



Ellesmere College Newsletter



A message from Steph Beale, Executive Principal

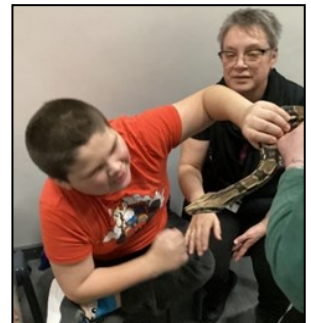
Welcome to the Spring term newsletter. It's been another busy term. On 2nd March we celebrated World Book Day! I spent the day dressed as Peter Rabbit amongst many other book characters including the Queen of Hearts, Spot the Dog and Burglar Bill! Thank you to those parents who supported their child to join in with the dressing up. It really helped to make it a special day.

Students also enjoyed our annual STEM day learning about all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. That happened to coincide with Comic Relief this year so much fun was had by all.

I'm so proud of our Project Search Team. The programme is going from strength to strength. 3 of our interns have secured actual paid jobs. Aranjot will be working in the post room. Tyler will be a hospital porter and Layla will be working in patient catering. The rest of the interns continue to work hard in their placements working hard towards future employment. 13 students have secured places on the programme from Sept 23. Well done everyone!

Best Wishes Steph

STEM day meeting the mini beasts!



Humphrey

Last week Humphrey and Nicola took the Recovery Assistant Dog (RAD) Public Access assessment and Humphrey passed with flying colours. This means he can now go into shops, cafes, places of interest and on buses, trains etc. We are hoping that in the future Humphrey will be able to attend school trips to help support our students.

"I am really proud of him and what he has achieved. He received a lovely rosette and certificate." - Nicola



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Aylestone Meadows - A Message from Simon, Head of Centre

As we approach the Easter holidays, we can look back on a very busy but very successful Spring Term at Aylestone Meadows. We have had some fantastic events in school this term which have provided great learning experiences and made great memories for the pupils. In February, the whole school got the chance to take place in some fun pancake races on the playground. It was lovely to see pupils having fun, working together with their friends and feeling that sense of whole school community.

In March we had a wonderful 'World Book Day' where pupils and staff wore some fantastic costumes and enjoyed the day. There were competitions, chances to read and explore books in our wonderful library and take part in dance workshops.

To mark STEM day and Comic Relief we had another brilliant day of activities with laser tag, exploring slime, visits from snakes, spiders and other mini beasts. The pupils all gained so much from these experiences that really enrich their curriculum and support their learning.

Learning about plants!



Classroom Tadpoles!



We are delighted that so many of our pupils have had the chance to complete off site visits this term with trips to the farm, the space centre, city centre, warning zone and many, many more taking place.

It has also been great to see our range of after school clubs increase this term with the reintroduction of a biking club and a football club run by Leicester City FC.

I would like to wish everybody a restful and peaceful Easter break. Thank you to all parents and carers for their support this term, the school staff who continue to work tirelessly to make things happen at Ellesmere, and of course to our fantastic pupils!

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Knighton Fields - A message from Liz Richardson, Head of Centre

We have now officially been in the Knighton Fields Site for a Year!

As with every term this has been a very busy one with the pupils all making some good progress towards their EHCP outcomes. Whilst working towards these we have been able to have lots of fun within the curriculum. Some of our Fun Whole School Activity Days have included World Book Day.

Lots of the children and staff dressed up, Classroom Doors were decorated and our talented Teaching Assistants painted some of our favourite book characters on to the frames around the staircases. They looked fabulous and so professional.



STEM Day was combined with Comic Relief Day.

The children all decorated a t-shirt with numbers and Caterpillars made some Red Nose biscuits. The whole site had a Danceathon in the hall which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. This culminated in a Conga.



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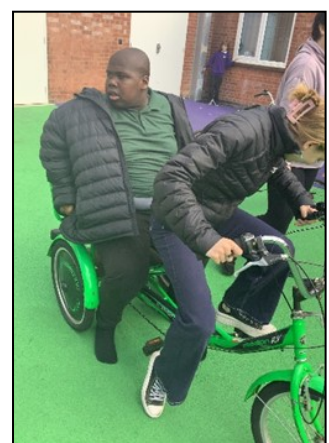
Leicester Wheels For All came in to let the children experience different types of bicycles. This was another fun opportunity to interact with different people and to try something new.

We have introduced switches and symbols to the lunchtime routine so that pupils can now choose the meal they would like.

Children are fully engaged in our daily Reading and Phonics sessions. Teachers are being very creative in the way these are delivered to ensure that all pupils are motivated and making progress.

We have held 3 Parent Workshops this term on Sensory Lifestyles, Toileting and Supporting Behaviour in the Home. We have also run a 10-week National Autistic Society Early Bird Plus programme for families. Information about future Parent Workshops will be coming out shortly.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all during the Summer Term where we have more exciting things planned.





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Post-16 - A Message from Sally, Head of Centre

This term seems to have passed really quickly but once again we've been busy with that time. One of our focuses continues to be providing our students with considerable experience in the community and we've achieved that by running 68 sessions between January and the end of March. Those trips have included students shopping in Asda and borrowing books from the BRITE centre however it also includes visiting an exhibition at the Newarke and campaigning for Fair Trade at Asda in Fosse Park.



Asda need a big thank you as their Community Champion, Debbie Kenney has provided numerous opportunities for students to develop their learning outside of the classroom. They have also donated books and run sessions for World book day and they have donated cake mixes for our Enterprise activities. Further to this they have provided a number of female hygiene products for us to use in a new Female Health intervention.

Preparing students for Employment in the future remains a key focus and we are very appreciative of the support from the DWP and We Discover organisations who've helped us co-ordinate trial interview sessions with our students.

We've extended our work experience placements by setting up a 'Time to Talk' café on Monday afternoon that is open to the public (You are all welcome from 1.45 -2.45 pm on selected Mondays during term time). This allows students to develop skills in preparing and serving hot drinks to people from outside Post 16 which is an excellent way to gain experience before applying for an external placement.



Once they have demonstrated the skills and confidence needed for an external placement we will seek to find the appropriate role for them outside of school and currently I'm happy to report we have students working at the hospital, a nursery, a hotel, an equestrian centre, a café and a drop in social centre for the over 50s.



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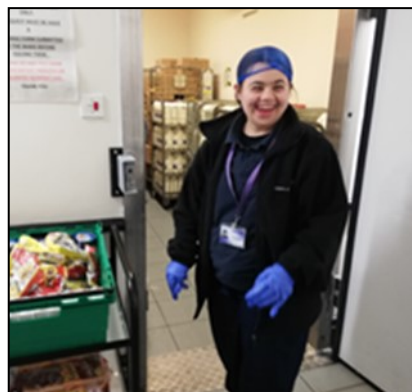


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Over at the Leicester Royal Infirmary Renu and Margaret continue to run a fantastic program for Project Search. We have three students who have now been offered contracts at Leicester Hospitals and another deemed work ready. In order to maximise their chances of employability in an organisation that befits their interests and skills three students are now pursuing placements in organisations outside of the hospital. They continue to be mentored by Renu and Margaret and it's exciting to see their experiences in retail and hospitality extend through the partnership with two more large organisations (Tesco and Primark).

Leicester University Hospitals continue to be huge ambassadors of the Project Search program and our students have been included in the hospital newsletter which is shared with their 17,000 staff.

They've also recently paid for professional photos of our students to use in a campaign to celebrate their success and our future relationship with them.



So in summary this term has been about community, partnerships and preparation for employment. Through those activities I hope you can see how our students have been living out the school motto of **'Be Your Best, Be Happy and Believe!'**.

Have a wonderful Easter,

All the Best

Sally

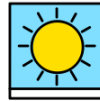
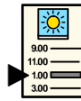


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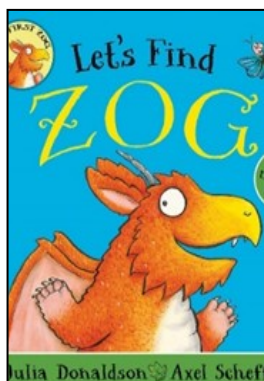
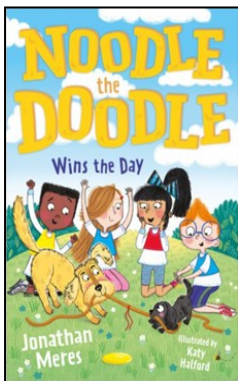
We had a fantastic World Book Day on 2nd March. It was great to see so many wonderful costumes around school. Staff made a brilliant effort and dressed up as cartoon characters, a scarecrow, the cat in the hat, the BFG, Tweedledum and Tweedle-dee, Miss Trunchbull, a burglar and more!



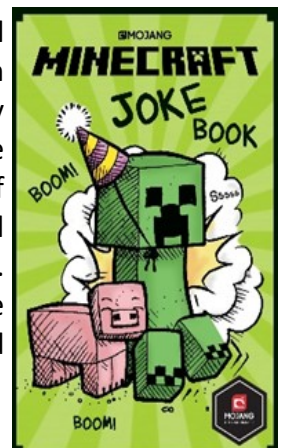
Classroom doors were transformed with very creative book cover displays. It created an exciting atmosphere around school for all the students.

Other activities included our 'book banquet' where students and staff could sit down with a drink and a biscuit and have a read of a new book. It was brilliant to see so many students relax and enjoy the variety of

literature on offer. Our favourite quote of the day was: *"I don't want to leave, can we just stay and read all day?"* Keep an eye out for our next Reading Newsletter where we will highlight some of our new library for you.



Students also took part in a book trail around school, and dance workshops which related to our theme for World Book Day this year – Royalty! It was a pleasure to be able to give every student a new book of their choice to take home. This year we had 34 books for students to choose from. Some of our most popular books were the Minecraft Joke Book, Let's Find Zog and Lifesize Deadly Animals.



We hope students are enjoying their book at home!



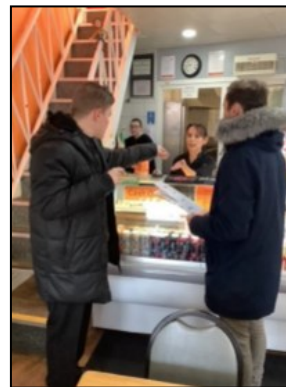
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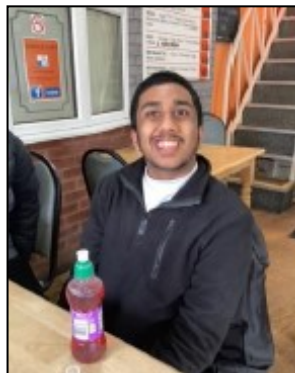
EYFS—Stay and Play!



World Down Syndrome Day - socks!



Trip to the café !



Wishing you all a Happy Easter!