



# Newsletter Term 2

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

Fosse Way School  
Longfellow Road  
Radstock, Bath.

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INSET DAYS FOR  
2009 -2010

Term 3

**NONE**

Diary Dates:

Back to School!

4th January 2010

Term 3 Dates

5th February 2010—  
UNI CEF Non-Uniform Day

12th February—Last day  
of term.

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We have made two new teaching appointments with effect from **January due to Mairi Lanyon's continuing illness and Jenny O'Dare's recent resignation. Natalie Nyce will take over Jenny O'Dare's teaching group whilst Karen Baker will take over as Form Tutor from Tom Lovell.** Both Natalie and Karen already know many of our pupils from their previous work here.

A review of our Norton Hill provision was recently carried out by the Local Authority and we are very pleased with the **outcome. The main conclusion being that the "...provision offers** an outstanding level of education and support for ASD students.

The last few days have been packed with a range of Christmas activities which have been thoroughly enjoyed by the children, My thanks go to the staff who have worked hard to make this a special time for our pupils.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!.

David Gregory



9GW Visit to Rook Lane Chapel Exhibition, Frome.

We made a visit to Frome to see "Father and Son", an exhibition of art work by Hayden and Thomas Pearce. The exhibition included sculpture and paintings. The paintings used lots of different colours and the sculpture was 'kinetic' - parts of them were very carefully balanced and could move! The exhibition was in an old chapel which was a really nice, big space.

We were shown around the exhibition by Jo Plimmer who coordinates art events at Rook Lane Chapel.

After we had looked around the exhibition we did some drawings of our own using charcoal and chalk on paper, brown wrapping paper and card.

The visit was also part of our Youth Award Scheme work. We looked at maps and used

the internet to find out about which different ways we could get to Frome, how long the journey would be and how much time it would take to get there.



POST-16 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Post-16 have had a very busy 2 terms on several projects connected to the core courses taken. A puppet theatre with scenery, puppets and moveable props has been made ready for a performance of 'The Three Little Pigs' for the Foundation classes.



Rustic boxes have been made ready for vegetable boxes as an enterprise in the spring, combining our garden produce and DT lessons.

In the run up to Christmas, ceramic Christmas tree decorations and Christmas cards have

been produced as enterprise and Design Technology projects. Mairi would be proud of us!

Post-16



Golden Mile!

This year we are running the Golden Mile initiative. This is where pupils can opt to rack up miles on our track at school in a friendly competition that gets logged on the Golden Mile website. This encourages healthy activity and pupils enjoy adding a mile here and there.

So at the moment, those in the lead are;

Primary—Bradley Purchase— (8 miles)

KS3—Corey Snell (8 miles)

KS4 - Rachel Robinson—17 miles (Bronze Award)

KS5— Stephen Quinn— 39 miles! (Silver Award)



# PE NEWS

Lots of interesting PE events have been taking place over the last term. Notably some of our pupils have even appeared on TV as they supported Writhlington in their bid for a climbing wall. KS3 JB/ EM went to the climbing wall at St Werburghs, Bristol to demonstrate their climbing ability and we are all very pleased that it was selected as the successful project.

In other PE news a KS4/5 Girls Team took part in the SSSSA 10 Pin Bowling Competition at Longwell Green on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec and did very well—well done to them!

And in more regular activities, some of our pupils joined in GCSE PE group Trampolining at Norton Hill, demonstrating the acrobatics possible with support!



*Reaching new heights!*



*Up up and away!*

## Sainsbury's supports schools' tree planting

**300,000 children to plant trees! This autumn up to 300,000 young people from across the country were provided with free tree saplings to plant in their schools grounds and community spaces. The UK's leading woodland conservation charity, the Woodland Trust, and Sainsbury's Active Kids have supplied 10,000 hedge and copse packs, which each contain 30 saplings.**

**This is a National initiative and at Fosse Way Sainsburys presented us with 2 packs of native trees to plant. The Land based vocational group planted the trees which will hopefully grow to form a hedge as part of the boundary to the school garden.**

**T Moon**



*Being presented with the free trees!*



## ASDAN BOWLING TRIP.

Y9CD, as part of their ASDAN Awards course which develop independence, social skills and citizenship, went 10 pin bowling at Bowlplex, Longwell Green Bristol. They had a fun competition in a very social environment and in addition to honing their bowling skills, brushed up on their sportsmanship as well! The group enjoyed this leisure activity and had a great time.

T Moon



# Project SEARCH

Just to remind you: Project SEARCH is a one year transition course for students in their final year of school (year 12 or above). It provides training and education for students with learning difficulties and disabilities through a partnership between the Royal United Hospital Bath, B&NES, and Fosse Way School and a supported employment agency. The goal is for young people to achieve transferable, marketable and competitive core skills such as problem solving, teamwork, and critical thinking, and through immersion in such work to achieve employment by the end of the academic year.

### **The project has a classroom, based in the hospital, where the student's**

learn employability and job specific skills, and each student is also matched with a workplace in a job that suits their interests and abilities. All students rotate through three different work sites throughout the year, building on the skills they already have, so that there is clear progression over the course of the year. The students spend the majority of their day, learning these skills in the workplace and these are reinforced by two hours a day in the classroom. The students are trained to do their jobs by 2 job coaches, a TA and teacher from school.

We are just coming to the end of our first rotations, and students have really enjoyed being so immersed in the working environment. The progression from school to the working environment can be a challenge and a huge cultural change for students, and all students have taken on this challenge and shone. All of our students are working independently in their departments for most of the day, and all are independent during their lunch and breaktimes.

Here are a few of our work placements: Sterile Services, Postroom,



Human Resources, Library, Dentistry, Environmental Services and Medical Records.

*<-- Hannah in Dentistry Department*

*Ben in the Post Room --->*



*The Project Search group!*





## Y10 PSHE Lessons

Kate Murphy from B&NES joined 2 of our PSHE lessons to support the module on drugs education.

She brought along various resources and perhaps the **most interesting was the "beer goggles"** which simulated the affect alcohol has on vision and perception. It certainly made a few heads spin!

T Moon



## School Council News

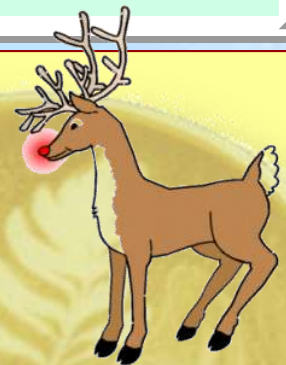
In September we elected a new school council. One of the first jobs we asked students to do was to come up with ideas to improve lunchtime and break times. Many of their ideas have been used. Lunchtime clubs are very popular with students. These include the Art club, Singing club, Grid (computer) club, and Chess club. A Library club will start next term. A big thank you to staff who give their time to run clubs.

Mr Cainey will be organising some training sessions for some new sports leaders who will help organise playground activities. School Council have also helped organise resources for wet lunchtimes and will be funding the purchase of new resources. Mr Gregory has also promised to allocate £500 to school council to purchase activities for lunchtime in April.



*Dressed up for charity!*

# Cafe GALLERY



The results are in! Thank you to all of you who voted for names for the cafe. Cafe GALLERY has emerged as the winner out of 52 responses. There were many fresh ideas too, which we can use to promote special themed weeks in the future.

The electricians started last week to wire in the extra power and are making great progress. The kitchen is due to be installed this week and the cafe will be open on Monday **11<sup>th</sup> January, 2010**. There will be flyers coming home at the end of term with more details and I look forward to meeting you all in the New Year.

Emma Moffat—Catering Manager

Bring this coupon with you to receive a **FREE** tea or coffee on your first visit to Cafe GALLERY.

Valid until 30th  
June 2010



# KS2 NEWS

## DT Shelters

We've been making shelters out of wood in DT this term. We made a roof structure by rolling paper and making a frame. Then we made a wooden structure using triangle pieces of card to fix the wood together. Finally we clad the walls with card and cut windows and doors out.



## Electricity safety talk with Neil Rawcliffe

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December Neil came to talk to KS2TL about the dangers of electricity. He showed us a video of children being silly around a substation and getting electrocuted. We also played a game where we had to identify some dangers. We all learned a lot and definitely feel safer! He left us with some goodies such as sunglasses and wristbands.

For news on our Christmas activities see the Christmas Production page!

## Cadbury's World Visit - Birmingham

During International Studies this term the students have been learning about Fair Trade. This culminated with a visit to Cadbury's World located in Birmingham. The reason for choosing this as a destination was because they had recently announced that they had met the criteria to call themselves a Fair Trade company. Also Cadbury's was high profile in the news at the time of our visit because of the proposed take over bid by Kraft. We had a wonderful day. Thanks to Georgia, Billy, Jake and Zoe who were a pleasure to spend time with and the wonderful Pascale Beck for supporting on the trip.

Emma Moreton



## KS3 Christmas Social Trip Bowling at Longwell Green

My lovely tutor group decided that for their Christmas social trip they would like to go bowling, so on Friday 11th December that's what we did. We had a great morning of play. Lucy Young and Becky Stuckey were demons on the alley and scored the two highest scores by miles - well done girls. We returned to school to a lunch of International cuisine. We all enjoyed food that was representative of a number of different countries including Germany, Spain, Italy, Greece, Japan, New Zealand and France. The students had an opportunity to expand their knowledge of foods from around the world and they all discovered a penchant for different foods which they have never tried before.

Emma Moreton



# CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is a hive of activity around the school with mini-enterprises, creative arts and all manner of activities taking place! It all culminated in our Christmas Production. Parents and carers were invited to come and watch a mixture of song, acting, animation film and dance that the Primary and Keystage 3 groups have been working on this term.

It was a packed programme of events. The Primary started everything off with Jingle Bells. There was a splendid animation from Richard Ambler's class, various dances from KS3 groups showing the talents of our up and coming dancers. The film 'A present for James couldn't fail to bring a smile to everyone's face (mainly due to James beaming the whole way through!). James Philips' class managed to "Rock around the Christmas Tree" with great enthusiasm and everyone remembered the Twelve Days of Christmas—which isn't the easiest thing to do!

*(More on next page)*



*Rehearsals underway!*



*KS1 Rocking around the Christmas Tree!*



*It's hard working rehearsing! (Even if it is part of the dance!)*



*←-Right and below—some of the wonderful art work from KS3 that ended up making the Christmas Concert Programme*



KS2 spent 3 weeks practising their nativity play for the Christmas Production and the results were fantastic. The children all deserve special praise for remembering their lines and performing so well.



Well done to everyone! The feedback from parents was universally positive and we hope to build on the success of this year for our next performance!



### Visit to Wookey Papermill

Year 10 & 11 DT groups visited Wookey Papermill earlier this month. We watched a film which showed the history of the papermill, and paper making at Wookey. Then we were given a guided tour and a demonstration of the process, and then it was our turn! All the pupils had the chance to roll their sleeves up and try it for themselves. This



was great fun and nearly everyone had a go - even the teachers! We were even allowed to take our own efforts home - our very own hand-made paper!! We finished off with a hilarious walk through the mirror maze, and a browse round the shop. Everyone agreed that it was a very worthwhile morning!



# Fosse Way House News

Merry Christmas to all from everyone here at Fosse Way House! We have had a very busy time since the last half term break. Jo, our manager left to go on maternity leave, the latest news being that we are still awaiting the arrival of Baby Burton. Jo is in very good spirits and enjoying some relaxing time off and says hello to everyone. In the mean time I have taken over and have been very pleased to welcome a couple of new additions to Fosse Way House, both have settled in very well and are enjoying all the activities that we do here.

With the weather being against us this term we have had lots of fun indoors and everyone has really enjoyed the activities on offer. We have continued to go trampolining every week and all the students will be starting to earn grading badges in the near future. We have also all enjoyed various trips out, Jen particularly enjoyed the trip to the cinema to see Fantastic Mr. Fox. We have a new Fosse Way House champion of Ten Pin Bowling and everyone enjoyed the trip to Pizza Hut. How can we forget the Carnival, we all braved the conditions to give our support to the various floats and got soaked in the process but everyone soon warmed up with a party afterwards here in the Hostel.

Some of us recently made our television debuts on ITV's Peoples Million where the school supported Writhlington School in their bid to win a grant for a climbing wall. Their bid was successful and we went along for the live results show and were all shocked when ITV's Peter Rowell ran in with a cheque for £44,000. We have since received a DVD of this and the students involved have enjoyed watching themselves on TV.

We have continued to do DT/Art activities this term. Our theme this term has been very festive. Everyone has been involved in making a nativity scene which we hope to unveil very soon. We have also decorated the hostel tree and created some festive pictures for up here. Everyone is very excited and enjoying the build up to Christmas especially the Christmas shopping. So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all from Fosse Way House.



*Melissa Trampolining!*



*Thomas relaxing*



*Out Xmas Shopping!*

*Jason Towells*

## "Sing Up" Project

At the end of last term on the 20th October some of KS2 and KS3 worked with staff from Wells Cathedral School. They had an exciting afternoon singing and creating music as part of the "Sing Up" Project and produced some amazing numbers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience as you can see from the picture! Thanks to all staff who supported and to the Staff from Wells Cathedral School.

Carol Davis





## DT NEWS!

Pupils have been very busy in DT this term, designing and making lots of really good things. KS3 groups have been making fluorescent jackets which will keep them safe when out walking on the dark evenings. They have cut out and sewn on their own shapes and patterns of reflective tape which will show up in car headlights.

Year 9 groups have been working with plastics. Some pupils made protective cases for mobile phones and I pods, using heat-forming techniques with Foamex



sheet. Others made key fobs out of acrylic sheet,

by using our CAD/CAM equipment. All pupils had the chance to personalise their creations by making their own shapes and designs.

Year 10 & 11 have been studying paper and card production, and looking at Health & Safety issues in the workshop. They had a very interesting visit to Wookey Papermill, which you can read about elsewhere in this newsletter! Year 11 have also been working very hard on their GCSE projects and **folders, ready for next year's exams.**

**We have all missed Mairi's expertise over the last couple of terms, and wish her a speedy recovery. We would also like to thank Jan for all her hard work, keeping things on track in Mairi's absence.**



Fosse Way School Trust

The Trust exists for charitable purposes to advance the education of children and young people with learning difficulties at Fosse Way School and the wider community.

The main areas of activity are Extended Services (holiday schemes, weekend and evening activities), training and fundraising for a variety of school purposes. Fundraising and sponsorship are becoming increasingly important and are the current focus.

I would be grateful if any parents or carers who have expertise or skills that could help with these activities, to get in touch with me. Similarly if you have business or commercial links that we might be able to develop I would be interested to hear from you.

Thank you  
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