

# COLLEGE Newsletter

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#### **WELCOME**

It has been an action packed half term. The learners have been learning about their wider community and how to support others. To support with the learners understanding of this, they have each been allocated a volunteer placement in the community. Companies that have come forward to support are Rainbow Rural, Pet's Corner in Harlow and Ware Library. This is a fantastic opportunity for the learners to learn about a variety of work placements, helping others and developing new work skills.

## **Group 1**

This term the learners in Group 1 have been learning how to use public transport. They have each had the opportunity to use buses and trains.

The learners took a train journey to Harlow Town Station. Once they arrived they made their way to Harlow Town Park via bus. This was a great opportunity to have a walk and see the animals in Pets Corner. Another trip included getting a train from Harlow to Bishop's Stortford to Grange Paddocks.

The learners enjoyed taking responsibility by looking after their belongings, following instructions and paying for their tickets.

#### **Monthly LEARNER Award**

**Group 1 – Holly** 

Exemplary behaviour

Group 2 – Adi

A flexible approach to learning

**Group 3 – Zain** 

Undertaking every lesson with a positive attitude

**Employee of the month:** 

Sam B



## **Group 2**

Group 2 had a great day at Paradise Wild Park. They saw a variety of animals from guinea pigs to snow leopards. They particularly liked the lions (who were always asleep), the penguins and monkeys. We spoke to the keeper about the camels and learnt that camels shed their fur in the summer like a lot of other animals.

The learners enjoyed seeing other people in the park. We did a lot of walking and everyone was worn out! It was a really fun day out.

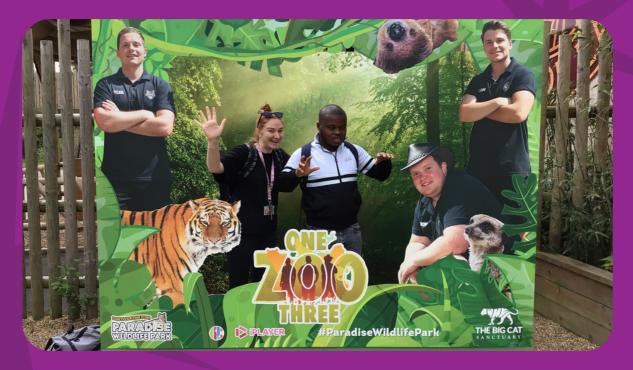
# **Group 3**

Group 3 enjoyed a sunny trip to Paradise Wildlife Park during enrichment week. The lions and tigers were basking in the sunshine, which meant they got a close up look at them. They found it most enjoyable looking at the meercats, camels and penguins splashing in the water to cool down. They watched the birds of prey display which included owls and eagles. The day ended with a look around the dinosaurs and then a chance to go to the gift shop to buy a souvenir from their day. The group really enjoyed a day to be together and spend some leisurely time with friends.











Rainbow Rural were very pleased with our support to feed the animals at their farm. The learners chopped and prepared food for the birds, sheep and chickens. They then spent some time exploring nature and spending time on the farm.

At Ware Library the learners sorted through a huge box of Lego to help the children who access their after school club. This makes it less frustrating for the children as they make their creations. Ware library have extended this opportunity for other learners in the upcoming half term.

This is fantastic news and thank you to the learners that attended who displayed such positive behaviour.



### Handy & Candy Learner Council

Handy and Candy continues to be a success this term. Our learners have developed great customer service skills whilst promoting their mathematical knowledge. Our Employee of the Month is Sam. It has been a pleasure watching Sam develop in confidence handling money and giving change to customers.

The Learner Council have been taking action to design a Student Union Hub. They asked every learner for their views and welcomed all suggestions. Some of the suggestions included: a snooker table; a movie room; a salon; a vending machine and bar! All ideas have now been collated and sent to the fundraising team. The Learner Council will update you soon. In the next meeting the learners will be discussing Sports Day, Prom and Graduation.



## **Upcoming events**

#### **Upcoming dates**

Empathy Day - 8th June Sports Day - 7th July Summer Fayre - 14th July Prom - 18th July Graduation - 19th July

Literacy Week - On Friday 26th May, Neal Zetter an author came to visit St Elizabeth's. His poetry was funny and engaging for the learners. Neal showcased his latest books which the learners engaged well with as they included topics of interest. In Group 3, Neal undertook a writing workshop where the learners created their own poem about aliens. Group 1 and 2 joined together and performed some of his poetry. Each learners purchased their own book and received a signed copy. More Information about Neal's work can be seen here: https://www.cccpworkshops.co.uk/n eal-zetter