



Celebration Day News 2016



A few 2015/16 pics

IT'S THE END OF ANOTHER JACK HUNT YEAR!

So that was 2015/16 and we are finishing with one of the hottest weeks we have ever known. It was a year of lots of staff babies, brilliant exam results and the news that we had another new Secretary of State for Education to change everything around again for next year. It was the year we left the EU, although Jack Hunt School voted overwhelmingly to stay - not surprisingly given that we still celebrate "being different but belonging together" every single day.

Celebration Day is similarly all about celebrating all the things that we can enjoy doing together, from rollercoaster rides to the great British seaside and African drumming, we have had another brilliant day of friendship, laughter and learning new things.

Want to see some more of what everyone was up to? Read on...

A huge thank you to all the staff who went on trips, stayed in school to help out, smiled a lot and made today a success for all our students. And thank you to our lovely students for being fun!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Mr Ward meets his ancestors!
- No-one breaks anything!
- People win stuff!
- Things to do!
- Words of wisdom!

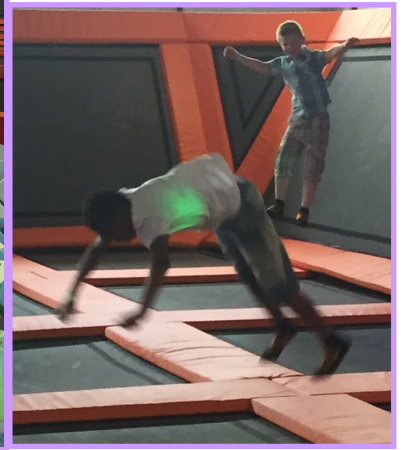
BOUNCING AROUND

Once they had survived a morning of bug hunting and scientific wonders, Year 7 were then treated to the bewildering world of 'Bounce' - an indoor trampoline park which allows you to spend most of your time up in the air. After one sprained wrist, a slightly hurty ankle and someone with a dodgy toe, Year 7 proclaimed that this was "a right laugh" and definitely something they would do again.

For all of you older readers, apparently jumping around on elasticated materials is a great way to get fit whilst having fun and not looking at all silly in any way... something new to try over the summer holidays?



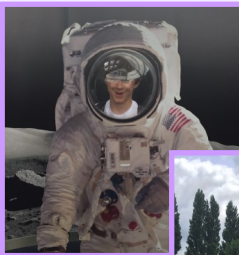
bounce.
INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARKS



"It's been brilliant today - the sun was shining, I was out with my friends and everyone was smiling. I didn't really want to go home."

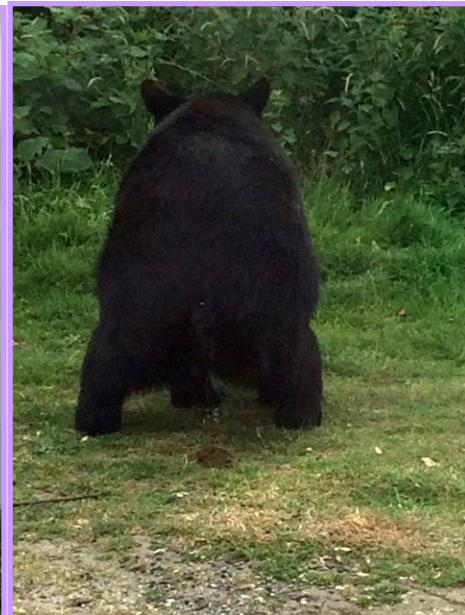
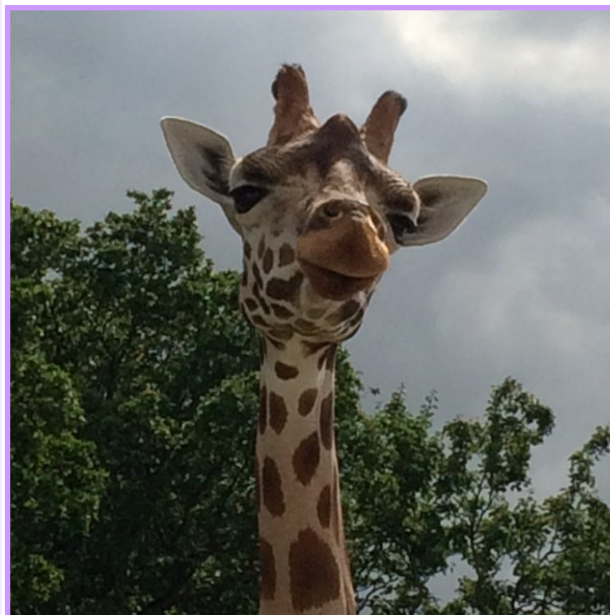
SPACE WASTING

So, the trip to Leicester Space Museum did not get off to a great start when the train was cancelled. However, our resilient students were undeterred and settled down to some serious mobile phone time and caught the next train north to explore the world of space travel.



THE WONDERS OF WOBURN

Woburn Safari Park was, as ever, a popular Celebration Day destination as students flocked to see exotic animals and explore the beautiful park. Mr Gilligan even got to see a large black bear having a poo, which made his day.



*"What are you doing taking a picture of my friend, Mr Bear, having a poo?"
said Mr Giraffe, disapprovingly."*



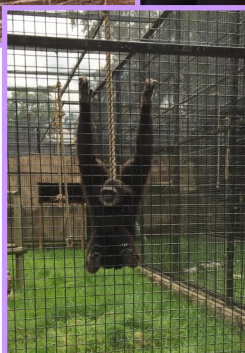
Fun at Drayton Manor - even the goose and the gibbon were impressed as Mr Ward demonstrated evolution in action.

DRAYTON DREAMS

Thank gooseness for a lovely sunny day!

Drayton Manor did not disappoint - teachers got to relax in the sunshine, drinking coffee and watching as students scared themselves silly on rides shaped like boats.

Even the local wildlife was impressed and a massive teddy hitched a lift back to school with us.



We didn't realise Mr Goose was on this trip. Ha ha ha.

TIME FOR REFLECTION?

Today Mrs Hollis and Mrs Palmer have been tidying and planting in the beautiful, tranquil Reflective Memorial Garden in the English block, which students and staff can use for quiet time or to remember important people who have passed away. This is an on-going project and we would like you to help us make it a beautiful place that we will build together.

We are also knitting or crocheting squares to sew together and 'hug' the palm trees in beautiful colours. We hope to have 'chalk wall' so students can write lovely messages, kind words and thoughts on. Just lovely ones, mind.

Some of the students have helped enormously already and we have installed the 'Worry Washing line'. This is where you can write down a worry or a stress, seal it in an envelope, hang it on the line and the wind will carry it away. This does work - how many times has it helped if you write a worry down to clear your head of it?

D&T are very kindly making a memory tree for students to hang things from. This will be an on-going project which we would love you to become part of. Mrs Hollis will be running a craft club from September to make things for the garden, so just come along and we can turn this into a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy.

We want to create, with your help, a place of calmness, solace and a sanctuary of love – for you and for staff to be use as a space for thinking, sharing and relaxation.

Love Mrs Churchill xxx

The Reflective Garden - so far. Just look at the lovely gargoyles...



LASER LOONIES



Captain Zaman leads his team of laser heroes through the darkness of Peterborough Laser Force.

The name of the game is to shoot as many people as possible from the opposite team and protect your comrades as you make your way through the darkness of a space age landscape.

Can you think of any better way to celebrate the end of the year by shooting at your friends and teachers?

I certainly wouldn't want to meet this lot in a dark alley...



LIVE ACTION LASER TAG

WISE UP TO TEAM BUILDING

Some Year 10s had the chance to spend the day out on the school field learning some new team building skills by working together to build towers, learn rope skills and solve problems by working together.

"This was harder work than I thought it would be," said one Year 10. "I thought it might be boring, but it's been great being outside in the sunshine working together."



WONDERFUL WICKSTEED

Wicksteed Park is always a popular and - judging by these photos of happy students rowing around in the algae or peering out of the monorail - this year was no exception.

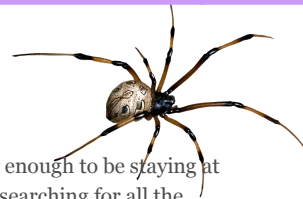


Mrs Sharmon guided people around the rowing lake and lots of people got very wet on the log flume before drying out on a rollercoaster or two.

A fantastic day out - work hard and then sign up for next year!



IT'S A BUG'S LIFE



One of the activities if you were lucky enough to be staying at school today was to go bug hunting - searching for all the different varieties of bugs and insects that live with us here in school. Once students had identified the different creatures around the school site, they could then learn about the ways they live, what they eat and where you might be able to find them.

"I didn't realise that there were so many small spiders around the place!" said one student. "I'm not going near those bushes again..."

"I'm sure I saw a little lizard," said another Year 7. "It was sneaking around underneath Mr Gilligan's window, looking for a way in through the wall." Mind your toes tomorrow, Mr Gilligan...



THE PASSION OF AFRICAN DANCE & DRUMMING

Today, African Drumming and dancing was enjoyed by many students and teachers, including Miss Cliffe and Mrs Churchill – who were utterly brilliant. Everyone joined in with the unique and cultural beat of the drum, united in dancing and singing as the beautiful sun shone down on the laughter and the love.

From Jamaica and Africa we asked Kulchalee, Pape Thiam and Cheikh Diop, the collective group known as African Activities, some questions about their love of African drumming and received some very passionate responses. “When we drum, I talk to you, you talk to me! It’s communication and the original way of conversation.”

We asked, how important is it to share your passion with the world: “It is all about cultural diversity and embracing yourself and all other cultures, just embrace! You learn from each other.” We also wanted to know what inspired them and Kulchalee explained, “As a child I had to learn to be positive and it was important to me to help people embrace all cultures and walks of life. By doing this we came together and showed our personalities through the drumming, something we wanted to share with everyone. Drumming is from your heart and your soul!” We agree Kulchalee!



“Celebration Day should be all about doing something new you enjoy with the people you like. I hadn’t seen Independence Day yet.” Mr Fricker

AND WHAT ABOUT THE SIXTH FORM?

As is always the case, Mr Fricker was in charge of planning a special day out for all the Year 12 students to celebrate the end of their AS year.

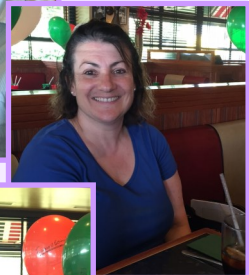
He chose to do something that he doesn't really like, but he knows that young people do, and took the whole year group to the Showcase Cinema to watch two films he had chosen for them. For this year, these were ‘Independence Day: Resurgent’ and ‘Now You See Me’.

He was also able to choose some of his favourite members of staff to go along too and there was time to have a lovely lunch out at Frankie and Benny’s. With balloons.

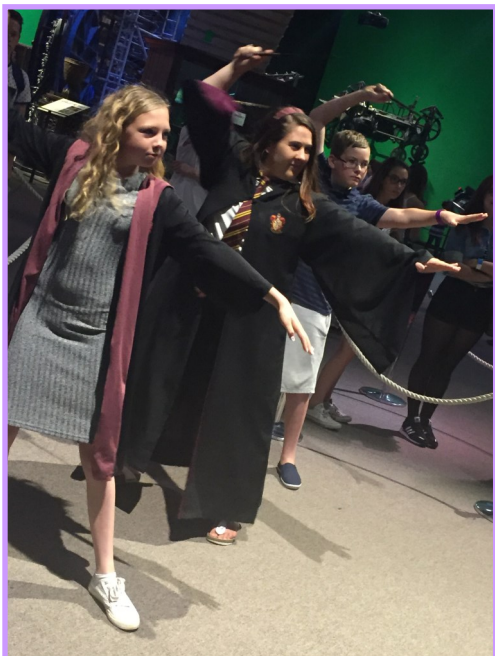
Poor Mrs Kilbey still had to take some important calls, but the rest of the group had a nice day out and didn’t even notice that the sun was shining outside, beyond the air conditioning.



Some students were also allowed to eat lunch at Frankie and Benny’s - in separate booths.



Mr Fricker - he wears his sunglasses inside like a real movie star.

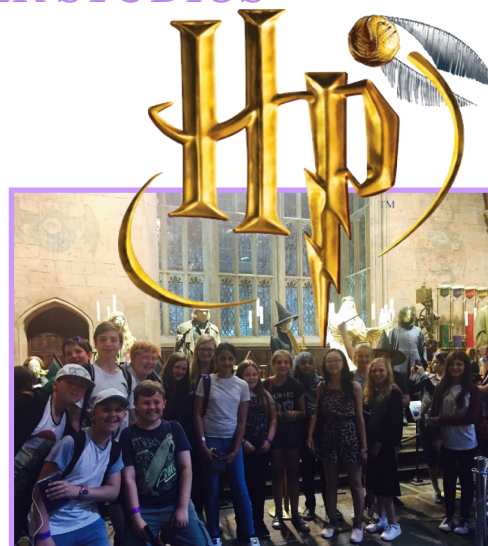


HARRY POTTER STUDIOS

Harry Potter is one of the most popular trips and there are members of staff who have been going there for years to share the fun and excitement of the Harry Potter stories with our students.

Today's group got to learn how to duel, explored Diagon Alley and ate a large amount of chocolate and Butter Beer.

Miss Vranus also did things properly and got dressed up as a wizard for the day...



Mrs Brown and Miss Vranus convincingly re-enact a scene from the movie to entertain passers-by.



Butter Beer - it's a beer, that's made from butter?

BOWLING FOR PRIZES

Bowling was the next port of call for Mr Zaman and his group after they had finished shooting each other at Laser Force. This was another competitive activity that demanded some real skill and concentration, but ended with Usmaan walking away with a brand new Smartphone.

Lots of students worked hard to perfect their techniques and Keith learned all about how to select the right bowling ball.

Not bad for an afternoon out!



"I am so excited to be here on a school day! It is great. I feel like I'm on holiday, but with my favourite friends."

LOVELY LONDON TOWN

A couple of trips headed off to our great capital, one to see 'Stomp The Musical' and another to visit the Olympic Park and to spend a little bit of time chilling out in the nearby Westfield Shopping Centre.

The group off to the theatre had plenty of time to do some sightseeing first, so saw the London Eye, the Houses of Parliament and the River Thames before enjoying a night of stomping entertainment.



SPARE A THOUGHT...

Whilst we were all out and about having a lovely time, remember that some people had to carry on as normal and make sure that the school still ran properly.

Making sure everyone is properly registered when they are on trips or in different places at different times makes life even more complicated for the lovely Office staff, who also spent a lot of time answering queries from parents who weren't quite sure what time a bus left or returned or whether their child needed a packed lunch.

Believe it or not, this is the busiest time of the year for our Office staff, so make sure you give them a big smile if you pay them a visit!

"The best thing about today? I have cried with laughter twice. It's been fantastic."

WHAT ABOUT NEXT YEAR?

Whatever you did this year, make sure that you start thinking about what you would like to do on Celebration Day 2017 sooner rather than later. That way you can persuade your family to help you gather the money to pay, save up a little extra to spend on ice-cream during the day and also make sure that you are not the solitary soul who was down to spend today with Mrs Fox in Seclusion by behaving yourself all year.

So, wherever you want to go, get planning and make sure that 2017 is the best year ever to celebrate!



TWIN LAKES

There was a lot of bouncing and rollercoastering going on in Melton Mowbray today as well as a group of students spent a fun day at the Twin Lakes Theme Park.

Some of the students even got to use boats and have fun messing about on the water in the heat. When you are used to dry land and the usual miserable British weather, the smiles here are not at all surprising.



YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU!

Picture this, a glorious hot summer's day, the sun is out, the sky is blue...

And you are catching up on course work in a dark classroom.

We were saddened to hear that students who haven't finished their coursework were stuck in the D&T computer room tapping ferociously, fighting against the clock to complete their coursework which should have been finished way before CELEBRATION DAY!

"You are responsible for you. You must do your work and don't be a 'Numpty'".

We all make mistakes and think that work will do itself. WELL, IT WON'T!

We need to learn from our mistakes and we all need to work hard all year.

Do you want to miss out?

So, next year where will you go to celebrate all your hard work?



AFRICAN ARTISTRY

Another activity today was African art.

Originating in Ghana, West Africa, the Adinkra is known as symbolic art from the heart and mind.

The students had an amazing time learning the different symbols and African traditions before painting some on cloth in vibrant colours. Symbols included the eye, the butterfly, the heart and the shield which represented the universe, forgiveness, peace and hope.



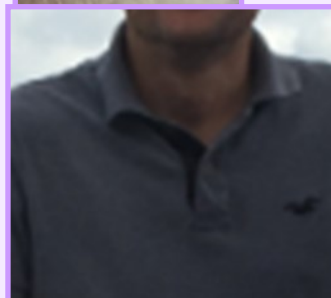
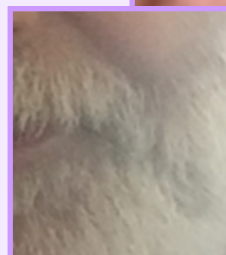
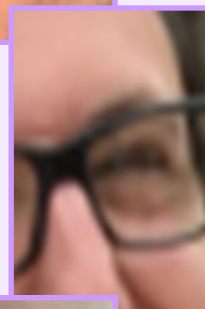
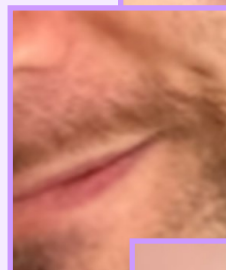
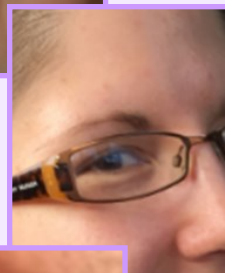
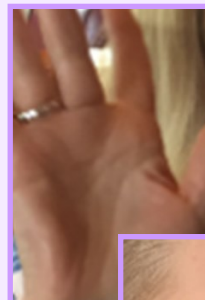
Just so you know!

"This was so relaxing!" said one student. "It's been a really lovely day."



WHICH TEACHER?

Can you identify these teachers, all from photos taken during Celebration Day 2016?



INDOOR SKIING

Another sporty group went out to learn how to ski without the snow and again there were no major injuries, which I suppose is a good thing, if less newsworthy.



WE MADE THE NEWS!

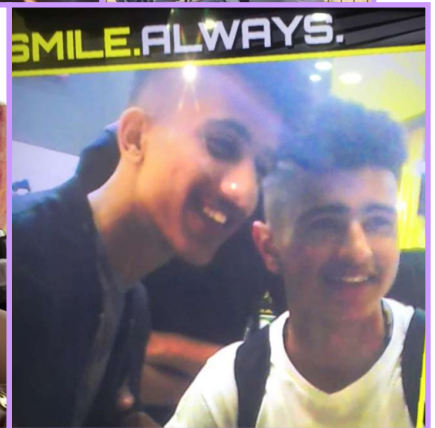
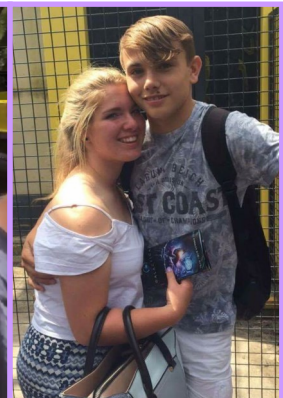
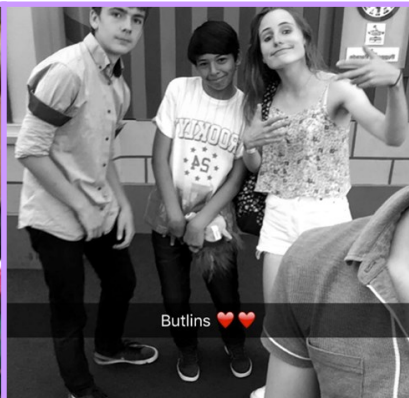
So, it's not every day that you get to research, report, write and then publish your own newspaper, but that is exactly what Abigail, Bryony, Jaspreet, Jack and Sana did today. We got organised, got investigating and then did a bit of writing to round the day off, all whilst eating a large number of doughnuts and the rather fab pizzas Jaspreet had got up early to cook for us.

"This was much more fun than we thought it would be," Bryony said, rather unkindly.

"I thought it would be really boring," Jack agreed, "but then Mrs Churchill got going and I didn't even really mind when she made us join in with the African dancing."

So there you have it, news making as celebration of a great year at school.

Happy holidays from all of us to all of you!



A few slightly less official photos from the day...