



WILDS LODGE

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Wilds Lodge opened in 2007, so this year we have been celebrating our 10th anniversary. There are still many members of staff who were present when the school opened its doors to the first pupils on a cold and dark winter morning. When we look back, few would have imagined just how much would be achieved in such a short time.

Ofsted inspectors arrived to conduct an inspection in January and concluded that the school continues to be an outstanding provider of both education and care. This was our third consecutive three-yearly education report that was outstanding overall and our seventh consecutive annual social care inspection report that was outstanding! That is a proud and impressive record. The inspectors finished their scrutiny immediately before our anniversary and we felt their visit was a fitting way to mark the end of our first decade as a school.

The most significant development during the last year has been the construction of the new theatre and reception complex. It is an impressive and interesting structure that is causing great interest locally. The builders arrived soon after Sports Day last summer and have been working steadily ever since. It is presently predicted, with some confidence, that it should be completed by the end of November. Many of you have been following its progress through the regular updates on our Facebook page (Wilds Lodge Official). We are very excited about the opportunities it will bring, particularly for music and drama, and look forward to showing you our newest facility.

Although the theatre has been the biggest project, the following pages describe many of our other activities. There is a tremendous energy and enthusiasm within the school and I am often amazed

at the creativity and imagination of the staff. The school is increasingly widely known and has developed an enviable reputation for being active and forward-thinking. Just this

year we have had our accreditation as an approved provider renewed by the National Autistic Society and hopefully, by the time you read this, we should have received both a Nurture Award and the higher quality mark from the Values-based Education Trust (www.valuesbasededucation.com).

The Post 16 facility goes from strength to strength and can be regarded as being fully established now. Although its Ofsted report comes within the fuller Wilds Lodge report, it is inspected and assessed separately to the rest of the school. The Post 16 staff also achieved an 'outstanding' judgement, so they deserve a special mention for their hard work and commitment.

Many of you will be aware that our therapy team has recently been strengthened by the arrival of Natalie Stobbe, who is a fully qualified equine therapist. She has just started working with boys using our horses in the paddocks at Crossroads. Our therapy team is incredibly strong and broad, consisting of Adam (child and adolescent psychotherapist), Abi and Mandy (art psychotherapists), Danni (dance and movement) and now Natalie



too. We are also looking forward to the return of Adele Edwards, who left us three years ago after working on the care team to undertake a doctorate in educational psychology. She comes back in September with many very useful specialist skills to help with the boys' learning in the classroom.

Finally, it is always sad to say goodbye to staff who have been with us for a long time. I have worked with Steve Fox

since January 1987 – a period of thirty long years! He has been responsible for our college links and careers advice for our older boys. Although he has cut the number of days he has worked each week recently, his experience and knowledge will be sorely missed. We wish him a long and happy retirement in Eastbourne.

Mark Robinson joined Wilds Lodge when it opened and has always been our CDT teacher. A formidable and enthusiastic racing cyclist, many Wilds pupils will be forever indebted to him for introducing them to his sport. Within his workshop he has been noted for his patience and kindness. Many boys have sought refuge in his classroom when things have been going wrong for them elsewhere, always being assured of a welcome and some quiet words of reassurance. His calming presence, as well as his abilities to convince even the least confident boy that he has some woodworking skills, will also be greatly missed.

I always imagined that when the theatre was finished the school, as we originally envisaged it, would be complete. I could not have been more wrong! Instead, we are just beginning to realise that instead of finishing a project, we have simply created the most amazing platform from which to launch more exciting developments over the next ten years. I cannot wait to see what happens!

With best wishes,
MR LEE

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Well yet another year has passed, with the usual enthusiasm, energy and passion we have come to expect of our Wilds Lodge family. I invite you all to sit back and share our year with us, in this magazine.

As usual, Chris Strickland at Core Graphic Design has been committed to producing a fabulous magazine and we all remain grateful for his support and understanding.

All that remains is to wish you all a happy, safe and fun-filled holiday – see you in September!

Jane Crosbie (Editor)

HUMANITIES

This has been the first year when geography and history have been delivered together as 'humanities'.

This year boys have looked at crime, World War I, how Adolf Hitler was able to become leader of Germany, the Windrush Generation and the Battle of

The Bungalow Camp 2017

Monday morning and the boys are all raring to go, packing the van up and loading all the cases on, we were soon on our way.

We travelled through the countryside, stopping off at Sandringham for a packed lunch and a play in the park. Emily eventually found her way here to meet us.

Soon enough we were back on the road making our way to our destination. We arrived at Kelling Heath and found our way to the cabins, while unloading the van staff needed to rush in to help Euan who had got his leg stuck in the balcony railing. Thankfully the fairy liquid came to the rescue.

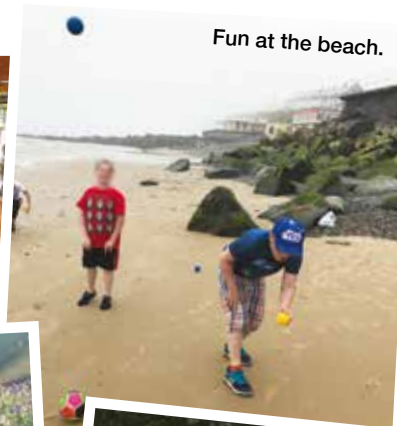
The Bungalow explorers couldn't wait to jump in the swimming pool on site, as they had baked in the vehicles on the way. Soon enough they found themselves splashing around in the pool all with smiles on their faces. After using a bit of their energy we were off to meet Jacob and show him where we were staying for the week. We made pizzas for Tea and put on Emily's favourite film, Hercules. After a long day it was time to tuck everyone up for the evening ready to do some more exploring in the morning.

Tuesday the Bungalow explorers must of been super excited waking up nice and refreshed, ready for the adventures of the day ahead. After the explorers were ready and fed we headed to Becky's cabin for a lovely cooked breakfast. Once bellies were full it was time to have a walk to get to the old Train station. The Bungalow explorers were like pirates who had found gold when they saw the steam train pull into the station and all the passengers waving away on their journey. Our Train pulled in to the station and we jumped on and we were away.

The middle of the week soon came and we headed off to the Zoo. The explorers loved filling in their sticker book at each point spotting different animals. After this, we went into Cromer and the boys had fun on the beach throwing stones into the sea. India and Becky went off to buy



Glass blowing.



Fun at the beach.



Tea time.



a dressed crab for the explorers to try this evening, which they handled extremely well. That evening, we all brushed up nicely and went back to Cromer for fish and chips on the sea front. Everyone was ecstatic when their dinner came in a bucket and spade that they could then take home. The Bungalow explorers were so well behaved that they earned themselves some gold of their own for the arcades, fun fun fun!

On Thursday morning, we were all excited about going to Langham Glass. We watched a demonstration of how glass is made and then it was time for everyone to make a tea light holder of his own.

We all had our fingers crossed for the 'man in the van that makes the best hot chocolate' (as Becky told us all!) to be on the beach. He was there, and she was right, it was delicious and we even had seconds! That evening, we all went swimming and enjoyed ourselves. All bags were packed ready to go back to school tomorrow.

Friday morning came and we were out of the cabins by 10. We stopped off to pick up our glass we made the day before, which was very exciting to see the final result. We got back to school in time for lunch and after a busy and fun filled week; we were all ready for our beds! But definitely roll on next year.



Cable Street. Some were able to showcase their ninja skills when we did 'Kung Fu Panda Plate Tectonics' to help them learn about the causes of earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis.

Everyone was surprised to have some of their preconceptions about Africa disproved and to learn what a

varied continent it is.

To help support our bid to continue our Eco Schools status, we have also learnt about renewable forms of energy and global warming.

All in all, it has been a great year and it has been a pleasure to see the progress boys have made. Well done!



The boys working hard in Geography.

Wild work earns boys recognition

During this year Henry and Connor formed a new working relationship and are continuing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award on the conservation and environmental work at Ashwell Canal near Oakham. They have recently been assisted by Jack from KS5.

After completing the step building on Phase 1 the boys started on Phase 2. Henry has made a number of wooden steps in his CDT lesson. Connor has then helped him to install them and finish off using the gravel delivered to us by Tarmac.

Over the summer the boys will complete the steps up to the top embankment, then they will construct a number of wooden features including benches, a bird feeder and more bat boxes. Once again the work is earning recognition from local people who use the canal, including dog walkers, fishermen and the Oakham Fishing committee.

The attitude and team-work of the boys has been exceptional and the steps will improve access to the upper bank for walkers who wish to look at the animal conservation features in place there. Brilliant work lads!



Step installation.



Norfolk Coastal Fishing Trip

Mr Lee and Oliver Duggan took a group of boys coastal fishing.

The boys travelled to the Norfolk coast and boarded a fishing boat with the hopes of catching mackerel.

The weather was good and the boys loved being on the water. It took a couple of locations before we started to catch but sure enough everyone caught and bagged some mackerel to take home.



Catching tea!



Captain Lee looks on.



Life on the open waves.



Unhooking our fish.

THE CHALLENGE THAT IS ... BRONZE DofE

**BEN, GEORGE, JACK, HENRY, LEVI, TISHON,
DYLAN, CHARLIE, JACOB, JOSHUA, CONNER**

Since October the above boys have been undertaking the challenge of **Bronze D of E**.

The boys have worked extremely hard in completing their sectional aspects of the D of E programme.

The boys have taken part in a range of voluntary work from ground-staff support to charity shop work in the local area.

Their Physical efforts have ranged from boxing and gym work to local football clubs.

The skills which the boys have taken part in have been supported by the amazing school staff, from the music department to the workshops.

The next and final part of the Bronze award takes them on the expedition phase in which they are all excited for.

They will be walking from Stamford for around 24km and camping over night. They have shown great teamwork and unity in their training which I'm sure will be echoed on their final expedition on the 5th and 6th of July.

The D of E staff, are very proud of the boys efforts and look forward to welcoming them back from their expedition and presenting them with their certificates upon completion.



ECO SCHOOLS

Since gaining our first green flag award in 2015, the Eco-committee have been working on six of the Eco-Schools programme topics for our next award. These are, Waste, Global Citizenship, Litter, Healthy Living, Energy and Biodiversity.

Boys meet every half term and discuss ways in which they can improve things.

In Global Citizenship the whole school learned about life in Sierra Leone and over 360 gift boxes were filled and sent to every pupil in The David School.

Every Friday some boys do a litter pick and instead of buying new litter bins for the school grounds, boys have made them in metal work.

In Biodiversity, bird-feeders have been made, bug houses, bird-tables and hedgehog boxes. These have been placed around the school and at Ashwell Canal.

In Healthy Living, boys have created healthier choices in cooking and discovered how much better they are to shop bought alternatives.

In Energy, boys have had lessons about alternative sources of energy. Signs have been made and placed around the school and we took part in Switch off fortnight by turning the heating off. The school has also invested in a Biomass boiler, reducing our oil consumption. In March we took part in waste week. KS2 visited Viridor in Peterborough, where waste is turned into energy. Lessons across all subjects were delivered to boys. At Rock Lodge all food waste is now composted and a new wormery is in place. This will be introduced to the other two sites soon.



Shoe Box Donation

Staff and boys have been really busy collecting over 350 shoeboxes of donations for The David School in Sierra Leone. Our aim was to collect enough shoeboxes so that every pupil at the school could receive one.

Wilds Lodge school kindly donated a toothbrush and toothpaste for every child, pupils and staff collected soap, shampoo and small toys and loads of other items.

Naomi Ritchie also asked shops to donate pencils, rubbers, sharpeners and torches, well-done Naomi.

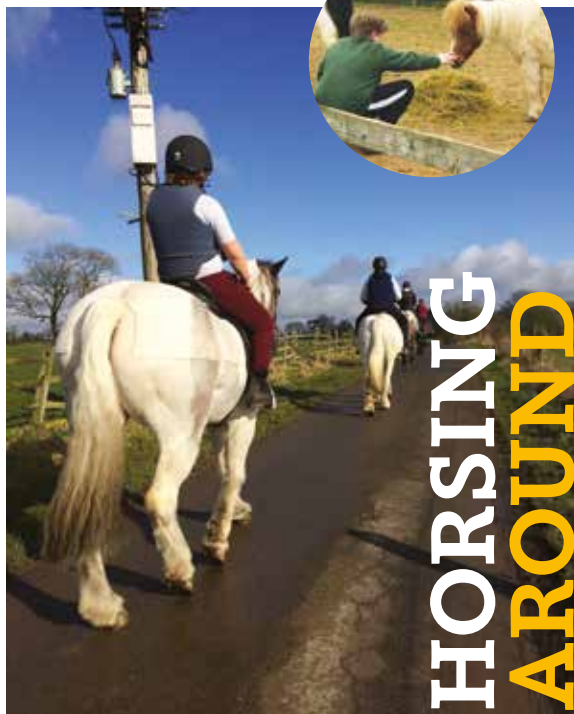
We achieved the target, which was amazing, and David collected the shoeboxes to take to Sierra Leone.

The children have now received these and were overjoyed.

So a big Thank you to everyone who donated and made this happen for the children in Sierra Leone.



Taking part in Waste Week.



The boys have been taking part in Equine studies at Somerby Equestrian Centre once a week on a Tuesday morning. Each group of boys have taken part in a ten week course which involves, not only riding, but learning the day to day care involved with horses. Each week the boys aim to achieve AQA unit awards and collect evidence to add to their ever-growing portfolios.

Our hope for the future is to develop our own equestrian facilities to continue the equine studies on site, at a much larger scale, with more qualifications becoming available in this area.



Abseil and Climb Everest Challenge Charity Event 2016

On the 24th June a group of boys travelled to the Peak District to abseil down a 90ft Viaduct. The boys and staff were amazing and very brave as they went over the edge of the viaduct twice!

On the 29th of June the boys of Wilds Lodge School climbed 8,840m on a 7.5m climbing wall. This was achieved from 10am till 6pm at night, as the boys endlessly climbed the tower over and over again until the height of the summit of Mt Everest was reached.

Some staff and children did an amazing job climbing over 50 climbs on their own. One staff member achieved 175 climbs and another child reached 75 climbs.

There was an exciting buzz on the day and we saw boys who have never climbed before really try and succeed in ascending the tower.

**In Total
£750
was raised
for the Air
Ambulance
Charity!**



Team Building

Each class group and their teacher have been involved in team building activities throughout the last term.

Each class were asked to help one-another in a series of activities, puzzles and challenges.

All the boys engaged really well to

understand the benefits of Together Everyone Achieves More.

Some boys found the puzzles and activities challenging and some found them a breeze but everyone worked together in order to perform as a team whether it was in pairs or as a group.



CRAFT, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



Craft, Design and Technology belongs to the suite of vocational subjects offered at Wilds Lodge School.

In this subject pupils learn about making items using resistant materials, to appreciate design and to use workshop tools and equipment safely and competently. Creativity figures very highly too as pupils are also encouraged to work on their own ideas.

The qualification chosen introduces simple design ideas, which can be taken forward into a woodworking task. It gives opportunities to gain, practice and develop skills applicable to materials, techniques and processes.

Pupils continue to enjoy the workshop environment and I never fail to be impressed by the hard work and commitment shown. In the last year since the Summer of 2016 15 boys (Post 16, Year 11 and Year 10) have achieved a City and Guilds Level 1 Award in Design and Craft, Woodwork. One pupil made that a double award also in 'Cabinet Making' due to the additional time and effort applied. 3 more Year 10 boys have just this May completed the necessary work to enable a claim for a pass certificate. Numerous boys at KS3 and KS4 have achieved AQA Unit Awards. The photos reflect some of the work these young people have produced. Very impressive I am sure you will agree. Hopefully the interest and enthusiasm will continue.



Crossroads Camp 2017

DAY ONE

Crossroad's Boys made way on their journey to Elvedon Forest. Lunch was had and the boys enjoyed the adventure playground where everyone joined in a group game of back to base. Staff took this more seriously than the boys and its fair to say Alex became more acquainted with the equipment than others.

They then embarked upon their final destination of Elvedon Forest, the home to everyone for the week. Boys were excited to have their own cabins and soon took great pride in their surroundings of the forest and wildlife. They soon learnt that the Squirrels and Geese were not to be messed with.

Later we took full advantage of the Swimming Pool facilities and think everyone lost count on how many times they went on the Cyclone – staff included. In true Wilds Lodge fashion Dom managed to set off all the alarms in the swimming pool, not due to any difficult behaviour but because he simply managed to wedge himself within a rubber dingy and it took at least 3 people to get him out.

DAY TWO

Boys were up and ready for Geo-Caching, we didn't even have faith in getting ourselves to right location to start the activity, so think we did rather well to navigate ourselves round Elvedon Forest. The boys will tell you there was A LOT of walking involved. Well Done Emma's team for the victory.

After lunch we set off to Canoeing, which after some impressive off road driving we met Chuck who was ready with our Kayak's, Canoes and



All set for a fun filled week.



All the fun of the fair.

Paddleboards. Every boy took part (some were easier to persuade than others) the boys took full advantage to splash each other, staff and the instructors some however ended up swimming more than paddling.

Once back at the cabins BBQ was had and again the boys took advantage of the amazing pool facilities.

DAY THREE

Another early start, it was soon discovered that boys don't sleep even when they are on camp. Pleasurewood

Hills was our destination boys were excited to go on rides and different attractions; Lloyd in particular loved the cable cars and got a bit over excited. Jack and Louis spent a lot of time together and considering Jack didn't want to get splashed at Canoeing was happy to get soaked on the log flume. Jordan, Hayden and Matthew's driving on the dodgems was legendary to say the least. Declan was our chief photographer and Joe even gave the park a parting gift, his sunglasses.

Boys then went out for a meal with all staff, which was a nice ending to fun packed day.

DAY FOUR

PAINTBALLING DAY – this was the one the boys were looking forward to most. On arrival they kitted up and soon divided into Black Ops and Red Team. All boys participated and with the help from Lee were able to engage in full combat mode, let's face it he wasn't going to let the other team win. Owen and George tried their best to aim for staff but could not prevail.

The groups then split where some enjoyed a meal out in the city of Norwich with Alex to show them around and the others went back for the final trip to the Swimming Pool for the last battle on the rapids, last go on the slides and the last chance to hear staff scream on the Cyclone. Danny, Harry and Christian couldn't get enough of the pool. Even Louis managed to enjoy a bit of swimming by taking a dip in the water.

DAY FIVE – LAST DAY

Boys cleared up and tidied the cabins, all boys were praised for their efforts and we shared our last memories. All in all it was another brilliant week away and credit to the boys as they took part in everything and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thanks again to Mr and Mrs Lee for a great week all the boys are very appreciative.

Nikki



Team photo.

Going Wild in the Workshop

Another year has flown past and again there has been some great successes and progresses here in the workshop.

We now have a new vehicle for the lads to work on, a convertible Jeep, to help them achieve their qualifications.

We also now have approval to run IMI (the Institute of the Motor Industry) qualifications. IMI are important training providers in the motor vehicle trade and we are privileged to be authorised to be able to deliver some of the qualifications they offer. As well as motor vehicle qualifications, we will now be able to offer Cycle qualifications to the lads.

George and Dylan have completed their Duke of Edinburgh awards, George manufactured a lovely wine rack and Dylan has made a steel rack for the storage container, which will enable us to clear the steel out of the workshop. We will then move the welding benches up against the wall. Dylan has also spent some time practicing TIG welding on both steel and aluminium.

Michael has worked really well, and his motivation/dedication has gained him an AQA Award in making an object in metal, in this case a flower basket of which he was very proud of the outcome.

Henry has made a lovely model of the Typhoon fighter plane his father pilots, he is making another for the school to fasten up on the wall.

He has also completed an aluminium eco bin for the schools use.

Key stage 2 lads, Joe, Logan, Matt, Blake and Cohen now attend on Friday mornings on a rota basis. They are new to this subject and have been introduced to plasma cutting, welding and motor vehicle and will be working towards AQA Awards.

Mark made an aluminium eco bin similar to Henrys, which took him great focus and commitment to create.

Jack absolutely loves spending lots of time here in the workshop and is practicing to becoming a really good quality welder, he has practiced various different weld joints and welding positions, even overhead, which for a lad of his age is quite remarkable. He now is showing interest in motor vehicle and has practiced on wheels and tyres and is capable of balancing the tyre to within 0-0 tolerance which is of a professional standard.

Jake has manufactured a table



Learning new skills.

in the CDT workshop and wanted to make the table legs in steel and fully adjustable. This required him using some precise engineering processes like marking out, drilling and tapping.

Josh completed some double curvature work in aluminium and used these skills to make a fantasy gauntlet.

Fred has carried out wheel balancing & welding and is practicing further with these subjects.

Ryan is now on the enterprise team

and is enjoying practicing welding and is making a penny farthing to sell, this will also gain him an AQA Award for his efforts, & a little cash in his pocket.

It has been another successful year, with lots of new introductions to the workshop to help the lads achieve greater and greater projects and now with IMI on board, potentially lots of new qualifications to offer them. I am looking forward to what the lads can achieve in the coming year.

John S



Jack in his happy place.



Busy creating.





On the 31st March boys and staff wore onesies to school to raise awareness for Autism. Congratulations to all for our efforts raising £157.74.

Awareness for Autism



Sensory Garden

Currently on our Crossroads site a Sensory garden is being created. Our garden will provide individual and combined sensory opportunities for our students that they may not normally experience. It will contain scented plants, a water feature, sculptures and textured displays.



Accreditation

Wilds Lodge School was reviewed by the Autism Accreditation in 2016 and achieved the award. The following quotes are from their report:

The Review of Wilds School was excellent the areas of strength highlighted in this report ran through every observation and throughout the school, each observation noted the young men at the school as being confident and engaged, and discussions with the older students mirrored this observation.

The school has a strong pride in their accomplishments, and each of the team were valued for what they bring to the team – this included the efforts of the principle, students and all staff. The School were committed to the development and support of each person, staff and students and this showed clearly within each discussion the review team had.



SENSORY CIRCUITS

At Wilds Lodge School we understand that our children and young people have a range of sensory issues, which may impact on their learning and participation. Our aim is to support child and young persons to achieve and maintain a calm-alert state, enabling them to engage with and achieve their potential in a range of school activities.

Each Child and young person at Wilds Lodge School has access to a range of equipment to meet their sensory needs within classrooms and around the school.

Sensory circuits is a regular programme of specifically designed physical activities which are intended to focus concentration and improve motor skills in readiness for the days learning and interactions. These activities are collectively known as a Sensory Circuit and encourage the development of a child's sensory integration abilities. Over the past year we have implemented these circuits daily for a range of our Key Stage 2 students with the intention over the next 12 months for this to be accessed by students in other key stages.

All of the above activities are undertaken for a set amount of time on each. It is



important that each activity is done in the correct sequence otherwise the outcome is not achieved.

Art and Music

It's been another very good year for Art and Music across the school! Boys have started to take Art outside of the classroom a little bit more this year with a galleries trip for Post 16 and some more outdoor art than ever before. Projects have been important this year and learners across the school have had the chance to create paper flower sculptures or up-cycle old books in response to contemporary pieces. There have been happy accidents, like a beautiful oil mixing pallet that needed to be photographed and focused young artists perfecting their skills and creating wonderful pieces.

Musically, there is a real passion and buzz around the school. Individual music slots are fully booked up and we're preparing so many young musicians to start

coming through the ranks of the school and to be able to showcase their abilities. I'm so happy with the progress in the GCSE music boys- the first boys to go for this here! I've been ecstatic with KS2 reading sheet notation and I'm loving that we've gotten some band practises of student musicians happening at lunch and breaks as well as in the evenings at Rock Lodge.

I'm very proud of the progress and excited for how we can push this even further forward next year!

- Josh Reed
(Music & Art Course Co-ordinator)s



Taking the classroom outside.

NURTURE FUN WEEK

MONDAY

On Monday we went to Sacrewell Farm and we all had a great time. It was a beautiful sunny day so we had a tractor ride around the farm, before feeding some of the animals.....Such a lovely start to our Fun Week and the boys behaved brilliantly!



Fun on the farm.

TUESDAY

Tuesday was Bugtopia day and the boys absolutely loved it! They were all so brave and held snakes, tarantulas, cockroaches and stick insects. After having such a great time at Bugtopia, the boys went to the play area at Rutland water and had lots of fun there too!



TUESDAY EVENING

After such a hot day, we thought it would be a great excuse for a water fight. It was staff against boys.... and the boys won!! After 2 hours of water bombs, water pistols and buckets of water, we were all absolutely drenched. It was so much fun and we all laughed from start to finish. It was a fantastic way to end the day and the boys played together brilliantly.....well done boys!



All aboard!

WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday we went to Nene Valley Railway to have a ride on a steam train. After missing our stop, and having to go back the other way, we finally made it to our destination at Ferry Meadows. It was a lovely day for a picnic, and the boys had a great time in the play area afterwards. Another fun day was had by all and more lovely memories created!

WEDNESDAY EVENING

After a busy day at Nene valley the boys made their own pizzas, before singing their hearts on the karaoke machine. They all had a great time and the pizzas were delicious! A big thank you to Simon for helping with the pizza oven, and to Dani for setting up the Karaoke machine.



Hold on to your hats.

THURSDAY

Our final Fun Week trip was to Twinlakes. The boy's favourite ride was the Buffalo ride, and they loved the ballpark area too. They all got on really well really enjoyed the day.

THURSDAY EVENING

After an amazing week of activities, we celebrated the end of Fun Week 2017 with a Hawaiian themed disco. The boys had such a brilliant time and behaved fantastically well. They loved dressing up and had fun taking lots of silly photographs. All of the boys joined in with the party games and were laughing and giggling the whole time. Such a lovely way to end an amazing week and all of the boys should be so proud of themselves. Every one of them coped so well and they all managed to have a great week.....Well done boys!!



Got it in the bag!

Sports Day 2016



Poser.

This years sports day took place on a very hot day, again everything ran very smoothly thanks to the efforts of all the staff and the good behaviour of the students.

What a fantastic day it was with many boys achieving impressive personal achievements. Charlie won Victor Ledorum in a close run battle with Dylan. Dylan has already expressed that he will be victorious this year in claiming the Victor Ledorum. Jack, in his first Wilds Lodge Sports day, won the Award of Courage. Well done Jack, fantastic.

We have always added new events or activities to participate in during the annual sports day and this year was no different. We were able to include the use of a bungee run which saw many people competing against each other for personal pride in beating their opponents. Will it return next year or will it be something new?

We also need to remember that its not just the boys competing for their teams the staff also play their part earning points and helping out their teams. This year we saw a very competitive field of female staff competing against each other and saw Claire Sentence beating Abbie and Mandy from Therapy and Emma Brown in the 100m.

The overall eventual winners Alex's Aces, led by first time captain Alex

Brown, who showed immense leadership skills and passion to spur on his team to a resounding victory. He has already said he is looking forward to retaining his championship trophy next year.

The event saw many parents, carers and guardians turn up to support their boys in all the competitions.

Marc Mallard



Nurture boys helping out.



Victor Ledorum!



Weighing up the competition.



STUDENTS EYE VIEW - JACK

- Q1) How many sports days have you done so far?
 A) This sports day will be my third.
- Q2) What do you like about it the most?
 A) A whole day of sports and seeing parents and carers being so supportive.
- Q3) What's your favorite event?
 A) I like the 100m and the 800m events
- Q4) What's your least favorite event?
 A) Long Jump and High Jump.
- Q5) What your target for this year?
 A) Help my team win the house cup?

STAFF EYE VIEW - LEON

- Q1) How many sports days have you done so far?
 A) In my time here at this fantastic school I have been involved in 4 sports days
- Q2) What do you like about it the most?
 A) The atmosphere of fun, achievement and healthy competition created by the PE department.
- Q3) What's your favorite event?
 A) I like the 800m
- Q4) Whats your least favorite event?
 A) Hurdles as it hurts too much when I hit them.
- Q5) What your target for this year?
 A) Is to encourage and develop a winning team ethos with Emma Browns team.



Victorious blues.



Taking the strain.

Interform Competitions

This year has seen a massive shake up in the interform activities and teams towards the end of this academic year.

This has meant new team leaders, new team names and most importantly new teams in which all the boys and staff can integrate themselves and become fully immersed in the ideology of fair play and team spirit which is key to any successful team.

Nikki Hudson, Stephen Mount, Ollie Duggan and Emma Brown have stepped into the fold as the ever enthusiastic team leaders and with help from their fellow members of staff are aiming to take the crown of House Champions at the end of the sports day presentation.

The names of the new teams will become evident during the first interform event taking place on the 14th June which is Dodgeball (Dodge, Dip, Duck, Dive and Dodge is the mantra of any dodgeball team).

The Rounders event will take place on the 12th July and will be followed with a BBQ for staff and students alike.

I would like to wish all the boys and staff the very best of luck in their quest to take the title of best interform Team.

Marc Mallard



Dodgeball

Today saw the Rebirth of the school interform competition. We started with Dodgeball.

This event saw the majority of staff and pupils take part in the event. We saw an impressive entrance by the Purple Panthers with intro music and purple hair sported by both staff and pupils, safe to say Olly (Team Leader of the Panthers) has really taken to motivating his team.

We played across three courts with games taking place Seniors vs Seniors, Intermediates vs Intermediates and Juniors vs Juniors.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM STAFF MEMBERS SUPPORTING

IAN REDHEAD "My highlight was watching James take part in his first interform getting hit by balls and throwing balls and not letting it bother him"

PASTORAL "Fred and his face gate, all he did was walk up to the halfway line cover his face and take a hit and then walk off again"

TEAM MANAGER STEVE MOUNT "The amount of enthusiasm that the boys showed in a difficult environment along with the support and encouragement they showed each other"

My moment of the interform was when TJ saw that Mounts Army were missing a player so asked me if he could help them out and ended up playing for them so they had a full team.

There were many positives to take from today's rebirth and we all look forward to the next interform which takes place on the 13th July rounders followed by a BBQ

Marc Mallard
 PE Teacher



Egg catching competition.



Egg Olympics

The end of the Easter term saw our annual egg Olympics. Lots of fun and laughter ... and of course, staff covered in egg!

TASTES OF THE WORLD IN WILD COOKERY LESSONS

This year in Cookery lessons the boys have been travelling the globe. Whether it be Sweets or Samosa from India, Italian Pasta or South African curries, pupils have produced some amazing dishes. Several of the older Key Stage four boys have utilised the foods they have prepared, to work towards achieving a City and Guilds Award in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry. Further down the school, Key Stage two have been incorporating their cookery into topic work, creating everything from "mummified" sausage rolls, to reproductions of the "small cakes" that are thought to have started the Fire of London!

There have been departures from topic based work for learners of all ages for some really fun events such as the first Wilds Lodge pancake art competition and Autism awareness week, for which classes made some amazing cupcakes. They have also studied healthy eating and working with Jane completed a Ramen vs. Pot Noodle challenge, with the boys unanimously agreeing that fresh is best.

The "post sixteen" students have had some exciting developments in cookery this year with the construction of their very own coffee shop. Moving forward, this will give the boys an excellent opportunity to create a very realistic enterprise project serving drinks and snacks to staff and at



We love lessons we can eat.



a variety of events. The professional equipment in the coffee shop also provides learners with the chance to achieve a City and Guilds Barista Skills qualification. We have formed some excellent links with local cafes and Dark Woods, one of the country's finest coffee roasters. They visited the school to help with the setting up of the coffee shop and have invited the boys on a return visit to develop a Wilds Lodge coffee blend at their Yorkshire Roastery... Lookout Costa!! **Dan**



PHOTOGRAPHY

Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 have been taking part in Photography. Last July Key Stage 3 boys that were part of the photography enrichment programme visited Silverstone for the Friday practice of the Formula 1 where we met Formula 1 and the McLaren photographer Darren Heath. He taught the boys some great tips and tricks for racing photography.

Since then Photography lessons have been running in Key Stage 5 where we have looked at a variety of subjects. We have looked at Manual Camera settings; compositions, studio work, documentary and we are currently looking at sports photography. Rock Lodge boys on their annual camp had a day in London taking pictures.

Key Stage 3 and 4 have had the option of Photography Club, which is when we visit different parts of the surrounding area taking pictures. The boys have taken some great pictures that will be on show at sports day.

We have got some exciting things planned for photography before the end of term. We have the Mercedes Formula 1 team photographer, Steve Etherington visiting the school for all boys wanting to know a bit about photography. Post 16 have a couple of trips out to Newmarket and Peterborough United and a trip to the Friday of the Formula 1.



Life through the lens.



RYAN'S PHOTOGRAPHS





KS 2 Day Boys Camp 2017

A new type of camp was in store for the key stage 2 day boys this year. Monday saw Kim, Fran, King and the boys head off to Wicksteed Park. Sadly when they got there all the rides were either closed or being fixed! A quick change of plan and some scrabbling to get towels and trunks soon saw the boys and staff enjoying an afternoon of swimming at Bourne outdoor pool.

After a busy morning (watching the rugby!) on Tuesday the boys along with Darren, King and Dom piled into a bus and started the journey to London. After battling through the traffic they arrived and unloaded from the bus into the St. Pancras Youth Hostel. From there, with no time to waste, we set off to tackle the London Underground on our way to Kensington. The underground was an experience on all of the senses (mainly warm and smelly!), but it did prove to be the most efficient way of getting around and relatively easy to navigate (we didn't get lost once!). The whole group had a great time wandering around the Natural History Museum and Science Museum looking at dinosaurs, blue whales, space crafts, giant babies and gift shops, lots of gift shops! This was followed by a gentle stroll through glamorous Knightsbridge and a short tube journey to Soho. After a walk through China



Eye eye!



Every boy's favourite sci-fi character.



You wouldn't like me when I'm angry!



Rocky's reptiles!

town and a delicious meal (using chopsticks and everything!) we wearily made our way back to the youth hostel for some much-needed sleep.

Wednesday brought about the hottest day in London for 40 years and another super busy day. After breakfast we walked up Euston Road to Madame Tussaud's. Once inside, the boys and staff had fun looking at their favourite celebrities and taking photographs, the interactive cinema experience, Marvel heroes and Star Wars sections were particularly popular. Next was a walk down the South Bank of the Thames, enjoying the sunshine, eating chips and ice creams and listening to the buskers. Then came one of the highlights, a trip on the London Eye. A couple of the boys were a little nervous, looking up at how tall it was, but with a little encouragement and support from the other boys



Use the force!

every one entered the pod and were astounded by the fantastic views of the River Thames, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben and the Shard. Next was a step into the darker side of London as we entered the London Dungeons. Though parts were scary it was also by turns funny, educational and surprising. After such a busy day a big dinner of burgers in the pub next to the youth hostel was the order of the day and then to bed to recharge the batteries for the following day.

Thursday was our last day in London and after packing, breakfast, doubling checking we had packed everything

we headed out to Covent Garden. We watched a magic show, checked out the market stalls, had the thickest milkshakes we had ever tasted and watched a man juggle knives over Dom whilst he was lying on the floor. After all of this our final tube journey took us back to the youth hostel and into the bus to bring us back to school. A very tired bunch of boys and staff returned with lots of stories and even more memories.

Friday was a lovely change of pace after the bustle and busy of London, Fran, Kim, Darren and King took the boys to Sacrewell farmpark to soak up some rural beauty, look at animals and enjoy the indoor play area.

A busy week, enjoyed by staff and boys. The planning for next year starts now!



Hungry work.



Lego based therapy

Over the past year we have introduced Lego Club into the curriculum. This is a social development programme that is on offer to our pupils with Autism Spectrum Disorders or related social communication difficulties. Our students work together to create Lego models, by taking on an individual role of an engineer, supplier or builder. This creates an opportunity to develop social skills such as turn taking, collaboration and social communication.



Clay club is run by myself; Mandy Neilson and Abi Thomson and we are Art Psychotherapist in the school therapy department. As keen amateurs of pottery and lovers of the Great Pottery Throw Down we wanted to offer something to the school that wasn't therapy but a creative outlet for all to enjoy and so Clay Club was born. Clay club started in November 2016 and has been running weekly at Tuesday lunch times and has been attended by students and staff in large numbers.

CLAY CLUB 2017

KEEP CALM AND PLAY WITH CLAY!



Therapy at Wilds Lodge

Since the last magazine, there have been many changes to the therapy team. In Spring 2016 Dani and Mandy joined our team and Abi came back from maternity leave. Much of the work this year has been about getting to know one another and our different practices as well as creating a structure to our work. Our most recent additions to the team are Nathaly, Sara and the horses and donkeys.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We offer a variety of non-verbal therapies to allow self-expression and understanding through movement, art and animals.

We work hard to create a safe explorative outlet for our boys whilst

maintaining a holistic approach involving our care and teaching staff. Sessions are individual. We offer long term and short-term work depending on the individual needs of the boy.

At present 53 boys receive therapy from us, over half the school! Referrals are welcomed and can be completed by anybody.

Recently we have started to collect formal feedback from staff and boys about the therapy they receive. We are hoping that this not only measures the brilliant work we do but also could potentially help us find ways to improve our work. We have also recently been including written reports for annual reviews.

WORKING WITH FAMILIES

When possible we try to offer support for families as well as the boys we



DANCE & MOVEMENT PSYCHOTHERAPY



see. Additionally, Mandy has recently completed a dyadic art therapy course. This is a joined up approach to art therapy involving children and one of their primary care givers. That focuses on the child-caregiver relationship.

EXTRA CURRICULA

As well as our therapy sessions in the school we do let our hair down in other ways... Chess club, School council, dancing sessions, clay club and schools enterprise project. We are also working towards a school pottery exhibition taking place on sports day. I am on the

MEET THE TEAM

- Kirsty Lamb**
– Head of therapy
- Adam Hurst**
– Integrative child and adolescent psychotherapist
- Abi Thomson**
– Art psychotherapist
- Daniella Budd**
– Dance and movement psychotherapist
- Mandy Neilson**
– Art psychotherapist
- Nathaly Stobbe**
– Equine mental health specialist
- Sara Franklin**
– Equine specialist

schools values team promoting values throughout the school. Also, I am currently completing an intensive course

learning more about self-harm and suicide to develop our schools understanding of how we can best approach and support our boys.

FUTURE

We are looking to start an open art therapy group to provide a more accessible way of seeking support for boys.

Our brand new rooms in the new theater building are being constructed. We will be moving in to our new therapy rooms in the Autumn term (all being well).

DANCING WITH DANI

The boys have been dancing with Dani! Boys who feel confident enough have been getting individual sessions - it's a great way to get out of the classroom and learn extra skills. The dancing focuses on current class topics.

We learn all about warming up, cooling down and everything in between! The boys have been fantastic at working together and respecting each other as we learn how to place movements to counts and find our own rhythms.

The Loft Camp 2017

This years camp started at two in the morning when staff had the pleasure of waking the boys ready to travel to France!

DAY ONE

We travelled to Portsmouth and then crossed the channel by ferry to France. The journey took approx. eight hours and all our boys were a credit to Wilds Lodge School.

Once we arrived at La Grande Ferme we unpacked our belongings and had a tour with Julian our rep. Everything that was communicated to us was in French which was interesting as the only person that understood was Wilma! We were all asked to speak French for the whole stay. Once the tour was over we took the chance to use the outdoor heated pool before tea.

DAY TWO

The day started at 0800hrs when staff woke the boys for breakfast, which consisted of pain au chocolates, hot chocolate, yoghurts and fruit. We then travelled to the local Chateaux where we took part in climbing and archery. Bailey won the archery with an excellent shot on target to burst the balloon doubling his already high score.

Climbing the wall proved easy for boys so the challenge was set by Julian to complete this blind folded! Ben, Baily and George did this with ease working together as a team!

DAY THREE

Boys joined us for breakfast at 0800hrs looking very sleepy and hungry. Julian took us to the local town to visit the amazing and colourful market. We were all given five euros to buy our own lunch. There were lots of interesting combinations as you can imagine. We then had a picnic before visiting the beach. This was beautiful with golden sand and dunes that the boys could throw themselves off. This is where Dylan witnessed the spectacular view which will stay with him forever!!!!

We arrived back to La Grande Ferme and spent the evening in the pool to cool off from the heat.

Dinner was snails which George and Levi couldn't get enough of and thoroughly enjoyed!

DAY FOUR

Another early start this morning as we were heading to visit The Mont Saint Michel. This is a spectacular island, which you have to



All set for sand yachting.

access over bridge. Boys were given time to explore the Island with its shops, views and hundreds of steps.

We spent the afternoon at the beach sand yachting which was the highlight of the week. It proved difficult for some, as you had to turn using your feet pushing left to turn right and right to turn left!!!! This is probably the reason that Nikola ended up approximately half a mile off track heading into the sea.

We arrived back to La Grande Ferme and packed our belongings ready for the long journey home.

This year the camp was organised by Wilma who spent hours completing all the necessary documentation to enable this camp to happen. It was a huge success with boys and staff members making memories and trying new experiences.

Thank you Wilma from The Loft.



Pool gymnastics.



Target practice.





Mathematics at Wilds Lodge

Last year was highly successful for the maths department in GCSE's. Ollie Wilson achieved the schools first A*; Charlie Shepherd got an A, but was only 2½% off an A* A further 7 students achieved an A-C grade.

2016 saw our first group of boys sit a GCSE in Statistics and Emma will tell you how this went in her report.

Maths encompasses the full range of Key Stages, and we now teach maths from nurture to post 16, Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 5.

We have our first boys taking 'A' Levels in Mathematics through the school and who are currently sitting their first exams. I'm sure they'll do well.

The following question is from an old 11 Plus test, before calculators were invented. If you can answer it, I will give your son a prize.

Divide the sum of $23/10$ and $41/4$ by their difference. The answer must be given as a fraction, not a decimal. When I gave this

question to all the staff at school I didn't get many correct answers although Robin, Jane and Emma B, not M, got it right.

The number forty has a property that no other number has. What is it?

Some interesting maths facts:

The largest number that has a name is Graham's number. It is so enormous that if all the printers in the entire world had started printing it 24 hours a day from the beginning of the Universe they would still be going long after the Universe died in billions of years time. An even more amazing thing is that we know the last 12 digits of this number, which are, ...262464195387!

If you properly shuffle a pack of cards and deal all 52 to four people it is almost certain that no one has ever dealt those same hands before. The total number of different hands is approximately 53,644,799,891,297,000,000,000,000 or 53.64 Octillion.

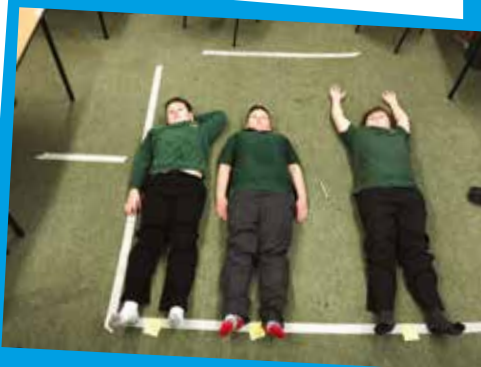
To put this into perspective I once calculated that there were about 450,000,000,000,000,000 or 450 Quadrillion grains of sand on Perranporth beach! Can anyone suggest something more exciting for me to do on holiday?

There only needs to be 23 people in a room for it to be more than 50% chance that two will have the same birthday. If there are 60 people there is a 99% chance and with 100 it is practically certain.

The word hundred comes from the Old Norse/Germanic word hundrath, which oddly means six score, $6 \times 20 = 120$.

In all the works of Shakespeare, the word mathematics is only mentioned once. It is spoken by Tranio in The Taming of the Shrew when he says, "The mathematics and the metaphysics", whatever metaphysics may be!

Tim Parrott



Welcome to the new school council

This year we have a brand new school council! Each class has a representative across all key stages, and everyone has brought along some fantastic thoughts from their group. Boys have come up with lots of exciting ideas around what to do on wet breaks, how to improve our facilities and what changes they would like to see both in the school day and on the house groups.

CHANGES WE HAVE MADE

The school council have made changes already! We have now got allocated parking spaces for all of our school vehicles, making the area safer for all and meaning that cars are much easier to find. The gym now opens



School council team.

during breaks and lunches so that the boys have somewhere to go if it is raining, or they want to do something different. With our input, there have been lots of changes to the menu, and we even managed to request jam sandwiches especially for our meetings!

FUTURE PLANS

Soon we will have a sensory garden at crossroads. We were lucky enough to go in and have a look around before it is completed. The boys really enjoyed it and are impressed with the progress. They are going back to their class groups to think about anything else that they might like to see in there before completion.

In the school council we have lots of ideas around what we would like to see in the future, from upgraded play equipment to how we would like the next sports day to run. Watch this space to see what we come up with!



Tuneful trash.



Ewan and Carmel.



Gino's one of the main attractions!

Wilds Lodge Festival



Bob!



Beep beep!

What a great day we all had. The biggest Festival yet! Riding on the Quad Bike Off Road, vintage fire engines, the Osh Cosh Tanker from RAF Wittering, Army search dogs, drumming and dance workshops and much more.

There were some excellent performers on the main stage, from local colleges and schools. Wilds lodge Boys once again pulled out all the stops with some fabulous singing. A fantastic day full of fun, face painting, badge making and about four hundred children working with artists to create magnificent work.

The next festival will be on 21st September 2017 and we are expecting six hundred children.



Nurture on song.



Day Boys Camp



All eyes on centre stage.



Dani reaches for the mic!



Aping around!

The Day Boy House Group has had an amazing camp this year! We've enjoyed the tree-top experience of Go Ape and walked through the woods; raced around Drayton Manor going on as many rides as we could; enjoyed a day of Laser Quest and loved the Alton Towers Water Park.

As a team of staff we've been really proud of how our boys have represented the school and it's been amazing to have these positive experiences that the boys have earned through their own hard work throughout the year.

There's been real progress within this house group over the last year to integrate Day Boys further into the school ethos and culture, so that our Day Boys get the same positive experiences, support and care as all of our other boys. This has been made possible through a great team of staff and a wonderful group of boys - well done Day Boys!

- Josh Reed (Day Boys)



King Chandler!



Long way up, quicker down.





Specialists at Wilds Lodge

It's been a very busy year at Wilds Lodge with all the specialists working really hard to support our boys to achieve and develop in all the different areas.

Fiona and Donna, our Speech and Language Therapist and Occupational Therapist – here every Thursday - have been hugely impressed with the level of commitment from the boys they have worked with.

Sue and Jean have enjoyed a great year working with some very motivated boys giving them opportunities to develop their Literacy skills. They wonder if the Great Big London Bus is the real attraction and not necessarily their skills, experience and kind manner!

Becky continues to do an amazing job with the Lower School Boys with her Lego Based Therapy club and sensory circuits. In the next academic year these interventions will be growing to give opportunities to all boys. Becky is very much looking forward to this!

Steph has also been working hard offering boys the opportunity to develop emotionally and build confidence when interacting with horses in her horse-riding lessons.

Neil has started working towards achieving the ADHD Friendly Schools Award. He has put a team together and is very much looking forward to raising the profile of ADHD in the school.

Our sensory room is also being used a lot by different boys and staff. Dani in particular has seen the difference it has made to some of her movement therapy sessions. Dani will be offering Dance from September as a Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 option, which she is looking forward to.

And of course our teaching assistants, as always, have been working really hard to support all our boys with their literacy and numeracy, as well as all the encouragement and support they receive every day from them!

Lots going on in this area with some very committed staff who are exceptional at motivating boys to remove barriers to learning and encouraging them to do their best.



Christmas in our Nurture Group

It was another amazing Christmas in our Nurture Group and we all had so much fun. We had a glitter filled term that ended with a lovely Christmas eve, where the boys left some milk and mince pies for Santa, before listening to 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' and going to sleep. Santa arrived to deliver some pressies just in time for the boys waking up on Christmas morning. They were all so excited and loved opening their presents. We all then enjoyed our delicious Christmas dinner!



POETRY IN KEY STAGE 3

Summer is great time to explore poetry, offering more opportunities to work outside of the classroom, using nature as inspiration and to help us relax and enjoy reading.

This year we have focused on some fantastic British classics and students have discovered Wordsworth, Keats, Tennyson, Kipling, Blake, Duffy and Zephaniah.

As well as reading and discussing poems, our key stage 3 students have used a range of styles and techniques to write their own, with some excellent results. We have included a few for you to enjoy here. - **LEON HANDY ENGLISH COORDINATOR**

Godzilla

Godzilla is a Grey God-like creature
that has Grouchy and Gutsy emotions
He can be Glamorous and Great
He can stand Grand and tall
and fight like a warrior
He has unique abilities
including atomic breath - aka beam
He is a powerful reptile with an outstanding Grip.

BY KAILUM

Photography

Photography is practical and powerful
Purple images of people performing
It needs a lot of practice
Pictures of parties, plumes or police
Plays an important part in advertising

BY DANIEL

Chair

This cracked chair is so crooked and
chipped
It's no longer comfy
Whatever happened to it must have been a
catastrophic event
It's unchangeable
It's no longer colourful and happy
Now it just looks conditioned and creaky.

BY GEORGE

If

If you can push yourself but not too far
And help others to do the same
If you can get more than the par
And can get it wrong and take the blame
If you can laugh with, not at
And cry with
If you can eat and not be greedy
And can take as all as give
If you can talk like you listen
And live like you want
Then you'll be a man my son.

BY REUBEN

If

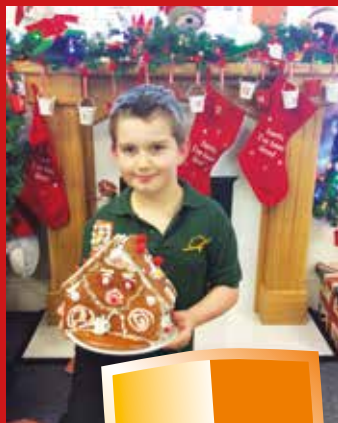
If you can take the blame
If you can admit when you're wrong
If you can get a job and be successful
If you can admit your feelings instead of
keeping them inside
If you can seek advice, even if you don't
want to
If you can manage it, even if all odds are
against you
If you can forgive an enemy
If you can help someone troubled and give
them belief
If you can turn down a drink, even if you
want one
If you can quit before it all goes wrong
If you can not take advantage of someone
who can't fight back
If you can get over issues when all is said
and done
Then you'll be a man my son

BY OWEN

If

If you can love your family even when
they're telling you off
If you can enjoy a game even when you
lose
If you can be kind without being asked
If you can enjoy life even when you're
stressed
If you can ignore those who wind you up
If you keep your rhythm going even in the
toughest times
If you can keep the peace and not start
wars
If you can work as hard as possible and not
be lazy
If you know what's right and wrong
If you can feel forgiveness
Then you will be a man my son!

BY JACK



Nurture Panto Trip 2016



At Christmas our Nurture Group went to a pantomime with Upper Nurture and had a brilliant time. All of the staff and boys loved watching Dick Whittington and didn't stop laughing from start to finish. It was a lovely day and every single boy behaved beautifully throughout.



MOVING UP!

Cherida, Jade and Emma are so proud of all of the boys that have successfully moved up from the Nurture Group over the past year. Well done to Dom, Roman, Reece and Jacob for doing so well in your new classes, and good luck to Luke and Lucas who have recently moved up to Kim's class. We look forward to inviting you all to snack time soon. Well done boys, you should be very proud of yourselves!

Story time on Sue's Bus.....



All aboard.



Story time with Sue.

Everyone in the Nurture Group would like to say a massive thank you to Sue, for reading a story to the boys every Tuesday on the bus. All of the boys love these sessions and look forward to choosing new books each week to bring back to the classroom. Story time with Sue is one of our favourite times of the week and the boys are really starting to enjoy reading as a result!





Group hug.



Festival Fun

Staff and boys from our Nurture Group had a great time at the music festival. The boys danced on stage to a superhero song and did a fantastic job.....well done boys!



Comic Relief 2017

Everyone in the Nurture Group had such a fun Red Nose Day this year. We wore our red noses all day and had our faces painted by Jade. Even the dolphin bananas that we had for snack time had little red noses on! The boys really enjoyed their day, and listened really carefully when we talked to them about the reasons behind Comic Relief.



Recycled planting.



ECO Week 2017

As part of ECO Week, the Nurture Group boys entered an up-cycling competition. They created a cool planter out of a couple of old Trug buckets, some plant pots and an old school jumper, before planting him with some lovely pansies. We didn't win the competition but the boys were very proud of their creation, especially Luke who came up with the name 'Eco Eric'. Great job boys!



Wheel of comedy!





Upper Nurture

Oh what fun we have had this year!
We have enjoyed learning about lots of different topics. Super hero's, The snowman, Pirates, Egyptians, safari and Under the sea!

We have learnt about lots of different festivals and different festive seasons.

We have been getting up to all kinds of things in the sensory room! We have been using it for fun and learning!

We have been out and about experimenting with Marshmallows! And even been building with them!



Toasting friendship!



Yum!

We took on the challenge to cook something different. Noodles was the favourite choice and we spiced them up with added veg and an egg to round it off. Fantastic and healthy!



Sharing the fruits of our labour.



When I grow up!

How lucky were KS2 to be able to visit 158 Performance Show Room and look at all the Cam Am Spyders, Jet Skis and Quad Bikes. This is what the boys chose to have when they were older. Can't wait to see it.



KS2 Christmas Trip

All aboard! The boys rode on the train around Sacrewell Farm. A great day out for everyone.



Enjoying lunch at the Bombay Cottage

As part of our Culture Learning in RE, KS2 had lunch in the Bombay Cottage. First time for most of the boys who

enjoyed trying lots of different foods and had a great time doing so. What a lunch!



KS2 Gurdwara Visit

As part of our RE KS2 visited a Sikh Gurdwara. There was so much to learn about the Sikh belief and then we got to try a Turban. Fantastic day out!

KS2 First London Trip



Having fun taking the Tube through London. The British Museum trip was fantastic. Loads to learn about and a very exciting trip underground. What a great day!

Conkers are great

KS2 annual conker competition took place once again this year. Boil them, put them in vinegar, twenty seconds in a microwave to make them the best!





Tanks for the memories.

KS2 Tank Museum and High Ropes

What a fantastic day we had. Climbing all over tanks, messing around in the Anderson Shelter, climbing high up the trees and building our confidence. Fantastic!



KS2 sensory Room

Having a relaxing time whilst learning! It is a great room to sit back, listen and learn. Working together through games, reading and telling stories. A super classroom.



Spooky Shakespeare.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

Wilds Lodge enter the festival for the first time. Performing in front of 400 people at Corby Theatre. Julius Caesar never looked so good. Well done everyone involved!



KS2 Trestle Theatre Visit

Theatre skills help with building self esteem and confidence. Loads of fun here at Trestle Arts Base. The day was full of Indian Dance, swimming under the sea and combat dance. Fantastic!



KS2 went to Oakham Fire Station for some hands on fun as part of the Great Fire of London Topic.



KS2 Visit to Newark Air Museum

What a great trip! As part of our WW2 topic, we visited the Newark Air Museum. There was a Lancaster Corner and loads more to see and do. A great day out for everyone.



Claire rallies the troops.



KS2 Science and Bacteria

KS2 have been spreading bacteria, using paint and wool to show how easily it spreads. Wash your hands!



Lodge Camp



The Peak District dabbers.

FUN PACKED TRIP TO *the Peak District*

It was a cold, rainy Monday morning when the boys arrived at school with excited faces. It was Camp Week and boy was the rain a key feature. A relatively new bunch of Lodge faces were ready to embark to Darwin Forest, a 5 star rated accommodation in the Peak District.

We set off after a breakfast of bacon sandwiches and a quick pack up of the vans. First stop was Wollaton Hall in Nottingham (which was used as Wayne Manor in The Dark Knight) for lunch and a quick tour. Here we picked up Fred! The rain quashed grand plans of a picnic in the sun, so it was a "hide under the van boot" lunch. We then continued our journey and arrived at Darwin Forest. After a very quick unpack, the boys explored. They instantly found the swimming pool, which would become many boys second home for the week. Other facilities included a games room, pool tables, mini golf, outdoor play area and trim trail/obstacle course. Dinner this evening was make your own pizza, which was an experience made easier by Charlotte's fantastic dough kneading skills. After dinner, boys had another dip in the pool before returning to their cabins, and that was the end of day one.

Day two began with some bad news, due to the rain (shockingly) Body Zorbing was cancelled, but this gave the boys a lie in and time to relax before Water Zorbing. No relaxing for Richard however, as he kindly received a Dive Stick to the forehead for his troubles of agreeing to going swimming. Ideas of this activity being fun were immediately laid to rest as a gruelling and physical activity dawned upon them. Some boys were very good at balancing and running in the Zorb, some staff were not so good and just spent time rolling around in the Zorb, much to the

delight of all the boys. After a period of rest and relaxation, mainly for Neil, we set off for Sheffield for a shopping trip around Meadow Hall in which some staff found very exciting to the point Emma spent a large portion of her time sniffing candles.

After working up an appetite shopping, we ate dinner out at The Sword Dancer. All boys ate well and returned to Darwin Forest in a food coma and ready for bed.

Day three was upon us and camp was fast passing by. Today began with a good hearty fried breakfast before a trip to Peak Rail to ride the steam train to Matlock and then to The Heights of Abraham for a cable car ride. The rain (AGAIN) put any aspirations of a nice view from the top to bed, so instead after lunch we went on a Mine tour, underground we were safe from the rain. A fantastic tour, from a very enthusiastic tour guide! After this we had a quick peruse of the shops and then returned down the cable car and back to Darwin Forest. Surprisingly, the boys went straight for the pool for a swim. Dinner of chicken wraps this evening and day 3 was done.

Day 4 arrived to smiles of excitement, as today was Alton Towers day, a day for the thrill seekers! The rain decided to give The Lodge a break for this day and the sun came out! This was not a day Richard particularly enjoyed, as he was kindly encouraged to ride some rollercoasters by staff and boys. After a long day, we returned



HANDS ON SCIENCE



Aquatic hamsters.



Jelly Babies make waves.



At Wilds Lode we like to make our science hands on! There has been plenty of practical science completed by key stage 3 this year including heart and lung dissections, DIY FM radios, chemical reactions, wave machines and lots and lots of fire!

Key stage 3 has worked very hard on making sure they can provide a safe environment for others to create, investigate, construct and destroy! It is a vital part of science that there is exploration into 'big science', those big ideas that spark enthusiasm and life long interest. Boys have been able to produce some really wonderful experiments in our great science lab facility and promote an interest in the subject.

Please check Facebook for our latest pictures and videos!



Body bits.



to Darwin Forest and to more rain. The boys had a final swim and then packed up their belongings before getting some rest.

Friday arrived and after packing the vans, the boys travelled back to school, via a quick McDonalds stop and then returned home. A fantastic week had by all!!!!



Grub's up.



Real body bits.



Flaming colourful.



CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES



ENTERPRISE SUCCESS

Enterprise has seen a good year this year, the projects have steadily progressed and we are eagerly awaiting our selling page on the Wilds Lodge School website to really set us up.

Sports day last year was a great success the enterprise stall was very busy with the lads selling lots of the items they made. The big hitters were the tomato ketchup and the cookie mix look for some new and improved items at this years stall.

Items the lads made and sold were Penny farthings and clocks from metal work. Other products on sale were some cookie and brownie mix along with tomato ketchup, dog biscuits garden jenga and some lovely wooden games.



COMPUTER SCIENCE UPDATE

This has been a significant year for Computer Science. Teacher Radha started the year running, getting all the boys programming, learning a computer language called Python. Computational

thinking became the buzz around the place and some of the students are professionals in the making!

The second half of the year left the boys working with supply teacher, Simon, whilst Radha went on maternity leave with second baby, Ivan. Both baby and Radha are healthy and well. Radha will be returning to Wilds Lodge at the end of the Summer term and is excited to be teaching the new international GCSE in Computer Science to the CS GCSE groups.

Watch this space for new, exciting study topics across all key stages, freebies for boys and exciting computer science themed days around the school coming up next year!



Visit to The National Computer Science Museum Bletchley

During December 2016 our Post 16 pupils visited The National Computer Science Museum in Bletchley, Milton Keynes and were welcomed to a guided tour. We enjoyed a 4-hour trip which was a wonderful hands on experience, incorporating an educational input into the world and history of computers and their development since the end of the last war.

We would like to sincerely thank Claire Marston Head of Learning at the centre for a wonderful day.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

- Pupils handling earlier forms of computers and gadgets including typewriters, heavy calculators and earlier mobile phones
- A tour of the first ever computer 'Colossus' which was invented during the last world war to decipher German codes 'Enigma'
- The first ever Laptop computer
- The first ever computerised calculator 'The Witch' used to calculate and build a nuclear power station
- Pupils completing a games programming session
- Examining the first business type computers and discs used



POST16

Asdan, Forest Schools and Public services

Over this last year the Post 16 students have had an opportunity to choose from a wide range of subject areas. Within the ASDAN curriculum students have studied different module areas including Number Handling. The students went to Halifax Building Society and heard from the manager about how to read and understand bank statements and how to open up a bank account.

Students have also enjoyed the Forest Schools lessons and learning how to forage, make fires and survive in the open. Team building and confidence skills are developed during these activities.

Some of the students have studied a wide range of Public services lessons where they have examined the different job

roles and responsibilities associated with security, especially within prisons. They have also learnt about the different threats associated with terrorism and methods to prevent and tackle the threats.



Life Skills Cooking

In September the Post 16 students were provided training towards the art of shopping for food and then cooking it. These are important life skills and as young men going into the world it is important that they recognise the importance. Students were each provided training in the subject areas and went to Morrisons with planned shopping lists to purchase the ingredients for the food that they later cooked. The students successfully acquired a number of AQA's for cooking then eating their own food!



AQA Health and Well-being and Hospital Visit

Over the Autumn term the Post 16 pupils have been studying the subject of Health and wellbeing within the Life Skills curriculum and are completing their AQA worksheets. We have had some lively discussions surrounding what pupils should know about visiting the doctor, having a healthy mind and body and knowing what can lead to a crisis in a persons life, along with how they could help. This was complimented by a visit to Stamford hospital where Matron Susan Brookes opened the hospital museum which provided very interesting objects and materials of times gone by, including many of the sharp operating instruments used- One pupil said "Ouch"!!



Life Skills - Ironing, Shopping and Budgeting

During our autumn term Post 16 students engaged the Life Skills programme and were required to understand a variety of aspects towards individual living. Learning how to iron and do laundry tasks were some of the activities posed, along with learning how to do shopping and understand how to run a home on a weekly budget. The students were introduced to ironing techniques and how to iron safely. Some of them even enjoyed doing it and began to understand why it is important to look tidy and smart.



Jack.



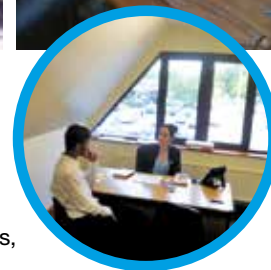
Jack.

AQA Work Experience and Visit to Stamford Job Centre

Over this year the Post 16 pupils have studied Education Employability and each student has been required to engage voluntary work experience in the Stamford area. This curriculum has also required students to complete their own CV and thereby input the work they have completed. Students have learnt about the National Insurance number, how to apply for jobs and the completion of job covering letters. Some of the students visited Stamford job centre where the 'Job coach' ,Mrs Joy Cradick spoke to the boys about the process of registering at a job centre, what paperwork is needed, including a CV, National Insurance numbers and having an e-mail account.

We are particularly delighted that our students have successfully completed a

wide range of work placements, including Tyler, Sam, Thomas and Jack B who have been at Age UK. Sam has recently added to his CV by going to Fine Foods, Andrew had a fabulous period at Waitrose and is now looking towards Morrison's, Jack P is working at Barnardos which goes towards his Duke of Edinburgh's award, Zubair has recently started at Morrison's and Ryan has completed a number of school ICT work related tasks by repairing and rebuilding laptops. Each student are acquiring a Work Experience AQA after completing at least 5 work sessions. Brilliant results, a great year, well done !



Tom.



Post 16 fire station visit

In May our Post 16 students went along to Oakham fire station to receive a very interesting and informative presentation regarding house fires and first aid in relation to dealing with burns and blood loss. The trip complimented the First Aid training they have received over the last

two terms when the subject of house fires and treating burns was covered. The main message we took away was that all of us must ensure we have a 'smoke detector' fitted and working in our homes. Thanks again to the Oakham fire officers for allowing us at the station!





Newark Air Museum

In May we took Thomas along to Newark Air Museum to see a wide range of military aircraft. We were fortunate to be able to gain access to both the Vulcan bomber and the Shackleton aeroplanes. Thomas thoroughly enjoyed his day as can be seen by the photographs we took. Thomas was really interested in the history and facts associated with these old planes.

Supreme learning at local court

In May this year Thomas from our Post 16 went along to Oakham Castle to take part in a court history drama and learn about how leather Viking jewellery items were made. Mrs Jane Burditt, the castle's education lead provided Thomas with a fantastic input about how the court operated hundreds of years ago and about actual cases heard there. Thomas played a wonderful role as the judge!



Andrew from Post 16 worked so very well in his CDT lessons. It has been wonderful to see him improve in his woodworking skills. Here is a lovely photograph with Mark Robinson his teacher encouraging to complete his wooden planter.

Recycling and ecological awareness

Our Post 16 pupils went to two Energy Recovery Facilities this year. The first one was (Viridor) in Peterborough where they received a presentation and guided tour of the control centre. Viridor are the best performing energy companies in the UK and pride themselves in disposing of waste and then creating energy for all domestic properties in Peterborough. 85,000 tonnes of waste is burnt which results in providing 15% of all electricity used in the Peterborough area. The other by-product of this burning includes ash and aggregate, which are used for roads and road building. The only gas by-product is steam, which safely goes into the atmosphere. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this educational trip which contributes towards the 'Awareness Scheme' Environment module they are studying this term. The photos show the massive claw used to pick-up waste, also Sam and Jack observing operations in the control centre.

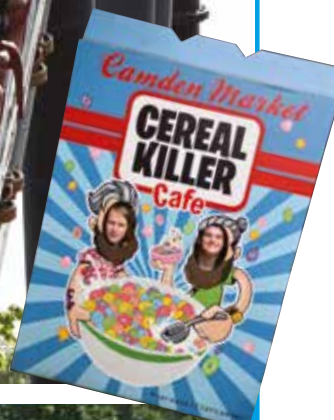
Then in April 2017 our Post 16 department visited another Waste to Energy centre in Lincoln. They were provided with a fantastic guided tour of the plant by Sally Hood the Educational Engagement officer based there. Our students were given a good insight into recycling and ecological awareness at the plants educational Centre. They were then given a very good tour of the facility by Sally. All the students thoroughly enjoyed this visit and learnt more about how energy can be produced from waste and the other benefits of this process.



Rock Lodge Camp



Action shot.



DAY 1

The group set off mid morning to Woburn and were staying at the Centre Parcs. Upon arrival the group were given wrist bands which acted as the cabin key and key for the swimming lockers. Some of the boys were very keen to get swimming straight away along with some of the staff and went straight in to pool. With a selection of slides and a rapids the group enjoyed their afternoon. Later the group settled in the cabins where they unpacked and had tea, before going out ten pin bowling. A very competitive bunch the.....staff and some great bowling scores coming from all of the group.

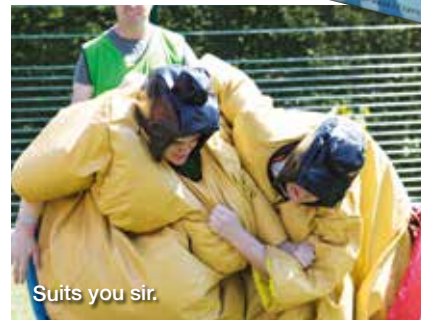
DAY 2 LONDON

An early start to the day with the group going down to London for the day. Most of the group spent the first part of the day in Camden where the group was involved in a photography project. However Jack and Ryan headed out to visit the Natural History Museum and spent a few hours looking round. The group then all met together again at Piccadilly Circus where they visited Ripleys believe it or not. A great attraction for the group with mischievous staff photo bombing at every opportunity. The final part to the day was spent in China town where the group was able to have a fantastic meal out with mountains of food being consumed by most of the boys. Staff were getting excitable when they heard that David Beckham maybe visiting for Movie Premier however to there dismay it was for tomorrow.



Strike a pose!

boys. Towards the end of the session the game organiser thought it would be funny to pick on Simon and make him take on half the group one by one. A very exhausting experience but so enjoyable with all the boys getting involved.



Suits you sir.



Zorbing football.

Some bright spark in the group (Simon) thought it would be a good idea to go on the water rides towards the end of the day and with most of the group following him onto the rides they got completely soaked. As we left the park sitting on bin liners on the way home the group was booked into the restaurant and had to eat their dinner in wet jeans. However the group remained in good spirits and returned back to Centre Parks in time to pack their bags for tomorrow.

DAY 5

As the final morning arrived the group packed up their belongings, making sure the cabins were clean. The group then slowly made their way back to school only stopping off for a quick lunch. The group commented how good the camp had been and the staff agreed how well the group behaved with only a few issues to deal with. Bring on next years camp where the group look to go back abroad again.

DAY 3 ZORB WARS

A beautiful day with excellent weather was a good highlight, however once the group stepped into the arena of Zorb Wars focused changed. A tense war zone consumed the group and battle commenced. Bruce felt the need to keep attacking Emily with Joshua and Andrew coming out with big hits on the staff and

DAY 4 THORPE PARK

A highlight for most of the group was Thorpe Park and it turned out to be just that. With the park being quiet the group had lots of opportunity to go on most of the rides and sometimes more than once.





First Aid Course



During the autumn and spring terms Post 16 all our students completed a First Aid course of familiarisation which included the key components of these skills. Our students were provided with practical and theoretical lessons towards a variety of themes, including dealing with critical road traffic accidents, dealing with blood loss, shock, burn injuries, diabetes and how and when to do CPR. Sam is seen in this photograph practicing the CPR methodology.

National Space Centre visit

During February, the Post 16 students went to The National Space Centre in Leicester to learn more about the science of Space and the history of Space exploration. During the visit pupils took a ride in the Flight Simulator and watched the 3D Astronaut production in the Space theatre. Pupils also closely examined the

Space rocket located in the centre. After using the lift to reach the top of it, they became more aware of it's incredibly size and learnt about the history of similar rockets launched into Space and of the moon landings. This was a thoroughly rewarding educational visit and our students had a wonderful day.

Post 16 Public Order Training



Post 16 students and staff attended RAF Alconbury for Police riot training led by Cambridgeshire Police. Jack B, Jack P, Ryan M, Tyler B, Andrew C, Paul R, Bruce G and Emily S were put through their paces by acting as the crowds during public disorder training. The students learnt about the law, human and civil rights along with valuable communication skills. The

boys demonstrated excellent teamwork and all of them got involved. It was a challenge at first for some boys but this was overcome with confident interaction with the Police, team members and students from other colleges. We are once again very proud of the boys and looking forward to the next exercise in September. Well-done boys!!



Team photo opportunity.



Cambridge Crown Court

In May our Post 16 students had a day trip to Cambridge and as part of the educational trip attended Cambridge Crown Court. Upon arrival we experienced being subject of security checks, then we went to court 3 and met Judge Sean Enright a circuit judge.

Judge Enright invited us into his court where he spoke with our students about the running of the court and what cases they would hear over the next hour.

We then sat in the public gallery and listened to three sentencing cases, including a serious domestic assault case and a night time burglary of two premises. Judge Enright then adjourned the court and made a special point of speaking to Andrew, Tyler, Jack and Ryan about why he had given the different sentences.

The students were completely captivated and learnt much more about how a crown court operates and why particular sentences are given. We then went for a well deserved picnic! Well -done guys a very special and worthwhile day!



Silence in court!

Role play at Oakham Castle

In June our Post 16 students went along to Oakham Castle to learn about some of the history of the castle and about the medieval court.

The building is still used as a court to this day. Jane Burditt the castles education lead provided an excellent talk about the origins of the castle and some of the historical highlights. We then took part in a role play using the actual court.

We then re enacted some of the medieval court cases and we individually played the parts of court participants, including The Judge (Andrew), Barrister (Sam), Defendant (Tyler), Usher (Bruce), Clerk (Emily) and of course the jury (Charlie).

We had a wonderful and enjoyable time and



learnt much more about history and how a court operates.



Judge Craig!



FAREWELL WILDS LODGERS



The sun is always on order for our Leavers Assembly and as is our tradition, the whole school met up on the playground to celebrate the success that our Year 11 boys have made over their time at Wilds Lodge.

Some of the boys have been with us a short time and with others it has been for many years. Whichever the case, the event is always an emotional one for both the boys and staff and this one was no different.

The class teachers have the final say and they talked about the boys, reminiscing on some of the memories they have and wishing everyone the best for the future.

Whatever happens we wish them the every success and that they keep in touch as they move forwards with their new adventures. Congratulations and all the best for the future! As Steve says, be the best you can be!

Emma Mills

LEAVERS MEAL

The traditional Leavers meal took place at The George in Stamford again this year with all the boys and staff pulling out their smart clothes and sitting down to a fabulous meal to finish off their time at Wilds. Once again they were an absolute pleasure to be around and the evening was a huge success.



The Book Bus



Our bus continues to travel safely along the literacy highway! It is a quiet peaceful environment where Jean and Sue work with boys on an individual basis to help improve their literacy skills.

The bus also houses our ever growing library of current authors, fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels and magazines.

It is open for library sessions and at break times to provide an opportunity for boys to borrow books on a regular basis.

The nurture group have also been coming for story time sessions and this is proving to be enjoyable for both staff and pupils.

Staff, boys and visitors alike all feel that the bus has been an extremely valuable acquisition for Wilds Lodge, and long may its journey continue.

BOOK REVIEW BY **GEORGE**

Title of the Book: The Midnight Gang.

Author: David Walliams

First Impressions (what I thought of the cover etc):

First impression was that it looked a bit boring, but having read it I changed my mind.

Summary (brief description of the story):

Every kid said their dream and the Midnight Gang try and make it come true. They always go out at midnight and have adventures.

What I thought about it:

It was very addictive once you start to read it. The illustrations are good in the book.

Would I recommend it? (Who would like it? Teenagers? Boys? Girls? Young children etc):

I would recommend it for younger children, and older kids will find it good and funny.

Your Rating 1 to 5 (1 is poor – 5 is excellent)

I give it 4.5

Poetry

