

NEWSLETTER EASTER 2017

School will be breaking up for Easter on the 7th April, 2017 and returning on Monday 24th April, 2017.

Have a lovely Easter break.



AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

In March, Post 11 Autistic Centre marked Schools' Autism Awareness Week by holding a week of activities and fundraising events.

Our students enjoyed a week of various activities including a sponsored walk with collection buckets which was covered by The Shields Gazette and featured in last weekend's edition. We also recreated the Autism Awareness logo out of pennies which can be seen to the right, organised a cake sale, raffle, coffee afternoon and finished off with a balloon release on Friday 31st March.



The total amount raised will be in excess of £300 and will be split between the National Autistic Society and The Friends of Jarrow Post 11 Autistic Centre. We would like to say thank you to Julianne for all her help in the organisation of the week's events.

Well done and a big thank you to everyone for all their generous help and support in making

Schools' Autism Awareness Week such a success for our young people.





The Twits - Northern Stage Production

“Mr. Twit was a twit. He was born a twit. And, now at the age of sixty, he was a bigger twit than ever.”

25 Post 11 students enjoyed an afternoon at the Northern Stage to see the production of *The Twits* written by Roald Dahl. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the performance and everyone was still laughing all the way home.

This is the second visit to the Northern Stage and will hopefully not be the last.

“I liked the bit when Mrs Twit floated in the air with the balloons” David

“The Twits were very good” Matthew

Ethan asked “ when can we go the theatre again please?”

TICE - THIS IS CREATIVE ENTERPRISE

The year 10 girls are currently working with mainstream students to learn about the different aspects of fashion; design, production, retail and marketing.

The students first had to work together to design and complete a garment made from paper. The next step was to attend a workshop in Newcastle Central Library where they listened to professionals who work in the fashion industry; company directors, website developers, bloggers and a manager of a well known high street shop explained their roles and expertise in the fashion industry.

Having reached the approved high standards in Creative Enterprises, the students will gain a TICE badge which is recognised in schools and colleges nationwide.

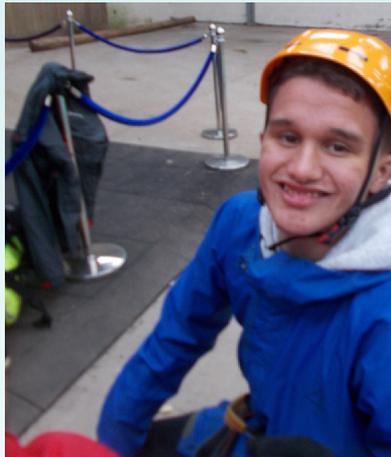
As you can see on the right, the finished product was a triumph especially as it was created from a man's white shirt and produced in just over an hour! Well done Eleanor, Georgia and Megan!



Kielder February 2017

Our annual week residential activity took us to Calvert Trust in Kielder this year.

The students took part in many activities including archery, canoeing and rock climbing to name but a few.



None of this would be possible without the help of Julianne who organises this every year and the money raised by the Friends of Jarrow Post 11 Autistic Centre. Thank you!!



EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Following our previous years successful chick rearing we were asked once again to incubate ten more eggs this year.

From those ten we have successfully hatched nine chicks, six boys and three girls. The first chick to hatch was named Freddie Mercury.

The children have been handling the chicks and learning how to take care of them during 'Chick Therapy' time.



The therapy room, housing the incubator, was a flurry of activity every morning as excitement and curiosity of how many more chicks had hatched spread throughout the centre. Watching their development even in just a short period of time is incredible to see.

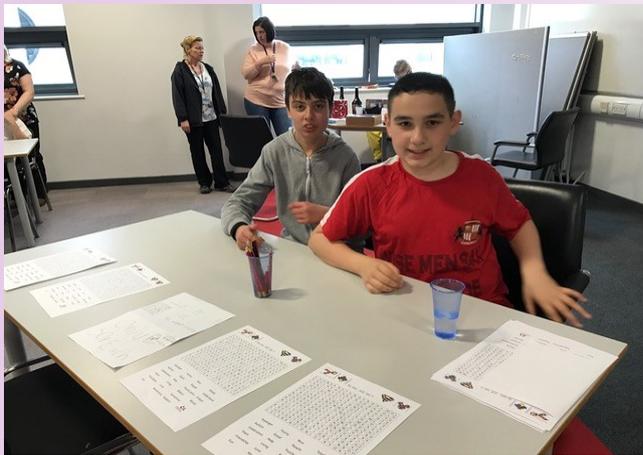
Literature had been displayed around the chicks to allow students to read about egg development, hatching and the rearing processes. We have also managed to find wonderful homes for all the chicks.

We would like to give a special thanks to Julianne for cleaning and feeding the chicks every day.



AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

Sponsored Walk



Games and activities

Raffle prizes



Coffee afternoon



SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP—HORSE-RIDING FEBRUARY 2017

On the right - Colin riding
Ivan



Below - Chloe with Darcy



Every Thursday, myself and a group of Post 11 students attend horse-riding lessons located at Bowes Manor. We learn how to ride, groom and occasionally, practise more advanced skills on horseback. Some, including myself, have bonded with one horse in particular. In my case, Darcy . She is the horse I ride weekly. Before attending, I had very little experience of horses and now I can canter all the way around the arena and also jump.

Chloe Gray

