

JULY 2023

LEVETT SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parent/Carer/Governor,

Here we are again, at the end of another school year.

It has been a busy summer term with some wonderful learning and some fantastic outings, which will culminate with our Big Summer Blow out/Sports Day on Thursday 20th July.



Young Enterprise Project



Over the past few months Elle and Cody have been working extremely hard to complete a Young Enterprise Project. The aim of this project was to “empower young people to discover, develop and celebrate their skills and potential”. This was the beginning of ElCo a company powered by positivity!

This was then the start of a lot of hard work, we had to think about creating something that we could sell and make a profit from. Elle and Cody had some amazing idea— eventually we narrowed these down and produced: inspirational quote frames, canvas bags with designs on them, key rings and then finally “design your own bag” kits.



It was then on to the making of all of these products! This was the hard bit. It got very repetitive and it was hard at times to keep motivated but eventually we got all the stock completed and ready to sell.



We then had to get ready to take our goodies on tour! We created a stand, made a “positivitree” and headed to the bright lights of Rotherham where we accepted the challenge of selling our products to the shoppers of Tesco. At first Elle and Cody were a little unsure, but then they got to grips with dealing with the public. This lead to oodles of sales and some very proud staff members!!



Our final part was the celebration event that we attended at the Keepmoat stadium. Again we packed up our goodies—now with the inclusion of inspiration mugs that we had created with the help of Steve—and got back on the minibus.

Once at the Keepmoat we had to present our journey to all of the other schools, some invited guests, 3 judges and most importantly Miss Buchanan who came to join us! This meant facing a massive challenge: reading and talking in public. Elle and Cody performed beautifully (and made Miss Rook cry). They were so inspirational that they were awarded the Teamwork award as it was recognised that they had had many barriers to overcome in order to achieve all that they had done. The judges loved the stand and admired the creativity that ElCo had used.



We are so proud of all that they have achieved during this programme and we hope they remember this moment throughout their lives!!

Art

Our lower site pupils have enjoyed working with clay in Art this term, making sculptures of Iron Man.



Tuck Shop

A recent addition to Levett School, at the Upper site we have had the pleasure of launching our very first tuck shop!

Free to all pupils daily, at breaktime they can come down to the student shared area and choose a delicious and healthy snack to get them through to lunch.



Thrive

In our Thrive sessions, pupils have enjoyed drawing whilst listening to music.



MY NAME IS BAILEY I AM 10 YEARS OLD NEARLY 11
AND THIS IS MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY I WAS BORN ON THE
28 OF JUNE 2012 IN DONCASTER HOSPITAL AT THE
HOSPITAL MY DAD WAS THERE AND ALSO NANNA
SHE WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO MEET ME APART
FROM MY MUM AND DAD.



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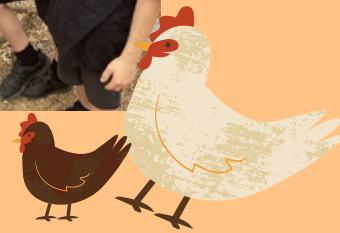
In Primary, pupils have been completing autobiographies about their lives. Pupils planned, wrote, edited and published their work.



Boston Park Farm Visit

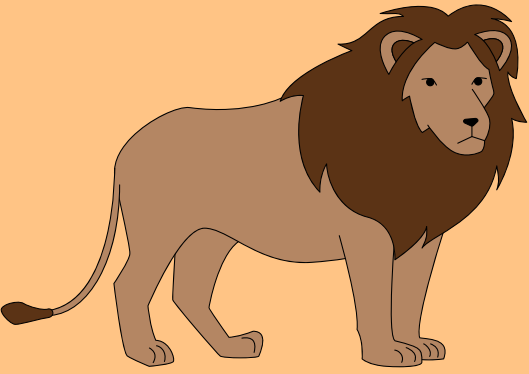
Some of the children from Lower school visited Boston Park Farm to help with their topic about animals in captivity.

They enjoyed hearing about how the animals are cared for and helped feed them before enjoying a tractor ride.



THE YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK

CAREERS VISIT



On Thursday 6th of July, we took some of our Year 9 students to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. This was so we could take part in a careers workshop and then we were given some time to look around the park.

During the careers workshop, our Education Officer spoke about all the different job options that were available, ranging from Chefs to Maintenance Assistant, to Animal Handlers and Managing Directors.

It was a really informative talk and we realised how useful having our "Food Hygiene" certificates could be as we start thinking about entering the world of work. This made Miss Rook very happy!!!





PEGGY

On Friday we had a very special visit from the lovely Peggy. Peggy is a support dog who will be coming in to work with the pupils at both Lower and Upper sites.

She came for a visit so that she could learn about our school and meet all the pupils and staff. This was really important for both Peggy and the students!

Peggy and her handler came and spent an hour with the pupils so that we could ask questions and get advice about how we need to act when we are around her. As you can see from the pictures, Peggy was very relaxed in our company. Peggy was then eager to go and run off some energy so we found a tennis ball and headed outside. We watched as her handler showed us some of her commands: such as stay, find, down. We then had a go—it was amazing as she just listened to us and followed our requests straight away!!

When she got home she was absolutely exhausted!! We cannot wait to see you again soon!!!



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We started the evening by putting up tents, this stressed-out Miss Kelly, but Miss Holmes and Miss Buchanan came to the rescue and soon all the pupils knew how to put up their own tents and were making them cosy for the night ahead.

We headed out to the Newton where we ate our body weight in pizza, burgers and onion rings - well apart from Miss Nadia who ate a very healthy salad! 😊 While those who could squeeze one in were waiting for their puddings - we sat and played "chase the ace" Cody was the card shark of the evening, winning every game but Miss Kelly kept finding that ace!

Then it was back to school to burn off that extra energy with a game of tiggy hide and seek in the school grounds - We played a trick on Miss Buchanan when it was her turn to be on as we all ran inside the building and hid in the classroom - she spent ages looking for us outside!!

At chill out time, some sat chatting and others watched a movie. We then all sat together playing "would you rather" and "two truths and a lie". It was so lovely to see all the pupils interacting and respecting each other.

Finally, the night ended with lights out, it took a while, but eventually everyone got the hint that it was time to sleep!

We then awoke after a long, peaceful, relaxing night's sleep (ahem ahem) and got ourselves ready for the day ahead. The smell of cooking breakfasts made us all feel hungry as Miss Kelly and Mrs Goddard had volunteered to come in early to make us a fabulous breakfast that was very well needed!

Once we had polished off all of the food and helped to tidy up, then it was time to head back to reality.

It really has been one of the best residentials that we have had - a massive thanks to all the pupils and staff that made it so memorable!!



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This time of year is always full of mixed emotions — excitement for the holidays, nerves about new placements in September and of course great sadness over the end of Levett placements for some of our pupils.



This year we say goodbye and good luck to quite a large number of pupils in year 6 and year 9, who are moving onto new educational provisions and two year 9 pupils in particular, have been with us for many, many years and will be sadly missed by staff.

The new school term begins at 8.45, on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Have a wonderful summer and stay safe.



Final note of the year

We couldn't issue our last Newsletter of the year, without giving a special mention to our Head of School, Mrs Whitehead.

Along with the pupils leaving us to take on their big bright futures, it is with a heavy heart that we will be saying Goodbye to Mrs Whitehead at the end of term.

Mrs Whitehead has been a dedicated and passionate member of the Levett team for many years, supporting both staff and students alike. When she joined Levett, she brought with her many years of experience, determination to make positive changes for pupils and offering an abundance of care for all.

She will leave behind a hole that will be difficult to fill and she will be missed by many.

On behalf of all Levett staff and pupils, we would like to wish you the very best for your future, enjoy your retirement, you've earned it!

The Levett Team



THANK YOU!