

ACCESS AUGUST NEWSLETTER

CLACTON AIRSHOW

Friday 25th August

Caroline Findlay and Troy Clements once again pulled off an extremely well organised trip to visit the Clacton Airshow this year - and I have to say we were blessed with wonderful weather and fantastic performances in numerous displays.

It was a long day with staff and students setting off early and getting back a lot later than our usual 4.00pm finish time - we are extremely lucky in Access to have staff who are prepared to go the extra mile for the students, to ensure the best possible time is had and that the day wasn't spoiled by time constraints.

The students were once again amazed by the Red Arrows and all of the other pilots that took part in the various displays throughout the day.

This trip is definitely a favourite part of the calendar year for the students in Growing for Life and Oak Group.



RECYCLING

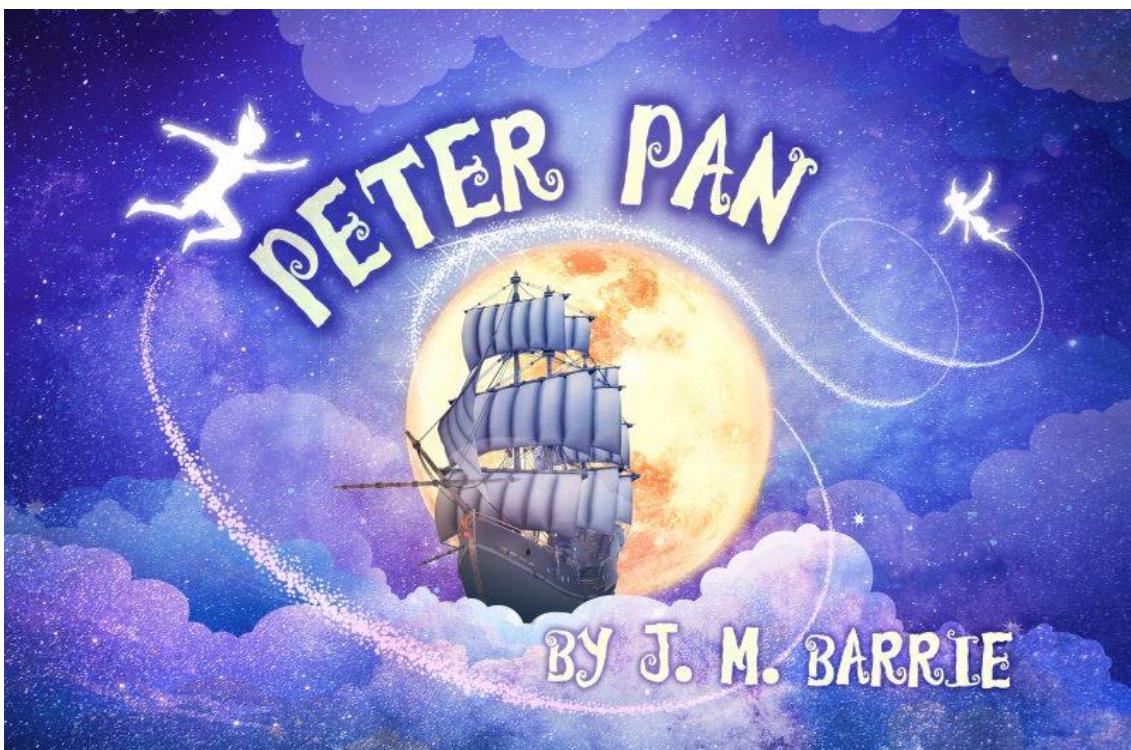
As part of the Gateway Award scheme students are encouraged to get involved in a recycling project. At Access we have since been inspired by this and have decided to do more of our own recycling!

Ella has continued to collect bottle tops which she takes to Lush when she goes with a group of other students and staff in to town using the public bus service.

Sammy has also continued to drop off various plastic and tins at the local recycling centre if ever they are passing on one of their outings.

We have now set up bins in Access for tins initially, and we will aim to continue to increase the amount of things we recycle whilst staff and students are at Access.





A group of students went to see the Made in Colchester production of Peter Pan at the beginning of August, and I have to say the students found it truly magical.

The cast started the performance in the audience, chatting and singing before venturing on to the stage for the full performance. There were very few cast members - with each playing between three and four parts. The way they executed their costume changes and scenery changes was extremely clever and the story was told beautifully.

At the end of the production the audience were asked if they would like to get up on to the stage to meet the cast and ask any questions, our students absolutely loved this opportunity and spent at least twenty minutes looking at the set and chatting with the members of the cast.





MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We have decided to make the launch date for our pop up café on the day we support the Macmillan Nurses. This was extremely well supported last year and we therefore hope to see some familiar and some new faces popping in for tea or coffee and a slice of delicious cake!!

Please save the date 29th September 2017

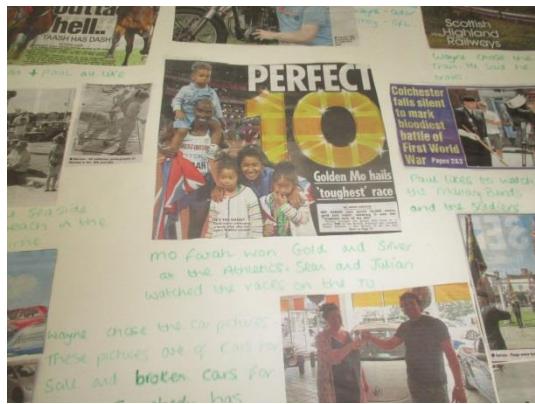
The café will be open 10.00am till 2.00pm

In the last year we have introduced two different News and Views sessions every Monday morning with different ability groups. Carol Dowling hosts a session with students predominantly from Elm group, and Caroline Findlay hosts a

session with Oak group and both of these sessions are working really well.

The students get the opportunity to discuss, whether it be using Makaton, verbally or using pictures what they have done over the past week since the last session, whilst they have not been at Access. The other part of the session involves looking through the weeks papers to find stories and pictures that take their interest that they can then talk about and discuss together.

The groups produce a poster each week covering the topics they have discussed which they can look back at, at any time.



STUDENT VISIT TO COLCHESTER WESTERN HOMES COMMUNITY STADIUM

What a fantastic afternoon! The students had a private tour of the stadium, including meeting rooms, changing rooms and the stands. We have even been told that their club mascot Eddie will be happy to come and visit us at Access to give all of our students the opportunity to meet him! We just need to let them know when we would like him to come.





Essex Care Consortium Ltd are looking for Support Workers, Night Awakes and 1:1 Support Workers to work in their four different Residential Homes. If you know anybody who would like to work with us or if you would like an application form or further information please contact our Head Office on 01206 330308 or 07746603757



ACTIVITIES COMING UP IN ACCESS

SEPTEMBER

Pop up café supporting Macmillan Nurses on Friday 29th September

OCTOBER

On Monday 30th October we will be having a Halloween disco at Birch Village Hall in the evening - times to be confirmed and we look forward to seeing some amazing fancy dress costumes!!

DECEMBER

Our Christmas disco will take place on Monday 18th December this year - times to be confirmed!

ACCESS CLOSURES FOR 2017

Closed Monday 4th September 2017
Re-opens Monday 18th September 2017

Closed Monday 25th December 2017
Re-opens Wednesday 3rd January 2018



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