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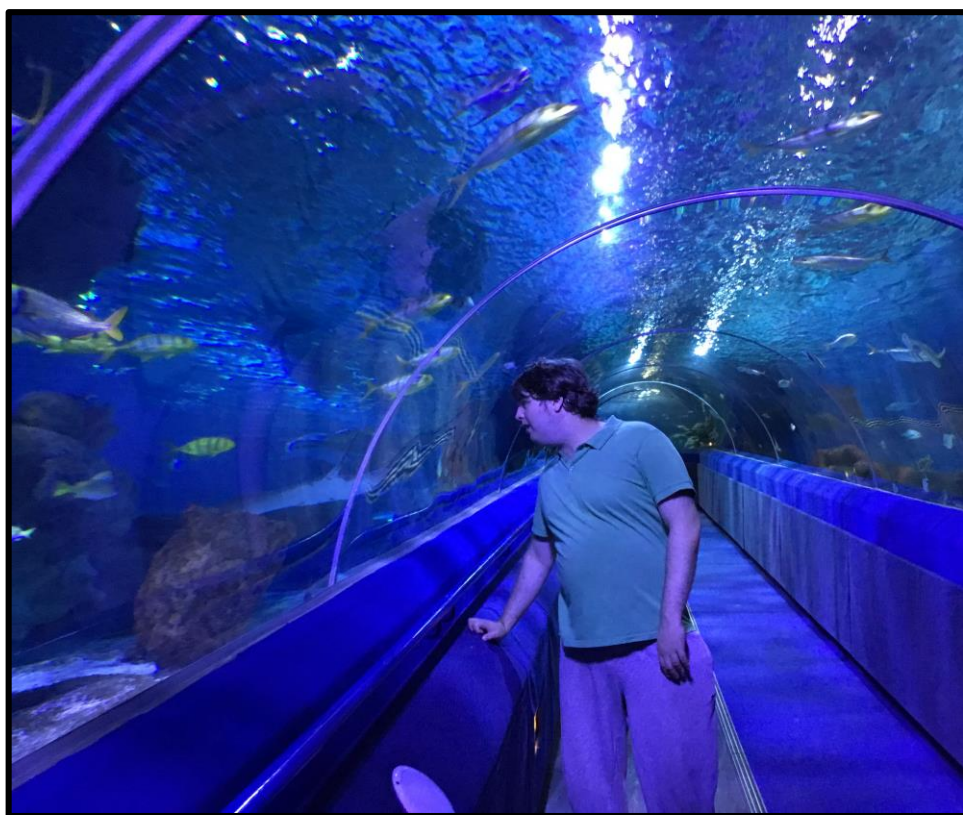
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Dear parents and carers

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JULIET DOHERTY



Dear students, parents, and carers. Welcome to our last newsletter of this term. We are all looking forward to the Wargrave House School and College, Red, White and Blue Platinum Jubilee Garden Party on 27.5.22. The ice cream van is booked, the Cosy Corner Cafe is open and we have live entertainment from our own student band, Electric Stars, as well as music by our resident DJ, Chris. We had a fabulous coffee morning at our Lyme and Wood Learning Hub on Friday 20.5.22, thank you to all the parents, governors, local councillors and community groups, who visited and shared their time with us, particular thanks to The Mayor, Cllr Susan Murphy for her consistent support of our students. We have our production of Alice to look forward to on 13th July, more information to be shared next term, please do come along and support the students when we release the tickets, the students from Lakeside and LEAP are enjoying their therapy led, by Andrea Claire, Wednesday afternoon rehearsals. I would like to offer our huge thanks to Cllr Terry McGuire who came to our rescue with his flat bed truck to collect some garden flags donated to us for our Lyme and Wood Learning Hub site, an early morning call and a delivery for 7am was no trouble to Terry and we are very grateful for his support.

The Post 16 staff team and I wish you a lovely week and we look forward to seeing you all back on the 6.6.22

CEO UPDATE
ROBIN BUSH



I hope our end of first summer half term newsletter finds you all safe and well. Last Friday I was delighted to join a number of you at our Cosy Corner Café coffee morning at Lyme and Wood Hub.

I would like to pay a particular tribute to Juliet Doherty our Head of Post 16 Learning for making the event such a purposeful opportunity for our college students to demonstrate so well their team working skills in hosting the event. I know how pleased our young people were to see all their hard work materialise into sales of plants, crafts and refreshments. We were delighted to receive a vote of thanks from the local Rotary club who acknowledged the significance of the national award attained the week before in Birmingham of Khovan Hussain. Khovan is such a great role model for all people, actively pushing the boundaries of what is truly possible, whilst reminding us all that such achievements don't happen without hard work, motivation and resilience.

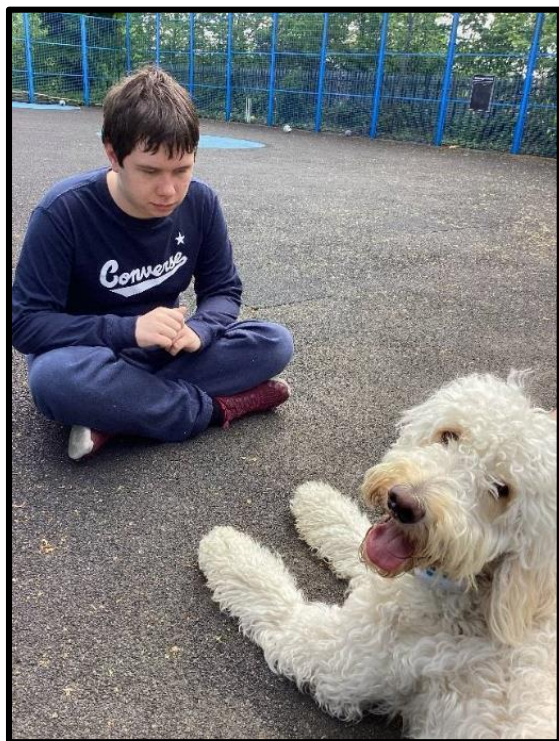
Next week we hope you all enjoy a good weeks holiday. Ongoing site cleaning and refurbishments will continue across our site in preparation for our return to school and college refreshed on Monday 6th June.

Best wishes,

Robin

Therapy Dog Update

Nico has recently had some great 1:1 sessions with **Chris** and **Greg** where they have been working on a range of therapy targets. They are both building their confidence around Nico, have practiced giving commands and having been learning about Nico's emotions.



We are rapidly approaching the end of the academic year and reviewing the careers curriculum to see how we can do things even better next year. One area that we have focussed on is careers advice and guidance. We will continue to offer our students and learners the chance to speak to an independent careers adviser.

Where appropriate, impartial advice and guidance will be provided through a teacher supported tutorial that is differentiated to the needs of the learner. Viv Worsley is our new Career Connect Careers Adviser, and she will listen to students' initial ideas and find out more about their skills, experiences, circumstances, aspirations and qualifications before offering advice to them and their parents. It is important that this guidance is available whenever significant transitions are being made. Each student (where appropriate) will have at least one such tutorial by the age of 16, and this will be followed by at least one other tutorial by the age of 18.

We will be asking staff, parents/carers and students for their comments and ideas about what is working well in careers education and any areas for improvement. The results of this survey will be discussed in a future newsletter.

– Steve Hogarth CIAG Lead.



On Monday Lakeside students started the day helping Khovan celebrate his 18th birthday. They then went off to Liverpool Completing some Open Awards Travel training and RARPA Community Skills.

Whilst in Liverpool they visited **The Cat Cafe** and had a wonderful time interacting with the cats.



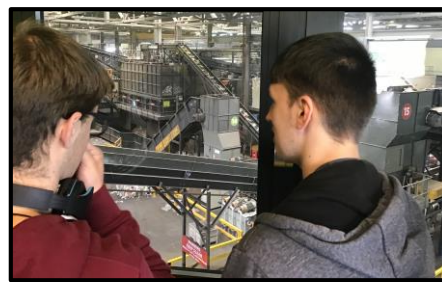
The staff at Liverpool 1 tourist information office showed the students where to go if they are out and needed help with locating shops etc.

LS1 and LS2

LS1 and LS2 have also visited the Recycling Discovery Centre where we found out about recycling in the areas where we live. We all learned a lot and found it really interesting.



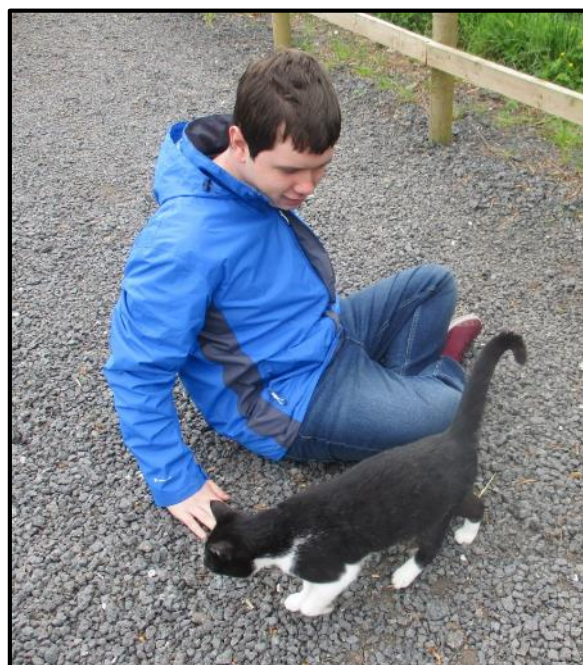
We also had a tour of the recycling centre which was fascinating as we got to see how the different recycling is sorted in the machines and could view the whole process from the viewing gallery. We all now have lots of new ideas for how we can support recycling at home and in college.



LS3 went to the Cotebrook Shire Horse Centre in Tarpoley, and enjoyed seeing the different shire horses.



We have also been working on their cooking skills, shown here making some pitta bread pizzas.



LEAP 1 visited the Lewis Carroll visitors centre at Daresbury to research about his life in preparation for our up and coming performance of Alice in Wonderland. The students enjoyed reading the literature and looking at the photos.



Nicky's hard work continues on his Supported Internship at the RSPCA and has now added extra responsibilities to his job list each week. After having training by staff members Nicky now prepares some of the dog feeds twice a day as well as ensuring all the food in the storeroom is in the correct date order and not damaged.



Also, this week Nicky completed a stocktake independently for the first time and been helping out with the RSPCA Fun Day preparations. **Well Done Nicky!**



Before applying the design to the t-shirt, and putting it under the press, George had to carefully and patiently pick off the excess vinyl to reveal the design.



George has been busy designing and printing a t-shirt, ready to wear on Friday at our school and college **Jubilee Garden Party**. He learnt how to programme the cricut printer machine to cut a design into vinyl and how to apply two colours to the t-shirt.



George is looking forward to proudly wearing his t-shirt on Friday.

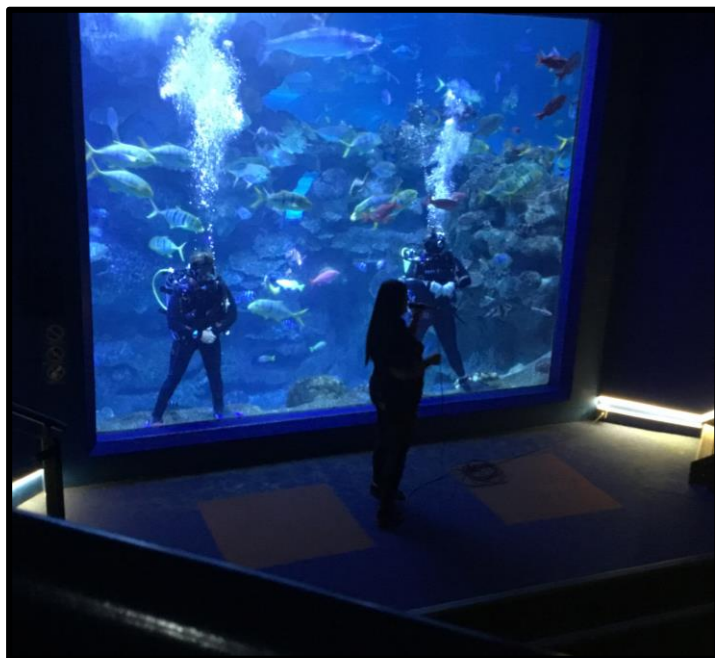


Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for pictures of our Jubilee celebrations!

LEAP 1 enjoyed an end of term visit to the **Blue Planet Aquarium** on Thursday.



They viewed a **variety of sea life** from many regions of the world. They listened to a talk about the fish in the large tank and watched a demonstration of them being fed by divers.



On Community Day, LEAP 1 & 2 students visited Rock and River in Ormskirk where they took part in a number of physical activities under the supervision of instructors Tom and Rob.



Students and staff stepped out of their **comfort zones** to experience pursuits including kayaking, high ropes and low ropes. Although windy and a little nippy the sun shone and the day stayed dry.

