outdoor Learning



RISE2 have been learning about ourselves during PSHEE. We have focussed on brains and how everyone has a unique way of thinking and doing things. We have looked at famous people who are autistic such as Elon Musk and Chris Packham and we also worked hard to make our own video for neurodiversity week. **Great job RISE2!**



RISE2 have been looking out for signs of Spring as part of Outdoor Learning. We have spotted daffodils and crocus. We have also enjoyed learning about seeds and growth and have planted our own plants which we should see growing over the next few months. **Great work RISE2!**





We have enjoyed SALT sessions with Glenda this week, working in pairs to do different challenges!

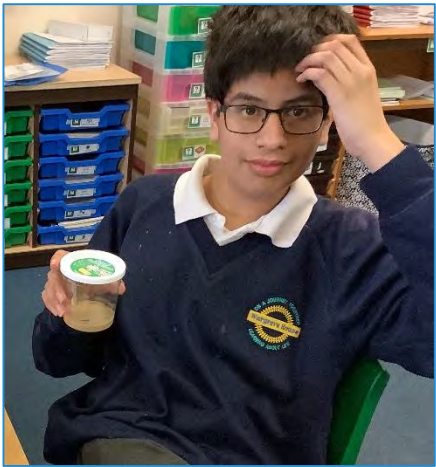


▲James has been doing jobs around school in our careers lessons, laminating and emptying recycling for other classes.

▼For Science week, we have been joined by caterpillars in BASE 1, as well as preparing a home for



We are waiting patiently for our caterpillars to turn into butterflies!





As part of science week we have done a project called the handy gardener. We have followed instructions to hopefully grow different seeds in a plastic glove. We are growing cress, white mustard seeds, forget me note, broccoli and spring onion. The learners have enjoyed the task and are looking forward to seeing if they grow!

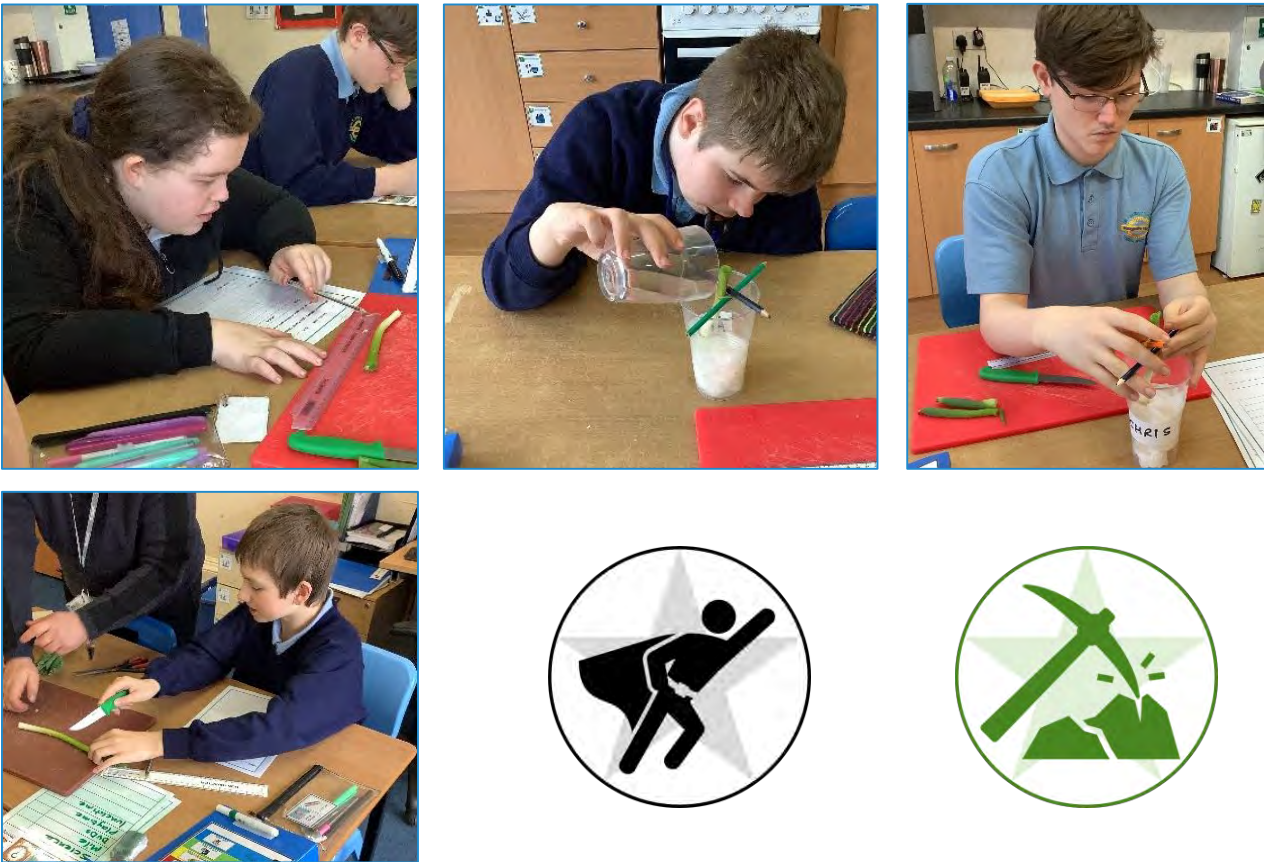




BASE4 learners this week have started to prepare for their expedition element of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Daisy, Patryk, Alex and Christopher demonstrated excellent team work, listening and leadership skills as they erected a tent.

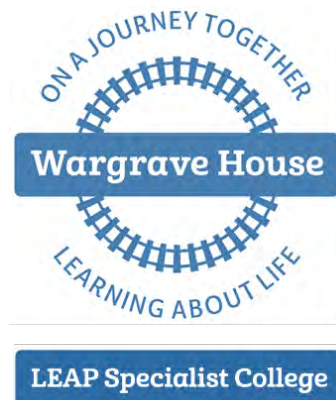


As part of Science Week, BASE4 carried out an experiment to observe how many millimetres their spring onion would grow in a week. Here we can see Daisy measuring her onion as Patryk trimmed his. Alex, meanwhile is giving his onion water as Christopher creates a structure to support his onion in the plastic beaker.



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Dear parents and carers

POST-16
JULIET DOHERTY



Welcome to the Post 16 newsletter. We hope you have received the information from college about our Spring Fayre on the LEAP College campus 25.3.22 from 10:00am - our students will be hosting the Cosy Corner Café for students and visitors to enjoy and there will be stalls with seasonal gifts for students/learners and visitors to purchase. We do hope if you have any availability on the morning, you can visit (please email tarathomas@wargravehouse.com if you are able to attend and the name of your son/daughter). Students are enjoying accessing their new learning hub and the incredible opportunities it offers - the impact of this new off-site classroom has been outstanding. Students have been enjoying some visits into the community as part of their RARPA curriculum - Beeston Medieval castle and 'Fairy Glen' are two such visits. All classes across post 16 choose and plan trips and visits that they are interested in to extend their experiential opportunities in the community and reduce vulnerabilities.

Very best wishes from Juliet and the Post 16 Team.

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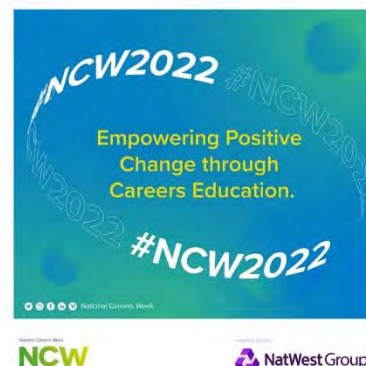
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Careers

National Careers Week was a resounding success across the organisation. There were lots of careers activities in main school which included a range of enterprise initiatives such as the cake sale fund raiser for Cats Protection. Learners also explored what jobs they would like do in the future during their computing sessions with Dave. Students also had the opportunity to learn how computer games are created by accessing videos explaining jobs available in the creative industry sector.



I invited Julie Jones (our Enterprise Coordinator) to visit and she was impressed by the flurry of activity that was going on during Careers Week. We shared best practice and Julie put me in touch with other providers, who we can work in partnership with. Julie Jones, our Enterprise Coordinator, enjoyed seeing the wide range of careers activities on site.

Post 16 continued with their variety of work placements and community projects. LEAP also develop the sensory garden to help support on-site maintenance. LS1 and LS2 have secured specific areas of Colliers Moss which are available for all learners across the organisation to take part in work experience and learn more about countryside management.

Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance



Alicia has started a photography placement at Colliers Moss with Dave, who will teach her the finer points of landscape photography. As a semi-professional photographer, Dave has also kindly agreed to speak to the students about his work (including our Social Media Group), at our inaugural Learning Hub Business Breakfast.

Steve Hogarth: CEIAG Lead



LS1/2 students inspect the mosaic at Colliers Moss with Dave, our Mersey Forest ecologist.

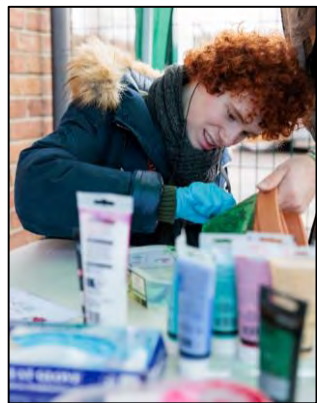


Alicia decides which one of Dave's five cameras she wants to use!

Lyme & Wood Opening Event

Here's some more photos of our recent opening event and the outstanding work of the students on the day. **Courtney Shawcross** acted as Mayor guide and introduced the Mayor to all the staff and students explaining the different activities being carried out. **Brandon Stephens** and Courtney Shawcross signed in all visitors and handed out name badges. **Tarran Faulkner** shared incredible information on the park with the Mayor and other external visitors. **Alicia Roberts** designed a beautiful plant pot for the Mayor and supported with the opening of the event.

The incredible **Cosy Corner Café** crew make the events we host so fantastic with their outstanding customer service. All the students who attended and ran workshops, we are very proud of each and every one of them. I would also like to thank Post 16 staff for their outstanding, as always, work in getting the Lyme & Wood Learning Hub ready for the opening day and a very grateful thanks to **Robin Bush** for his opening speech and continued support of the Post 16 future vision and **Stuart Jamieson** for his closing speech and recognition of all the work completed by staff and students to ensure our visitors enjoyed their time with us.



LEAP1 students visited Beeston Castle today to learn about the medieval history, we got to see the spectacular views from the top, one side we saw the pennines and the other we saw the Welsh mountains. We had the chance to visit the replica bronze aged round house, student had the chance to look at medieval artefacts and talk to the volunteers.



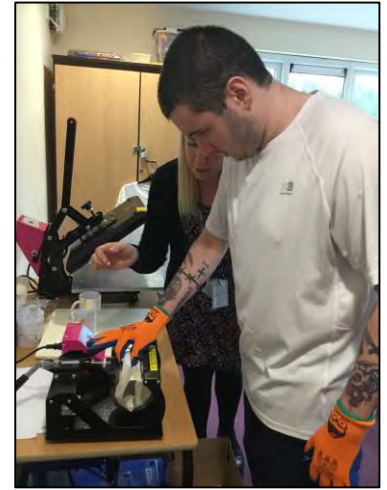
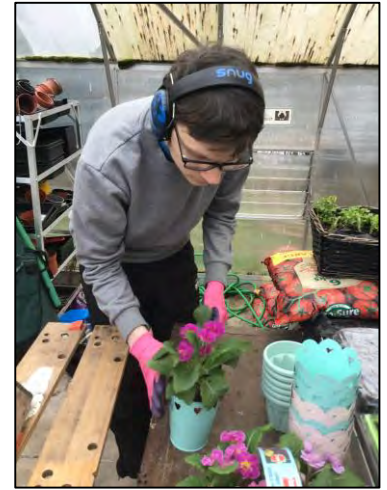
Lakeside

Today LS1 & 2 visited quirky quarter in Liverpool working on targets towards their RARPA part of this also was travel training, which is part of open awards focusing road safety. All students had a great time looking at the mirrored illusions this reflects in the photos.



Spring Fayre Preparation

Preparation is in full swing in LEAP1 this week, students have been making items ready for the spring fayre next Friday. Students have been hard at work making spring pots, milkshake jars, Easter bunnies and we have been working in our print shop printing Easter mugs which will be on sale on the day. We are all very excited to share our products with you!



Cosy Corner Café

The sun was shining at Leap college today so Cosy Corner Cafe offered Al Fresco dining.



Lakeside

This week LS1 and LS2 have been out with Dave from Merseyside Forest commission helping clear and keeping tidy Colliers Moss.



Careers Week (7-11 March)

LEAP1 students continued with our community project at the cricket club today where they worked alongside Dave to use a saw and a circular saw to cut pieces of wood which we are going to use to make a rail to add to the pergola. The students listened to instructions and used the saws safely, students remembered to wear gloves and goggles.



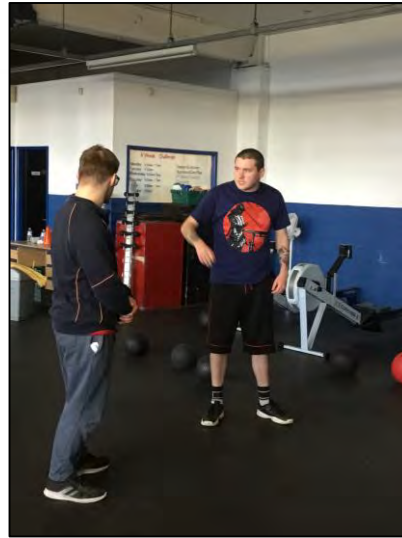
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This week students completed travel training by travelling to the Lyme and Wood learning hub using a bus. This trip promoted their independence as they put what they had been learning in to practise and completed the journey with staff shadowing them.



Health & Fitness

This week LEAP 1 and 2 students got stuck into their fitness session, the session was planned by Courtney and delivered by Khovan who is on his work experience from LS1. We were put through our passes by completing 40 seconds work 10 seconds rest x3 on each activity. We had a mixture of activities including sit ups, ropes, ball throw and boxing. We are all very excited for next weeks planned session!



Student Intern: Nicky

Nicky has started to complete some of his weekly jobs independently at the RSPCA in the dog block by ensuring that all the bedding and toys are cleaned and organised in the correct place. On Tuesday he helped Mark to repair the paddock from storm damage and fit a new sign outside of the site. Nicky also got the exciting job this week of naming one of the rescue cats that was new to the centre. He chose the name Simpkin after a character from the Beatrix Potter books.

