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The Autism Specialists



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Resilience



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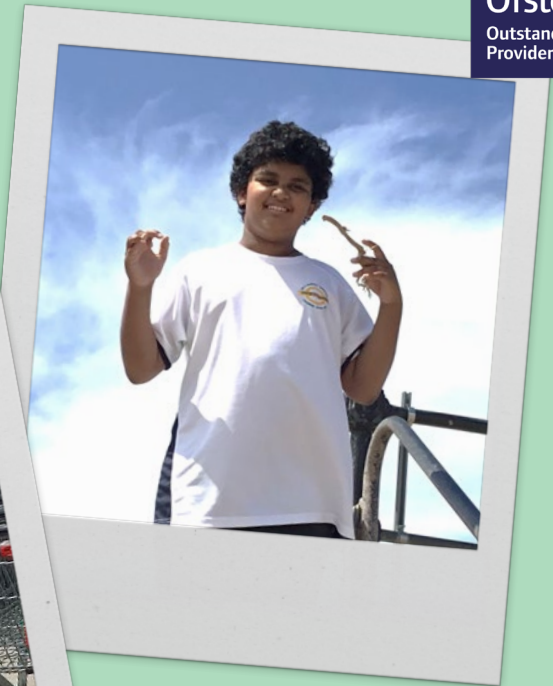
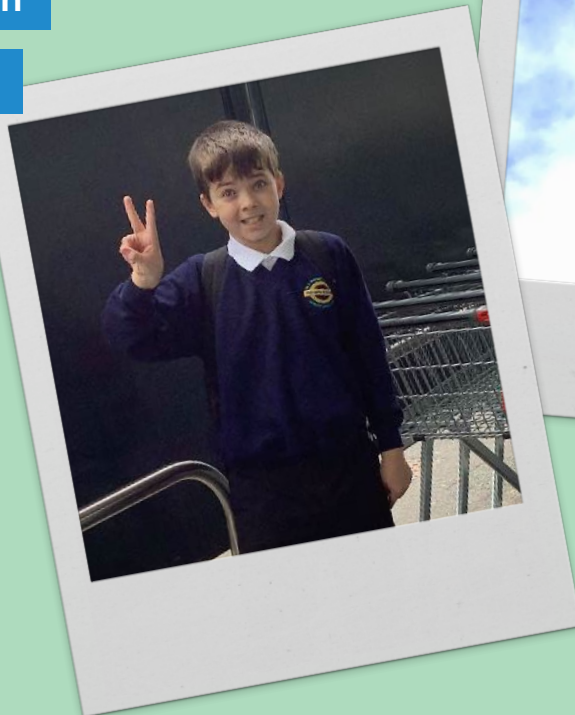
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Dear parents and carers

CEO UPDATE ROBIN BUSH



Dear Parents, carers

I hope you are enjoying the summer weather and encouraging your child to drink plenty of water and use some block appropriate as necessary. I am really looking forward to meeting a number of you at the forthcoming ASPIRE Celebration of achievement at the Mercure Hotel on Tuesday 5th July, between 6.30pm and 9.30pm. We anticipate that this event will be a fantastic opportunity to mark significant achievements both academically and through wider participation engagement through significant involvement in our esteemed Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. We look forward to welcoming a number of guests including the local Rotary group who will be presenting awards for both school and college leavers.

At Wargrave House we really value the impact that the expressive and performing arts have upon our young people. We are delighted that Post 16 students are working hard on their forthcoming pantomime Alice in Wonderland to be staged on Wednesday 13th July. My thanks go to Juliet Doherty and team in advance of this exciting performance.

Best wishes for your weekend, Robin.

HEADLINES STUART JAMIESON



Dear Parents and carers

I hope our newsletter finds you safe and well. We have begun the final half term of the academic year with a great sense of purpose and significant experience of our young people across both school and college. Within this edition you will be able to read a mini introduction of our new Special Education Needs Co-Ordinator Mr Tom Wilkinson. Tom has made a great start to life at Wargrave following his career development across Manchester and the Wirral.

By way of forward planning please remember that both **Thursday 30th June** and **Friday 1st July** both school and college will be closed due to pre published schedule. On the last day of term, **Wednesday 20th July** we will close at **2pm**. On **Tuesday 19th July** we are looking forward to an action packed summer festival celebration for all school learners. All classes are being provided with a financial allowance to demonstrate their enterprising skills and develop innovative ways of producing items of need for others. We are delighted that our Post 16 band The Electric Stars will perform by way of entertainment.

Last Saturday I was privileged to attend "The Autism Show" at Central Hall Manchester along with Mrs Leanne Dickson it was very rewarding to share best practice and gain a whole host of learning from the exhibitors throughout the great hall alongside learning clinics and presenters. Naturally we will embed the best practice and share with you any key learning points.

As we approach the end of term we will be sharing with you our usual progress updates for your child. We really appreciate all your continued support and encouragement and look forward to your feedback.

Wishing you the best weekend possible, Stuart



Student Council & Values

Student Council have contributed to organising **Fun Day** this summer. So far we have plans for music, a band, **bouncy castles, stalls and games**. More ideas are being put in place for the penultimate day of term (**Tuesday 19th July, provisionally**). This event will be shared once we confirm the date and events taking place.

Assemblies are still enjoyed by main school classes, where we recently celebrated Positive Thinking. One student from **RISE1** won last week's Value Award for his **resilience** at home and at school. This week, **BASE4's Chris** won the Value of the Week for showing **kindness** by including learners from others classes in conversations.



New Staff Intro – SENCo Tom

Hi my name is **Tom Wilkinson**. I'm a qualified SENCo with **18 years experience** working with children, young people with complex needs and their families. I've been lucky enough to work across a range of provisions in a variety of roles.

This experience has ignited my passion to ensure that all children and young people have the right resources and support to achieve their potential. I'm looking forward to meeting and working in partnership with you to make sure your child's experience at Wargrave House School & College is the best it can be and prepares them for their next life adventure.



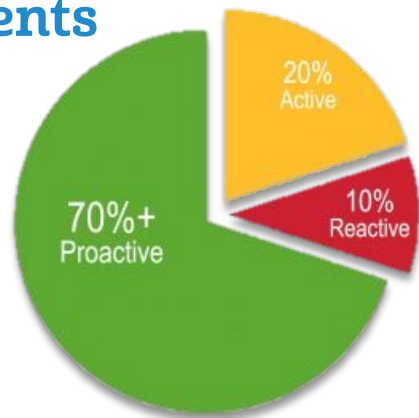
I'm happy to meet and answer any questions you have either face to face or virtually. **If you wish to email me any questions, please feel free to do so. My email is tomwilkinson@wargravehouse.com**

Positive Approach to Support Students

We understand that **any behaviour = communication**. The therapy and education staff at school and college are training in **PROACT SCIPr** which is an approach focussing on proactive therapeutic strategies to reduce behaviours of concern.

As a team we implement **person centred behaviour support plans** to meet individual needs e.g. how to support communication, sensory and social/emotional needs.

When describing to you about your young person we have adopted using the term Behaviours of Concern. We will then describe the behaviour to you rather than use negative terms and labels. – **Helen Driver – Head of Therapy.**





Engage had a lovely community day, where we visited **New Brighton Beach!** We had all enjoyed our walk, as well as spending some time on the beach and even splashing in the water!



We have also been working on food preparation skills and practised making pizzas using tortilla wraps!

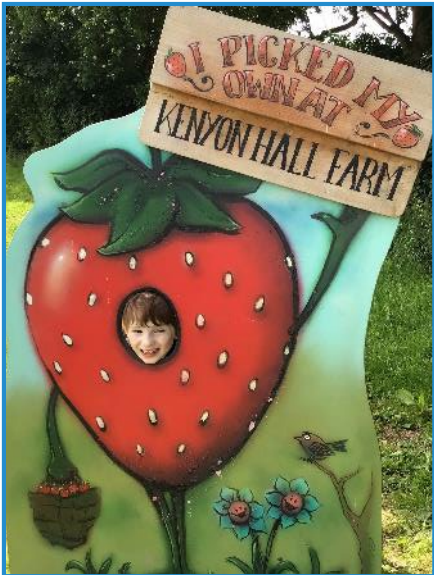




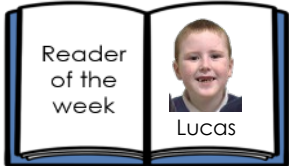
This half term, RISE 1 are learning about plants in Science. We have enjoyed planting different plants around school. We have planted sunflower seeds that are growing in class and have planted flowers in the garden.



For our community visit this week, we visited **Kenyon Hall Farm**. We really enjoyed picking strawberries - making sure we were only looking for big red juicy ones.



When back in class, we ate our strawberries with melted chocolate! We loved playing on the park afterwards and having lots of fun in the sunshine.





RISE 2 had their first visit to North West Face in Warrington to try rock climbing. The learners were so resilient and confident and the staff were so proud of them all.

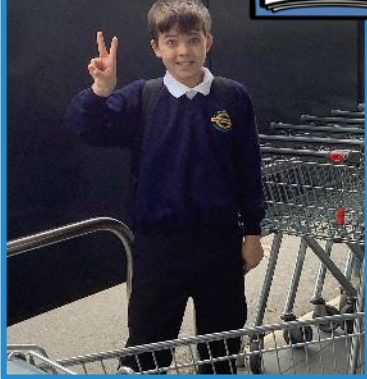


The learners were also really supportive of their friends and they gave great encouragement to each other during the session. Amazing RISE 2!





BASE 1 have been working on money in maths and recognising coins and notes. Alex practised his maths skills in Aldi buying our class snack for the week!



We also had a lovely last SALT session with Glenda – taking turns playing games. We will miss her fun sessions lots!



BASE 1 have also been learning about the different parts of plants, and are looking after some pepper plants!



Ianis has been using our gym equipment and outdoor equipment in both PE and for regulation. Well Done Ianis!



BASE 2 and Outdoor Learning



BASE 2 have been enjoying our Outdoor learning session, and worked as a team to find different colours on a nature walk.



HERE IS NO WIFI IN THE
FOREST BUT YOU WILL
FIND A BETTER
CONNECTION



We found a range of different plants and flowers! **Well Done BASE 2!**





BASE 3 have had our first group equine therapy session, and all did really well helping to groom the horses.



Staff were really impressed with our confidence and our lovely manners with the RDA staff! Well Done BASE 3!





BASE 4 continue to enjoy learning in its many guises visiting both new and familiar locations and engaging in a range of different and challenging experiential learning activities. At **East Liverpool RDA** we had our first equine therapy session where we each had the opportunity to groom and brush two of the horses whose names are **Henry and Crystal**.




At the **community centre** we selected and paid for our own snack items and then carried out a range of money themed activities including adding amounts and identifying different coins.

In **PE** we have been learning about **striking and fielding games** with the focus on **cricket**.



Reader of the week



Alexis





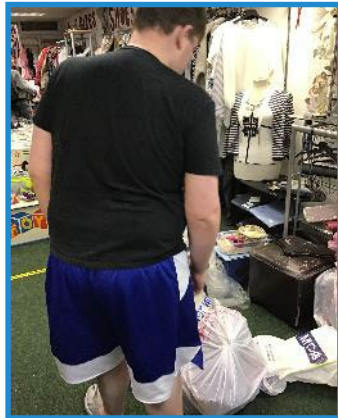
Before



After

He has also visited the **Cats Protection charity shop** to drop off some items for them to sell during Community Skills.

Jamie has been out and about in the community as part of his personal awareness studies, accessing the barbers to get this very cool haircut.



BASE 5 have also been out on community visits to Earlestown to Warrington as part of their travel training and Community Day, they enjoyed a day out at Gravity. We bought our own tickets on the self-service machine!



In **BASE 4**, Daisy, Patryk, Alex and Alexis completed a practice expedition walk which took them to the **Crook O' Lune in Lancashire** where they walked on different terrains working and improving their **map reading** and **leadership skills**.



In **BASE 5**, we have been very busy this week getting ready for our upcoming expeditions.

This has meant a lot more indoors and paperwork than you would expect but all groups have been fantastic at showing independent planning. We begin our season next week with LEAPS Gold Practice which is taking place in Shropshire.

We are also delighted to announce that our parent governor **Kelley Garth** who has come on board as our **independent award verifier**.

