



Summer Newsletter July 2024



This year we have had some great opportunities for our students, we have had students doing Internal, external work experience and many experiences of workplaces; in the school we have had students in the school kitchen, working on the PE stores, another helping Sally with IT, some working for The Bubble Company and others delivering post and parcels to classrooms. External work experience and experiences of workplaces have included, Prospect Park Play Rangers, ArtBrew Brewery, Visa VBar Market, Ridgeline, Apple Store, Cats Protection Shop, National Grid, Basil & Crew Farm, Speakers for Schools/Wellington College and many many more.

I feel its fair to say it has been a busy but incredible year

Shaw Trust Visit

6th form, Osprey Class had the amazing opportunity to visit Shaw Trust; *Shaw Trust is a leading employment charity. Each year we support hundreds of thousands of people to achieve their full potential.*

The students heard all about Shaw Trust and what they do, they heard a few success stories and a few even spoke about the job opportunities that they would like in the future, all were met with positivity and enthusiasm.

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Post-16 get a visit from The Royal Navy

Our Post-16 pupils had an amazing day thanks to the Royal Navy team. They led fun and educational first aid and archery sessions, making sure every student could join in, no matter their ability. The officers were kind, patient, and encouraging, making the experience unforgettable for our students.

This visit not only taught new skills but also opened up exciting career possibilities for our pupils. The smiles and excitement seen throughout the day, as captured in our photos and video, say it all.



Visa Volunteers

On 11th July we had a group of volunteers from Visa come in to help out in our allotment, throughout the day some classes popped in to help out. 4 students from Dunnock class made chocolate twists for our volunteers and served them with tea, coffee and water. The feedback they had was amazing, said they were tasty, delicious, yummy; some even went back for seconds and I heard someone ask if it was ok to another making it a third. I think we can safely say Dunnock done a great job, well done to Kai, Alfie, Vinnie and Lucy for your hard work. The volunteers did a great job and left the allotment looking much improved. Thank you Visa



Speaker for schools

In our last email we spoke about Speakers for Schools, since then Egret class have had tier 2 and 3. The students had a great visit to Wellington College where they got to look around and see workers on route that spoke to them about their role at the college. They were very impressed by the laundry room; the washing machines were huge and they had a machine that could iron a shirt in 10 seconds. Corey tested out the bed and advised Graham he should change the mattress; when Graham came back to us he told Corey he had ordered new mattresses for some of the rooms and that was because of Corey's test. This workplace visit was very informative for our students and Graham stated that our students were a credit to the school, which is so lovely to hear.

Speakers for Schools is a national career provider



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- Chiltern Training – Childcare and Business apprenticeships
- John Lewis
- New Meaning courses
- New Directions College
- Reading Borough Council – Apprenticeships
- Starting Point (Mustard tree) – Mentoring
- Shaw Trust and Ways into Work – Supported internships
- Thames Water jobs and apprenticeships

Why not pop along to New Meanings on Thursday 18th July and see what is on offer

Check out local activities on during the school holidays

www.reading.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer

Have a look at our website to what's been happening and see what exciting things are still to come

<http://www.avenue.reading.sch.uk/>

Last day of term is

Tuesday 23rd July

at 1.15

Have an amazing summer and we are keeping our fingers crossed for some sunshine