

Spring Term Highlights

Hospital Education Service - Building Bridges to Brighter Futures



School Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

So much has happened this year that the summer holiday is a much needed chance for staff to rest and reflect and for students to relax.

We want to celebrate our successes this year and share them with you, our school community, in the last newsletter of this academic year.

Teachers and support staff at the Hospital Education Service feel privileged to have worked with and supported such a diverse, creative and courageous group of children and young people this year. Staff, governors, parents, carers and learners have worked tirelessly together this year to ensure that the Hospital Education Service continues to provide high-quality support in a timely and accessible way. Thank you for your support.

Our Class of 2023 approached their GCSE examinations with grit and determination. They applied everything they had learned about each subject (and about managing their time and emotions) into each exam. We are so proud of the way they conducted themselves at what can be a very stressful time.

Enjoy reading about all of the enrichment trips and activities our learners have taken advantage of since Easter. It has been a very busy but enjoyable term with trips to the MAD Museum, Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford and many more.

As the summer break approaches, we wish you a safe, restful and enjoyable time with your family and friends and we look forward to welcoming you back when the school re-opens on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Enjoy your retirement Mrs Sanderson

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that all of us at the Hospital Education Service bid a fond farewell to Ms Sanderson as she celebrates her retirement after an amazing 43 years of teaching. We are sad to lose such a wonderful teacher and colleague, but we are delighted that she will finally be taking some time for herself to travel the world and replenish her soul.

Ms Sanderson joined the Hospital Education Service in 2015 as a highly-skilled Home Tutor. She has devoted her time to supporting Primary and Secondary aged children with their English and Maths and has used her extensive training and expertise in supporting learners with dyslexia.

Ms Sanderson, you have helped change the lives of so many young people for the better by showing them how very capable they are and by giving them opportunities to experience success in their learning. We thank you for your service to our school community. We wish you the very best for the future as you embark on the next chapter of life's journey. We will miss you!



Important Dates

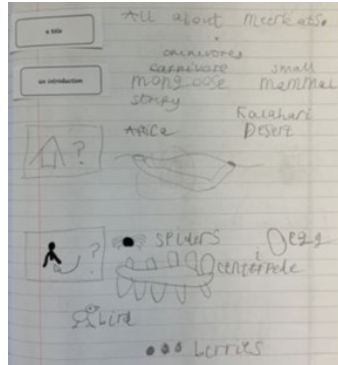
Teacher Training Days	Friday 1st Sept Mon 4th Sept
Orientation Week	Mon 4th Sept - Fri 8th Sept
Parent Workshop Safeguarding	Tues 26th Sept
Half term	Mon 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov
Parent Webinar Careers	Tues 7th November
Parent Consultation	Wed 6th December
Christmas Holidays	Mon 25th Dec - Fri 5th Jan
<i>Further events will be notified to Parents via our HES Admin Email.</i>	



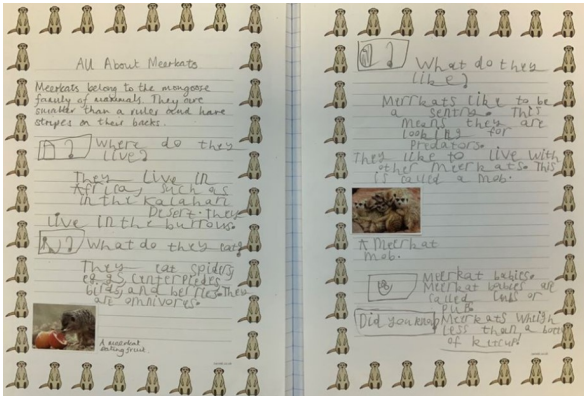
Meerkats Make for a Furry-Friendly School Project

In recent weeks, Mrs Palmer has been working with Eva in Year 1 to improve a range of literacy skills using her love of meerkats to structure her learning. Meerkats, who have been made famous by a popular television advertising campaign, have played an exciting role in supporting Eva to develop her reading and writing in a fun way. Here's a taste of what Eva and Mrs Palmer got up to... simples!

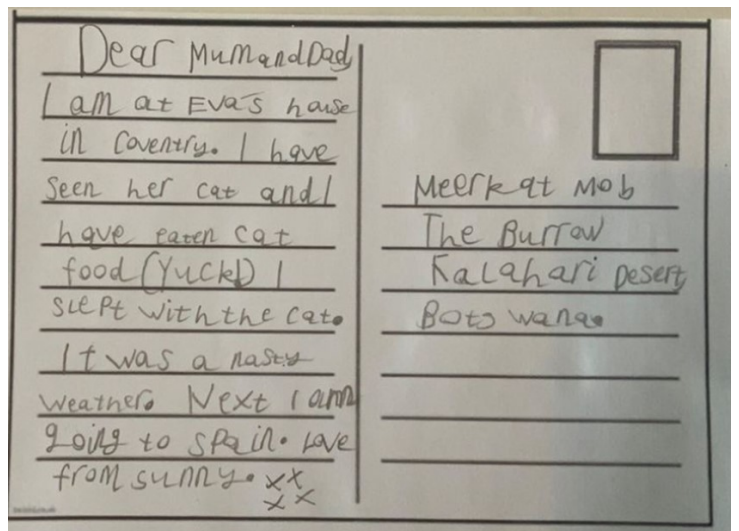
After completing her initial research, Eva created a diorama (model habitat) that reflected where Meerkats live.



Following this, Eva was then able to create an extended piece of writing on her findings. Cool border by the way! Eva named her Meerkat Sunny who sent lots of postcards to Mummy and Daddy who are still in the Kalahari Desert!



Eva used her writing skills to let Sunny's Mummy and Daddy know about life in Coventry and their plans to move to Spain. We all know where we would rather be!



Pupils step back in time with visit to Pitt Rivers Museum

Art students from Whitmore Park Annexe and those working from home were invited on a trip to The Pitt Rivers Museum Oxford. The Museum is an anthropological museum filled with objects and artefacts that reflect humanity over the centuries. The students were amazed at the amount of objects and the scale of the building. A totem pole reaches up over 3 floors and balconies allow a view of the space below. Students spent time exploring, looking through the cases and weaving their way through the display cabinets, before settling down in the workshop area to draw some of the objects they found especially interesting. The students had prepared small sketch books to make them look old which made the surfaces they drew on crinkled and ripped. Everyone loved finding the witch in the bottle, and some took part in a mouse trail which guides you around the museum. We ended our visit with a look at Oxford's Natural History Museum: full of skeletons, taxidermy and wonders from the natural world.

Back in the classroom students will carry on with their sketch book and consider ways they can use the visual information they gathered for their GCSE course work. Students at home and the hospital will go on a virtual tour and be able to take part in the project alongside those who were able to visit. To top it all, cake and a birthday party on the minibus helped to end the day.

Ms Gregg - Art Teacher



Bank of England Speakers provide a rich insight for Pupils

On Monday 3rd July, two employees from the Bank of England joined us remotely to share what the bank of England do and how they support finances across the UK.

Chris and Joe talked about how the Bank of England manage inflation rates to support stability in the economy, monitor and support high street banks and how the Bank of England has the second largest store of gold in the world! They also shared how the Bank of England print bank notes and bank notes featuring King Charles will soon be in use.

Thank you to Mrs Dye for arranging and we hope to arrange a follow-up visit soon!

Below are a few questions for you to have a go at:

How old is the bank of England?

A – 51 years B – 329 years C – 592 years

How many people work for the Bank of England?

A – 5000 B – 50,000 C – 500,000

What is the value of all the digital bank transactions handled by the Bank of England every day?

A - £8 billion B - £80 billion C - £800 billion

Answers on the last page

Updates from the Hospital School

This week we received the great news that work produced by pupils whilst on the wards has been showcased on the corridors of UHCW. This is a fantastic achievement for our pupils who in very challenging circumstances continue to keep pace with their education to reduce the impact of their absence.

We are all very proud of our pupils and thank all the UHCW Hospital School staff who go above and beyond to support our pupils. The work can be seen outside the entrance to the Paediatric Wards based in the Main Building on the first floor



School visit to the MAD Museum is 'crazily' good

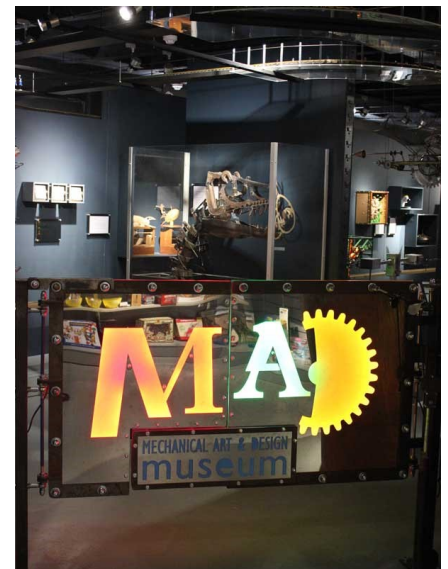
A group of students visited the Mechanical Art and Design (MAD) Museum in Stratford. We enjoyed interacting with the exhibits and watching incredible and engaging engineering designed purely for fun!

If you're not quite sure what mechanical art is all about, think of the machines and gizmos used in Wallace and Gromit, Scrapheap Challenge and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. In a nutshell, mechanical art is usually beautifully crafted, moving sculptures either made to have an exaggerated purpose or made simply for the fun of it.



We also enjoyed some sight-seeing as we walked through Stratford-upon-Avon – we spotted Shakespeare's birthplace, decorative coronation displays and the river.

Thank you to Mrs Dye for arranging the visit for pupils.



Alumni Insights - Charlie Cann (Class of 2021)



So what have you been up to since leaving the Hospital Education Service?

Since leaving the service I have been studying at college while also working part time. This has allowed me to gain the qualifications to move on to university. I have also used some of my free time to complete online courses on topics like web development.

What course did you go onto study and where?

I have been studying a BTEC National Extended Diploma (Level 3) in Computing at Leamington College.

What was life like at College?

There were not lessons every day and this meant that I did not always need to be in college; however, these days should be used for industry placement which is part of other courses. I found that with my course I had more free time than before giving me a chance to complete online courses outside of college in things like web development. I made sure to focus on completing the course work to a high level and this means that I got all distinctions in my course work (BTEC work is marked Pass, Merit or Distinction) and this has allowed me to achieve high grades and in the second year I won the 'Digital and Cyber Technologies Student of the Year' for Leamington College.

What surprised you about college life?

The amount of support that is offered. There are a range of courses at the college, and this means that it is big, and this made me think that the support that was offered would not be very good; however, from day one they offered support and throughout the first and second year there were people in most classes ready to help and support. The support made it much easier for me to settle in at the college when I first arrived, and this was important because it was a very different environment from the one that I had been used to for the last 2 years. Once I settled, it was fine and I was able to achieve high grades in my course.

What did you worry about that you shouldn't have been worried about?

I was concerned that I might not be able to achieve what I needed to in my course. After a few months, I completed all of the exam elements of my course. The following year was assessed through course work. I realised that if I focused and used my time well and got my work done on time, I would be fine, and I could achieve high grades.

What was the biggest change for you?

The college environment was different, and this meant that I went back to larger classes however once I got settled this was fine and I got used to the big building and larger classes.

What's the best bit about studying at Leamington Spa College?

They offered a very high level of support which was very helpful when getting started at the college and made it easier to transition from school to college.

What grades are you predicted to get?

Distinction* Distinction* Distinction

What are your plans for the future?

I will be moving on to study Computer Science at Lancaster University. This will allow me to gain a degree from a top university and then move onto a career in computing. In the future I would like to be a software engineer which will be possible with my degree.

Glitz and Glamour provide backdrop for Graduation Ceremony

On Friday 23rd June, we said our final goodbyes to our Class of 2023. Year 11 students donned their finest clothes and graced the red carpet in recognition of their achievements this year. Over seventy guests attended including students, parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers and governors.

For the third year, Coventry University sponsored the event at the Richard Crossman Building. We are grateful to Liam and his team for providing such a prestigious space in which to hold the event, for providing a wonderful buffet lunch together with a hydration station, and for providing mortar boards and graduation gowns for photo opportunities throughout the event.

The event provided the perfect backdrop to celebrate the achievements of this wonderful group of Year 11s as they prepare for the next chapter in their educational journey. We will miss you all and wish you the very best for the future.



Reptiles Visit has Pupils Slithering for More.

Pupils studying Outdoor Education were in for a slippery treat as they took part in a Reptiles and Amphibian workshop hosted by an expert from the Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve. Pupils were invited to a training day that covered how to identify and conserve British Reptiles. The visit included an induction talk and a hands on activity around the vast nature reserve that features a wide collection of wildlife thriving in it's natural habitat.

The visit supported pupils to equip them with strategies if they were to come across Adders, Slow Worms or even Smooth Snakes. On the day pupils had come across Juvenile Grass Snakes. Pupils excelled on the day and came away with a wealth of knowledge.

Ms Ingram our Outdoor Education Lead has over the academic year championing pupils that have taken an active role in preserving and building knowledge of the wonderful outdoors. Pupils studying Outdoor Education will continue to visit Brandon Marsh for the academic year and will be on the lookout for those reptiles.



Hospital Education Service - Parents Webinars

The Hospital Education Service will be relaunching its Parent Webinars offer starting in September. The workshops will cover a variety of topics across the academic year with the aim of providing parents with advice and guidance to support their child in areas such as online safety, careers and mental wellbeing.

Following feedback from parents last year, the webinars will now take place at the later time of 6:00pm to support with attendance.

All workshops will be hosted via Teams and parents will need to book on by emailing the HES Admin inbox for an invite.

Autumn Term parent workshops:

Tuesday 26th September - Safeguarding Guidance and Attendance.
Hosted by SLT

Tuesday 7th November - Careers Hosted by Asif Takolia



Comments, Compliments, Complaints

As a service we value feedback from our school community. Did you know we have a form open throughout the year for Comments, Compliments and Complaints. You can access this via our school website and using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/T8z9wXGZ4w>

School's Out Take an emotional health check



Head into the summer with a better understanding of your **child's brain development** and their **emotional wellbeing** as you support them into their next new phase.

FACT

Our brains develop most rapidly in childhood shaping our emotional health and wellbeing for the rest of our lives.

HERE FOR YOU

Online courses developed by clinical psychologists can help you to **understand your child**, read their behaviour and help them look after their emotional health.



inourplace.co.uk

Understanding your child online course has been paid for by Coventry City Council, so you can access it **completely free** using the code **SPIRES3**

Short courses on Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child or teenager also included.

Coventry HAF Summer Fun - 24 July to 1 September



Would you like
**free activities
and food this
Summer?**

Book on now so you don't miss out – places will fill up quickly!
Visit www.coventry.gov.uk/haf

Support you can contact

	116123	Free 24 Hours Confidential Helpline
	0800 1111	Free helpline 9am- midnight for children & young people in danger and access to the website 24 hours a day
	Kooth.com	Free, anonymous, online counselling, advice and support for 11-25 year olds
	Text YM to 85258 for support	24/7 support
	Call 0808 808 4994	4pm-11pm 7 days a week. Or TEXT The Mix to 85258 24 hours
	0800 111 4998 Safetotalk.org.uk	Coventry Domestic Abuse Support. If in danger call 999

In case of an out-of-hours emergency, contact an out-of-hours GP on 111 or visit a local Accident & Emergency Department.

Bank of England Quiz— 1.B, 2.A, 3C

Summer -term Highlights shares events and activities that pupils at the Hospital Education Service have been involved in. If there is something that needs correcting or you would like to make a suggestions about what you would like to see in our newsletter please contact Mr Takolia.