

WargraveNews

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The Autism Specialists

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Staff Introduction



Dear parents and carers,

**CEO UPDATE
ROBIN BUSH**



I hope our newsletter finds you all safe and well.

Last Friday evening, I was privileged to attend the Educate Awards hosted at the magnificent Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool. This annual gathering recognises the best educational establishments through a series of inspirational awards. I attended the event accompanied by our trustees, staff and representatives from local companies who support us in delivering community work experience for our Post 16 students.

There were in excess of 600 people from 19 inspiring schools and colleges from across the North West region. We enjoyed a delicious three-course gala dinner and glittering entertainment from St Bede's Catholic High School's very own saxophonist and chamber choir, a dance performance from Archbishop Beck Catholic College and a Legally Blonde The Musical medley by St Mary's Catholic College.

Finally, award number 17 out of 20 came around and we were absolutely delighted (you may have witnessed our delight on Facebook!) to be named as the winners of the Most Inspirational 16-18 Educational Provider, this was particularly significant given the forthcoming development for our Post 19 students as we look to enhance our provision both on and off-site next summer.

I would like to pass my sincere thanks to Juliet Doherty and all her team for achieving this recognition. On Wednesday Juliet ensured that all students and staff were part of the celebrations onsite with a lovely personalised cake to share, it was great for us all to receive a live video link from Kim O'Brien from Educate congratulating everyone involved.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Robin

Dear parents and carers,

HEADLINES

STUART JAMIESON



Thanks to those of you who were able to join us last Thursday for our Parents' Evening, the event provided a great opportunity to share current feedback and the next steps to support continuous progress.

For those of you that were unable to attend or who had an appointment postponed please let us know (if you haven't done already) a suitable date and time for a new appointment.

We are looking forward to Friday 9 December when our young people will mark Christmas Jumper day. Our learners and students will also have the opportunity to develop entrepreneurial skills through our own Christmas markets – more details will follow soon.

Thanks for supporting your child last Friday in our endeavours for Children in Need.

Today we are welcoming Lucy Greenhalgh onsite from Ruth Miskin Training (Read Write Inc). Lucy is a lead practitioner who will support the excellent work already being undertaken by our very own Nadine Houghton and the team. with Lucy's input we will be able to celebrate continuing reading developmental successes and highlight some areas for further improvement.

Wishing you the best weekend possible ... with or without football

Stuart

Remembrance Day



Back to 1940s

On Friday, 11th November 2022, we celebrated Armistice Day as part of our history theme day, linked to Remembrance.

Learners explored the period of the 1940s as part of their history lessons. Some students and staff dressed in 1940s clothes.



Organised by Miss Gadsby from BASE 2, all classes made displays for the gym.

All classes made their poppies and hung them on a unique tree structure. At 10:30 am, selected students and staff from all across the school and Sixth form department gathered for a commemorative tree planting on the grass near the courtyard/wooden gazebo at the rear of the school. Then at 11:00 am, everyone assembled in the gym for a moment of silent reflection and to observe the National 2-minute silence.



Remembrance Day



Some pictures of our lovely staff dressed in 1940s clothes.





Our Post 16 student Yanick is opening the entertainment on stage at 2 pm on Sunday, 27th November, at the Christmas Light switch. We hope to see you there!

**Christmas
LIGHTS
SWITCH ON 2022**

**SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
ST HELENS TOWN CENTRE
SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
EARLESTOWN TOWN CENTRE
12 NOON - 6PM**

FEATURING:

- Stage Entertainment 2pm - 6pm
- Light Switch On
- Christmas Characters
- Christmas Crafts
- Face Painting
- Free Ice Rink
- Funfair

**HEADLINE ACT:
BOOMIN**

For more information please visit www.sthelens.gov.uk/christmas

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**ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Proud Winners



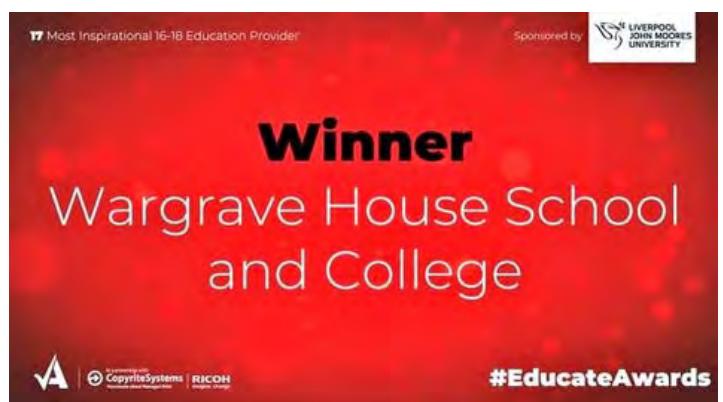
On Friday night, at Liverpool Cathedral, our Post 16 team once again won the Most Inspirational 16–18 Education Provider award at the Educate Awards.

The Educate Awards said Wargrave House School and LEAP Colleges autism specialist post16 provision is proud to offer an innovative curriculum beyond the classroom. LEAP students at the college have access to pathways that develop, engage and are relevant to individual needs and aspirations.

Most of the timetable takes place off-site in the community. Students have even opened their own sustainable upcycling/recycling shop and online eBay shop and are working on a new project of a community market garden.

Our curriculum is experiential, bespoke to our young adults' needs, and embraces diversity.

The celebrations continued on Wednesday afternoon in college with all staff and students receiving video messages of congratulations and enjoying a celebration cake.



CHRISTMAS

• MARKET •

**Friday 9th
December**



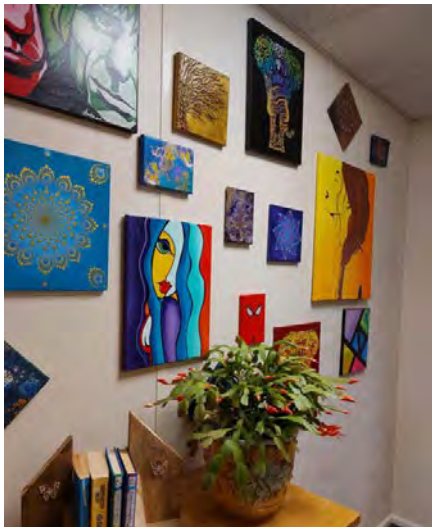
Students are invited to visit the Wargrave Christmas Market and Cafe on the morning of Friday the 9th of December where they will be able to buy Christmas gifts and treats, take part in Christmas activities and visit the Christmas Cafe.

Look out for Pre-Order forms and raffle tickets that will be coming home with students soon. If you would like to pre-order any items, please return the order form and money to School & College by 2nd December. After this date items can be purchased from the Christmas stalls on the day!

Antibullying week



We celebrated Antibullying week with odd sock day which was well received by students and staff taking part, as well as various other activities throughout the week where students had opportunities to learn about what bullying is, what to do if they are bullied and what to do if they see someone else bullied. This theme week helped embed the schools' values and ethos through fun learning experiences.



The official opening of the Lyme & Wood Preloved Project Shop & Cafe was a lovely, laidback event which took place on a pleasant Autumn afternoon a few weeks ago. Visitors enjoyed a beverage of their choice and helped themselves a tasty array of sandwiches and cakes before browsing in the shop. The students have worked hard upcycling some bespoke pieces of furniture, organising some preloved clothing and hanging pictures painted by Sue Murphy. Sue has worked at Wargrave House for over 30 years however she developed a love of art as a schoolgirl attending St Aelred's school in Newton-le-Willows, where her art teacher's claim to fame was attending art college with Freddie Mercury. In the last 7 years Sue has been producing and selling her art pieces and is happy for us to display her work, a percentage of any monies made on her work will be donated to the Preloved Project. Sue describes herself as a mixed media abstract artist mainly working with acrylic paint to produce what she describes as 'Colourful Creations'.

Please check out the opening times below:



OPENING TIMES

Mondays 10.15am - 11.45am & 1.15pm - 2.45pm

Fridays 1.15pm - 2.45pm

ADDRESS

Lyme & Wood Hub, Vista Road, WA11 0RW

EMAIL

theprelovedproject@wargravehouse.com



This week RISE 1 went to Walton Gardens for community day. They had fun playing and exploring the park and got to visit the different animals on the farm. We had lots of fun building friendships and learning to take turns with our friends.

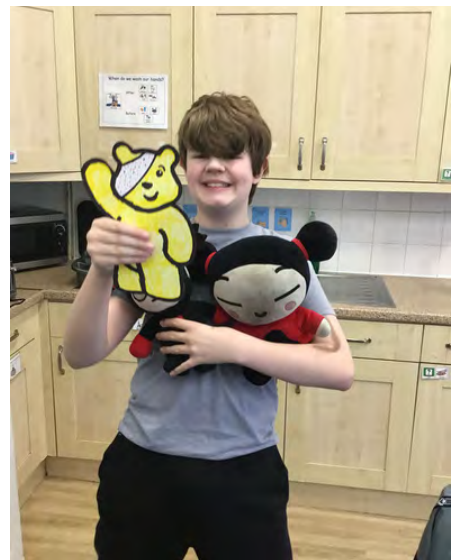


RISE 2 have been working on using their lovely greetings when out in the community this term as a class. We have also examined different weighing amounts and compared objects in maths.

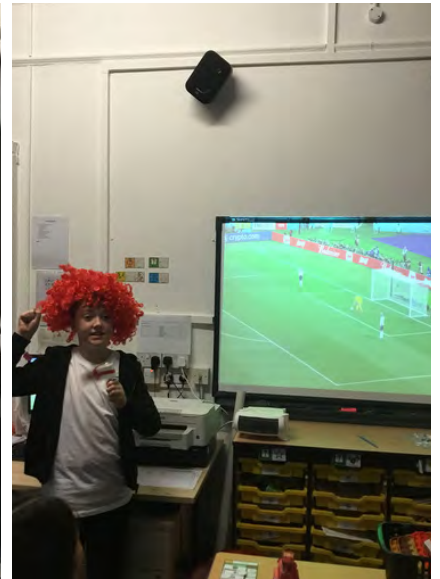
RISE 2 have also been practising different ways of balancing on beams in their PE lessons, and in Drama have been using monologue and improvisations when creating their scene to act out.



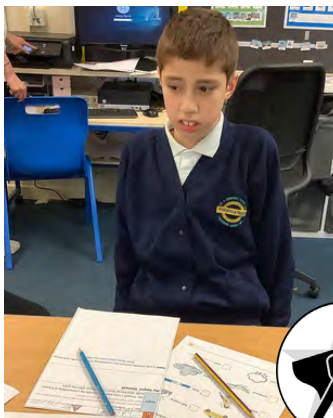
BASE 1



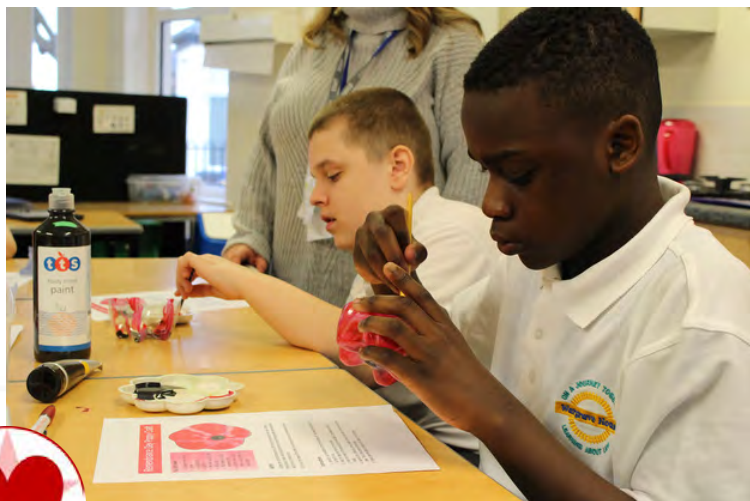
We celebrated Children in Need by coming in our clothes/pyjamas. We also celebrated England's first game of the World Cup by dressing in red and white and watching the game. We also had a visit from some worms! We learnt about compost and what types of worms there are.



BASE 2



This week in BASE 2, the students have been learning about living and none living things. We explored which objects would be alive if they had once been busy or never been alive. Last week they have been creating poppies for Remembrance Day



BASE 4

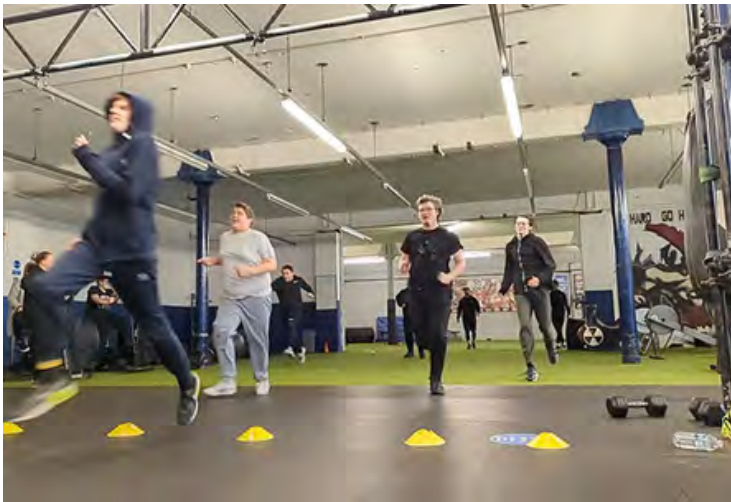


BASE 4 have completed a range of activities over the last two weeks. We have begun equine therapy and learnt the basic needs of horses. We also visited Sefton park and worked on our community skills. As well as all this, we celebrated Alex's 14th birthday with a party, football and cake!





BASE 5 & BASE 6



BASE 5 & 6 have been to the gym again, where all students threw themselves in to the session; boxing, running, weight-lifting and using the exercise equipment. It's amazing to see everyone enjoying their workout and looking forward to Thursday afternoons at the gym.



We have also been to IKEA to look at their ordering systems, communication methods and obviously, testing out their display furniture



We bought a couple of resources for class whilst we were there, grabbed a hotdog and enjoyed a free drink from the kind staff in the cafe.

**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**



Following our visit to the Gillmoss Recycling Centre Base 4, 5 and 6 are continuing with our Eco awareness project, this time with a look at Eco & Business.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be becoming Eco-Preneurs and looking at ways we can help our environment while making money! Please send us your ideas or brilliant tips!

<https://www.veolia.co.uk/merseyside-and-halton/competitions>

Our Young Leader



We are pleased to announce that Wargrave House is taking part in a Pilot Duke of Edinburgh Scheme:

This is a Young Leader Programme which is a chance for our learners to take a leading role in promoting, guiding and mentoring DofE participants in our centre.

We would like to introduce you to Max, who will be taking on a role as our Young Leader! He is a polite, friendly and enthusiastic member of Wargrave House, and we are excited to support him with this next step.

<https://www.dofe.org/ylprog/>