



COLLEGE

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to college after your summer break. We are so pleased to be back with our learners. It has been lovely to hear about everyone's holidays.

Everyone has settled in beautifully and we are pleased to welcome new learners to our college. We hope you enjoy our monthly news that captures the learning and experiences that our broad curriculum offers.

Group 1

Group 1 have had a positive start to the new academic year. They have been inducted into their new City & Guilds units. This term the learners are working on their household management skills as part of their independent living skills development; understanding how to write letters and postcards in English; and learning how to describe objects using prepositions. During their community visit learners have been visiting Hudnall Park weekly, for a Go Wild experience in Hemel Hempstead. It was very impressive that the learners had to get up and out super early to get there on time. They have enjoyed the sensory experience involving den building, walking, bubbles and even a special treat of marshmallows and hot chocolate. What a treat!

Monthly LEARNER Award

Group 1 – MJ

For attendance

Group 2 – AR

For successfully taking part in visits to different leisure facilities – library, bird sanctuary and café.

Group 3 – HR

Participation in sports and trying new activities

Employee of the month:

MS



Group 2

Learning in group 2 is well under way. Learners have settled in well into their new classroom. They have engaged well with the ICT unit and have been learning about different switches and using a mouse on the computer. Each learner was given instructions on how to find a word document on the computer and they all followed the instructions beautifully! The group have taken well to their work related learning, each having the opportunity to work in Handy and Candy. They have been very professional. They have all set up the shop and carried out health and safety checks in the shop, as well as serving customers. Well done group 2!



Group 3

This term we have been learning about Health and Wellbeing. As part of this, we have been developing different skills each week. We have developed our throwing, catching and ball dribbling skills and some people invented their own games. The learners have developed new skills for basketball; dribbling a hockey ball and finishing off with a well-aimed shot at goal. We have introduced the learners in rugby, the learners worked in a three way passing triangle and working hard to not miss a catch. Fantastic work Group 3.



Work experience on site

Work experience started this month and JJ has been working with Jenny Pugh (Site Manager) around the college. He's been actively involved in fixing all sorts of things on site. From changing a battery to fixing a door, JJ's your man! ND and HR have been working in the St Elizabeth's charity shop, sorting clothes organising the rails, which they've very much enjoyed.



Work experience in the community

Some of our Year 3 learners have been doing some great work in our St Elizabeth's charity shop in Harlow and Ware. Each learner was prepared in readiness to transition to the offsite experience. Each carried out an induction session to get to know the shop and the staff they would be working alongside. Some of the tasks set involved assisting in the shop by cleaning the shelves; sorting items in the entertainment section and helping putting price stickers on items in the shop.



The Drawing Room

The learners have been very busy in the Drawing Room even though we have only been back a few weeks. After getting reacquainted with the space and going through the health and safety briefing, they started preparing to make a clay self-portrait.

Firstly, they drew their face on paper using a mirror, looking carefully to ensure their features were included and positioned correctly.

Next, they used their skills learnt last year by rolling out the clay to correct thickness and shape, before constructing their features using different implements and extra clay. Lastly, they added things that make them unique, such as a hat, a chain necklace and ear defenders.



Ashvale

In Ashvale this term, the learners have been harvesting the tomatoes, runner beans, beetroot and courgettes which they had planted at the beginning of the year.

They helped to wash and bag them up ready to be sold. Group 1 have also been busy helping to prepare for St Elizabeth's apple day. They went down to the orchard to help put up the signs on the different types of trees and learnt about the different types of apples.



Handy & Candy

This half term, the learners have really settled in well in the running of our onsite shop Handy and Candy. They have taken ownership of the daily running of the shop and keeping track of the stock sold and purchased.

A suggestion box is now in the shop where the learners and customers can request for items. The learners have been having a summer sale and we have now introduced the autumn/Halloween collection.

Learners have been doing shifts with their peers swapping after 45 minutes and really engaging well with the customers.



Upcoming Events

Apple Day -

30th September

College Open Days -

19th October

30th November

25th January

Santa Dash & Christmas Fayre -

8th December