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The Autism Specialists

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Creativity



Confidence



Resilience



Respect



Kindness

Pyjamarama Day

Community Visits

Outdoor Learning

Jubilee Preparation

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Dear parents and carers

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**

HEADLINES

STUART JAMIESON



Dear Parents and Carers ,

We are grateful to you for all your support over this last half term. Today we have all enjoyed a very purposeful morning marking the start of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee through a great Cosy Corner Café post 16 led student event. Seeing all our young people enjoy refreshments and live music from our very own Electric Stars was fantastic, alongside the efforts of all staff learners and students dressing in red white and blue colours.

Within this edition of our newsletter you will note the successes gained from Pyjamarama Day which helped raise £53 towards supporting children who are unable to access a bedtime story. Please encourage your child to read at home whenever you feel the opportunity arises. We continue to develop our literacy strategies through effective and consistent use of phonics and look forward to sharing this practice with you next half-term by way of mutual support to provide the best education outcomes for your child as possible.

I would like to express my thanks to Hannah Richards who is generating great leadership amongst many students through the excellent Duke of Edinburgh Award. Pre-expedition training took place this week for our young people in BASE 4 and 5. We are delighted that we gained £48,000 towards a purchase of a brand new minibus to support our Duke of Edinburgh work from which we believe we can become a national centre of excellence in knowing exactly how to support the needs of our young people through their active participation in physical activity skills and the service component of the award. I would also like to pass on my sincere thanks to Mr Grimmer for his hard work in putting this bid together.

Next half term we will be sending you a progress update following the outcomes of this half-term's reflection week. By way of reminder please remember that Thursday 30th June is closed for staff training and school and college will be closed on Friday 1st July. Wishing you the best half-term as possible.

Best wishes, Stuart



Assembly & Values

This week's value winner is **Max!** Max has really impressed staff with his resilience recently, and has been engaging in more activities and lessons with his peers. **Well Done Max!**



Attendance

Students with **100% attendance** who will receive a certificate in assembly today are:

Daisy, Patryk, Oliver, Archie, Lucy, Caleb, Reuben, Cayden, El-Jay, Alex B, Kai, Charlotte, Alfie, Max J, Caprice, Samyukth! Well done!

Therapy Dog Update

Nico has recently had some great 1:1 sessions with Kai, Lucas and Ianis where they have been working on a range of therapy targets. Lucas has been reading to Nico and gently brushing his fur. Ianis has been playing fetch and practicing new tricks. Kai has been giving commands and thinking about Nico's emotions.



RISE 1 and RISE 2



RISE 1

RISE 1 enjoyed reading a story with **Serena** and sat together to listen in.



Some of the learners enjoyed going to the **book swap**. Here's Cayden with some of his finds!



RISE 2

RISE 2 did some **Pyjamarama** colouring, and created their own **comic strips** while they chilled in their PJs!



BASE 1 and BASE 2



BASE 1



BASE 1 read 'The Faraway Tree' with Miss Gadsby and heard all about the different magical lands. We turned BASE 1 into a 'Pizza Party' Land making our own delicious creations, as well as designing our own lands we'd like to live in!

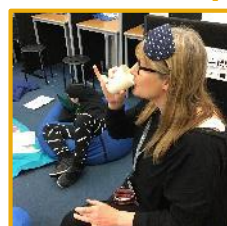


BASE 2

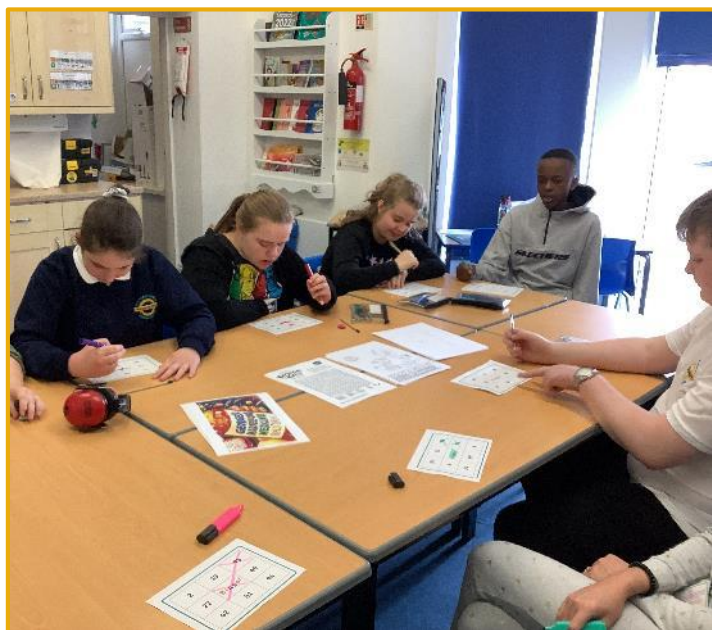
BASE 2 read the BFG by Roald Dahl, and made his favourite drink as a team!



Alison tried some and said it was **yummy!**



BASE 3 and BASE 4



BASE 3 focused on **George's Marvellous Medicine** and played BINGO all together!

BASE 3



They spent the rest of the day chilling in their PJ's and spending time together as a class.

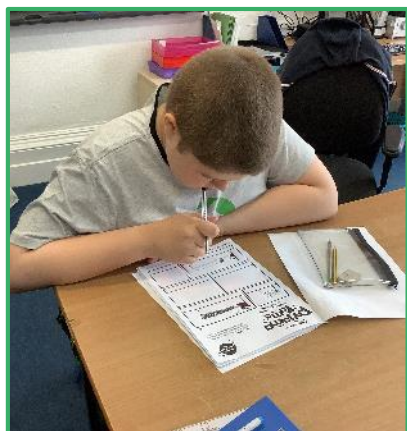


BASE 4

BASE 4 enjoyed some **Book Trust activities** and enjoyed colouring together as a class. How very creative BASE 4!



Even staff joined in the colouring!





Engage



Engage enjoyed a sensory story with Liam, and had an interactive experience using their different senses.



Here's **Nethusha** and **Samyukth** having fun during their story while they enjoy their snack!



Wargrave House School managed to raise a total of **£57!** Thank you to all who were involved and donated and **Well Done everyone!**



Engage have been spending a lot of time in the community and recently visited Lake Windermere as a class!



We walked around the whole lake and enjoyed the lovely views and weather!





RISE 1 have been getting into the jubilee spirit this week! They enjoyed watching a video that explains the jubilee and explored a jubilee sensory themed tuff tray.



We have also been painting our own crowns and bunting for our tea party. Kieran in particular loved being a King and wearing his crown whilst waving his flag!



Look at all these lovely creations! Here's **Lucas** and **Kieran** using red white and blue in celebration of the Jubilee and our Union Jack!

RISE 2 & Outdoor Learning



During PE RISE 2 worked really well as teams to complete tasks.



These tasks included carrying water across a bridge in pairs and balancing and transporting balls. Here they are working so well as a team!



The learners found it difficult but displayed great resilience and confidence. **Well done RISE 2!**



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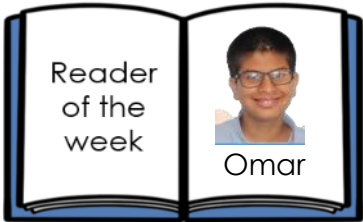




BASE 1 have loved our trips to the **Newton Community Centre** this half term, and have focused on practising ordering our own snack.



Staff have been very impressed with our lovely manners and how we have been handling money too!



Justin, El-Jay and Alex have also really enjoyed their **equine therapy sessions** this half term, and have been working on grooming the horses with our lovely therapy team! Well done boys!





BASE 2 worked together to make some calm jars in their PSHE lessons about regulation. They chose their own colours and glitter to use in their toolkits when they want to relax!



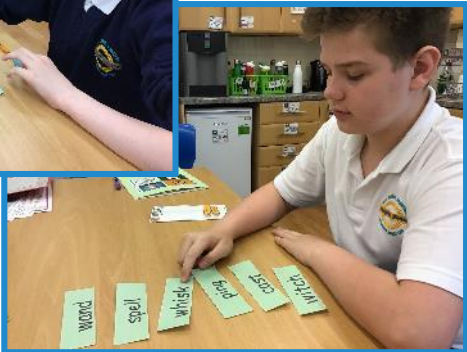
We have also been working on emotions in PSHE – here's Oliver showing some of the different facial expressions he knows!



Archie and Reuben have really impressed staff with their progress in their phonics this year – here they are working on some green words!



Tharwat has also been working on the zones of regulation and matched different feelings to each zone. Well Done BASE 2!





BASE 3 have been preparing for the Jubilee celebrations, and worked together to make a crown inspired cake!



Here's Jack, Lucy, Charlotte and Gracie helping each other out to make their yummy creation!



We also tried on our own crown - Here's Thomas, Charlotte and Richie posing in the crown jewels looking very confident!



BASE 4 have had another busy couple of weeks where they have had the opportunity to engage in a range of experiential learning activities. As part of **speech and language therapy**, the learners rose to the challenge of **changing their friends from a human to a mummy using toilet roll**.



In **Expressive Arts**, Alex and Patryk created their own super heroes using paints or coloured pencils and in **Science**, Patryk planted sunflower seeds so that he could monitor how much they will grow over the next few weeks.



At rock climbing Alexis and Alex challenged themselves to see just how high they could go and they both climbed to the very top of the climbing wall whilst **Daisy and Patryk** climbed higher than they have ever done before.



As part of the **Duke of Edinburgh Award programme** **BASE 4** completed two walks this week. On Tuesday they returned to Rivington Pike where they each lead part of the route demonstrating great map reading and leadership skills, and on Thursday they joined up with **BASE 5** to visit Marbury Country Park and the Leeds Liverpool canal where they all had the opportunity to show each other their fantastic expedition skills.

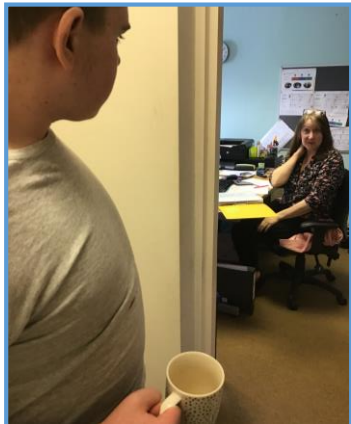
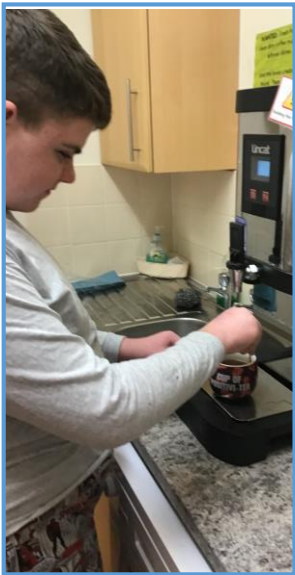
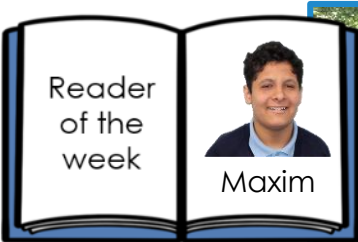




BASE 5 students have recently been developing their teamwork skills in their employability sessions. Students worked together to remove weeds and empty soil from planters in preparation for the planters to be moved to the playground for younger students to utilise as part of their lessons!



Thank you to **Colin and Andy** for organising this session and for your great work around school!



Jamie offered a tea and coffee making service to the admin and management team. He took orders, carefully prepared and then delivered the drinks. His services were really appreciated and he did a great job following safety guidelines.

This half term, BASE 4 & 5 have continued to work on their expedition skills in readiness for their Qualifying Expeditions in the final term.



This week BASE 4 have visited Rivington and completed a 2.6 mile route. On Thursday, BASE 4 & 5 got together for a full day walk, meaning BASE 5 were able to teach some of the things they have learned along their journey. BASE 4 showed off their fantastic mapping skills and making sure we took the right routes.



Duke of Edinburgh were delighted to attend a Gold Awards Celebration at Buckingham Palace. It was a fantastic day and great to see young people getting their awards and recognition for all the hard work they've put in. We're looking forward to being able to take Wargrave in the future!

