

HALLMOOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER EDITION

Welcome to our new edition of the Hallmoor School Newsletter.
I'm sure you will agree that this is a simply brilliant issue showcasing some of the many wonderful things that happen everyday in our amazing school. Enjoy!



Well done to the sixth form helpers for supporting the election day!

IN THE NEWS THIS MONTH...

- Animal Care Placements
- Thrive poem by Natasha Thomas
- Student focused sign writing project
- Science Afternoon
- Litter picking
- School Council
- Children in Need
- Pop up Beauty Salon

ANIMAL CARE PLACEMENTS

Sixth Former's on Animal Care option completed their first placements last week.

We are working at Southfields Farm every Wednesday until Christmas. We'll be learning how to muck out animals, prepare the correct food for them and how to keep them healthy.

For our first visit, we took a tour around the farm and then worked as a team to herd the sheep into a different paddock!



THRIVE POEM

BY NATASHA THOMAS

Well .. the 7 June 2023

John Quinn, a cool group and little ole me
The minds of young people, the brain, their emotions
The gaps in their childhood their Jenga tower broken
How can we help them? What can we do?

Lets use thrive to get them through

Profiling, case studies

action plans, strategies

Using pace, being a rock and resource

A lot to take in on a 12 week course

Fight, flight, freeze, VRFS and WIN

Wednesday mornings...a metaphor check in

Theory to practical, Tash you got this

Use what you learnt and start to practise

The young boys I have thrived

Have now began to thrive

The language they use is much much purer

The way I speak is less judge and juror

The boy on that seat, that was hardly there

The work on his table, The knowing I care

Filling the gaps in their development model

A bit more structure, less of a wobble

Our little thrive sessions make a big impact

The boys are more regulated and that's a fact!

I'm not perfect but have made a change

Something to add to my job description range

Teaching Assistant, carer, trusted staff, listener

Now, to help young people

I'm now a thrive practitioner

STUDENT FOCUSED SIGN WRITING

Sixth form students took part in a sign writing project led by Mr Madden. The signs are for the sixth form library and snackstop.

Some of their objectives were to:

- Use life skills including maths to plan and manage their work
- Ensure work is sequential and prepare for next steps
- Manage time effectively to complete a set of tasks
- Select the right tools and materials from a range of options
- Work independently at times during the project
- Review and make recommendations for improvements



SCIENCE AFTERNOON

Thanks to families and students who took part in our science afternoon! They really enjoyed the opportunity to see teaching and learning in the science lab and enjoy some fantastic experiments!



LITTER PICKING

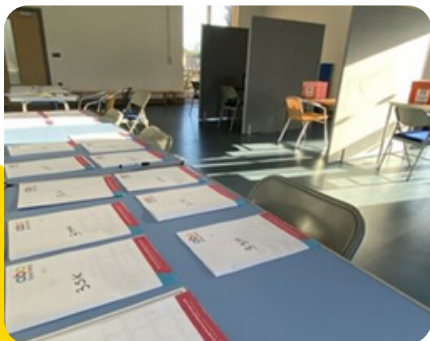
3CE have kicked off Hallmoor Schools Litter picking initiative! We are now a registered litter picking school with Birmingham Council. This is a great opportunity for our students to take part in activities to support the local community, as part of their preparation for adulthood.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The whole school took part in electing their school council. Class representatives were asked to make a speech on the changes they would like to make in the school. We then had an official polling day where all students took part in the democratic process of voting.

This supported their understanding of British Values. The winning candidates were appointed in our Friday 'Good News' assembly and were presented with a student council badge by Headteacher Paul Donkersloot and LAC chair of governors Paul Roberts.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Our students took part in a bake sale and a Pudsey Bearpees challenge on Friday 17th November. This was to raise money for Children In Need. Thank you for everybody who took part in this – it was a great day enjoyed by all.



POP UP BEAUTY SALON

A successful afternoon of Beauty Treatments took place just before half term with Hallmoor Beauty Students showcasing their new skills.

The treatments included Indian Head Massage, Hand and Arm Massage and preparation and application of natural masks for the face.

The students were professional and from the feedback we received from their clients they were very knowledgeable too. Marie Cooper, their teacher, is very proud of them, especially after only learning these skills in such a short time. The students should be very proud of their accomplishments too.

We were pleased to have Debbie Bailey, Deputy CEO of Forward Education Trust, as a pleased client!

Hallmoor Beauty Salon is looking forward to welcoming everybody to the next Open Day - look out for announcements!

