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### **Coronation Party**

On Friday 5th May 2023, we enjoyed lots of festivities in celebration of King Charles III's coronation. Two of our older students prepared a presentation for the whole school where they explained what a coronation is and why it is important.



Students were then divided into teams to compete in a British themed quiz. We also had a barbeque and ate some traditional British dishes, including jam and scones which students had helped to make during their cooking lessons in the week. For the final part of the afternoon we all engaged in some hands on, fun activities and games and competed to win prizes. It was a fantastic day all round which was enjoyed by staff and students alike! -Carys



### **SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER**

Hello Everyone

It has once again been an eventful summer term here at On Track and as we approach the end of the school year we wanted to share the memorable experiences and hard work that students and staff have encountered.

This term has seen staff changes with Alex and Clare leaving us, we wish them well in their future endeavours. We have welcomed Penny our new English teacher and Casey and Emma to the support staff, Julie-Anne has recently joined the team and we have dragged Harry out of retirement to take over DT.

We had the end of year exams and then Diane appealed on Radio West Norfolk to local business owners asking them to consider taking our year 11 leavers on as trainees or apprentices.

We also had a large swarm of bees trying to nest in the building desperate to join us!

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 4th September 2023. If you need to contact us over the summer you can either leave a message on our answerphone and someone will get back to you or if it's urgent please ring Diane 07935-758084 or Claudia 07741-625957

### **Football Match—(Wisbech v Silverstone)**

Student R from Silverstone stepped up and joined the Wisbech team to help the match get underway. Silverstone scored the first goal,



followed by a goal from Wisbech (R). Wisbech Keeper Dylan looked like superman with his awesome ability to

defend some dangerous attempts on goal. The first half was fast paced and they looked to be playing well in the heat. Sportsmanship was seen on many occasions.

The second half, Ralfie got straight to work and brought fresh energy and dynamism to the game. Tex continued to be a force in defence with our powerhouse Darren dominating midfield. Another two goals from Silverstone, but that didn't dampen the spirits of Wisbech. Spencer made several runs down the wing and had their striker in his pocket on more than one occasion. Again lots of sportsmanship displayed and every single player conducted themselves brilliantly and they should be very proud of themselves. The final score was 3-1 to Silverstone. Congratulations to those who received an award: The Silverstone team voted Darren as their player of the match. Silverstone staff voted Dylan as Player of the match-Gemma



**English**—This term has been a very exciting one, we started last half-term looking at adverts. We worked on understanding the tools used by adverts and incorporating them into our own writing. This half-term by looking at a 'defeating the villain' story type. The children worked very hard on their use of punctuation, focussing on speech in the older year groups. More recently we have been working on non-fiction and writing for different purposes and audiences, this has included writing diary entries, news reports and letters. The children have all worked really hard and have all shown some improvement in their writing—*Penny*

**Art** - Years 7-9 have been taking part in art lessons this term and were set a challenge with papier-mâché. Each student was asked to create a papier-mâché structure around a balloon and then each decided what they would like to turn it into. This project was ongoing over several weeks and we had some brilliant ideas, from a penguin, a mask, TV characters as well as a model of our very own staff member Tash. Here she is showing the uncanny likeness between her and her papier-mâché self, created by her own key child Poppy!



**On The Farm**—This term at the Farm has been full of exciting activities. The children



have spent lots of time with the animals, feeding and caring for them, as well as creating obstacle courses for the sheep and picking carrots from the vegetable patch and feeding the hungry horses! We have also had the opportunity to create fine crafts out of wood, including tools and even Viking shields. The children also really enjoy the campfires, starting the fires using flint and then cooking pizza or marshmallows whilst sitting around the fire. The children always enjoy the farm and make the most of their time there, it is lovely to see each of them being free to explore their interests in such a tranquil environment! - *Karina*

**Cooking**—this term we have explored British and Greek food. The students have made things such as a toad in the hole, Victoria Sponge Cake, Cornish Pasties, Oreo cheesecake, pitta breads, Greek Salad and chicken gyros. I think a firm favourite has been the chicken gyros. The air conditioning unit has also been fitted in the kitchen which the children are loving in these hotter temperatures. *Chelsea*



**Skegness (Year 11s End of Year Trip)**— We enjoyed a lovely sunny, thrill seeking day at Fantasy Island in Skegness for the Year 11 leavers day! The day was spent with the leavers and their key-workers as a final trip to say goodbye and make lasting memories.



We went on lots of roller-coasters and even had time to shop for some designer items at a fraction of the cost! - *Natasha*

**Geography**— In Geography we have been testing our map reading skills and are hoping to go out and try orienteering with compass' soon. We have used atlas' to look at the UK and identify different counties, rivers and major towns. *Lin*





**Careers**—Careers has been extremely busy this term arranging visits for our Year 11 leavers to different colleges to look around and find out more about their courses. We have been to College of West Anglia both in Wisbech and Kings Lynn and Easton College to look at their Agricultural section. The Year 11 students have also applied and most already accepted on courses for September start with 2 attending taster days for their chosen courses. One of the Year 11's has spent some time on work experience with a local tiler to find out more about that trade.



Other students have visited the ultra-modern facility at CWA, the School of Nursing. This was an amazing visit and inspired the students to investigate careers linked to medicine including animatronics.

We also had a visit from the Army Careers Officer who told us about all the different routes we can follow in the Army, about training at Harrogate from 15 years and 7 months.

Lin



**PSHE**—We had a visit from Cambridgeshire Child and Adolescent Substance Use Service (CASUS). The service provides information, support and specialist treatment in Cambridgeshire around drug and alcohol use to young people under 18 years of age and their families. All students took part in an informative discussion where we were able to discuss current issues around substance misuse, which is something the children have been learning in PSHE this term. Both staff and students enjoyed the visit and we look forward to welcoming CASUS back next year.



This term we have had a very informative visit from the LGBTQ+ Project. Established in 2007, the project provides early intervention and prevention support, services, and information to all age groups to help empower individuals to improve their mental and emotional wellbeing and to reduce social isolation of LGBTQ+ individuals. The talk was a great way to spark conversation amongst the children about LGBTQ+ and answer all questions surrounding this topic. The children participated really well and we will continue these discussions next term in PSHE. Karina



**History**— We have investigated Castles and designed our own to show how strong they were and the different parts of a castle. We visited a local castle, Castle Rising that was originally built around 1100 and is still standing. We travelled the World discovering different areas like Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake did on their galleons. We would like to visit his ship the Golden Hind that is docked in London but that would be a long day. Lin



**Thrive**—We have had lots of lovely sessions in Thrive this term and with a bonus of the amazing hot weather we have been able to get out and about on lots of walks and to the park where we have had fun conversations and enjoyed play. Another particular favourite activity has been our emotion jars where we've



worked together to explore the possible meanings behind different colours and what emotions they could be linked to. Natasha



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**American Cemetery & Memorial**—Students have visited the American Cemetery in Cambridge as part of a History trip. Here they were able to find out more about how the Americans helped the war effort and the many that were injured were returned to the UK to convalesce, although not all of them made it. In the memorial centre the huge, copper doors took us into a world where the boats and planes were

displayed on a World Map and an ornate area where you could simply contemplate. All around there were stained glass windows depicting the seals of the states of the US. The cemetery is a beautiful, serene place and all of the students were very respectful during the visit. *Lin*



# 2023-2024

## School Year Calendar

- Staff Training Days
- School Holidays
- Bank Holidays

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