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There was time to socialise and chill as Duke's Barn has a games room, lounge and great outdoor play areas. There was even time for a birthday celebration for Zoe who was eleven on the first day there.

It was a fantastic time away; everyone had a great time.



They went on the High Ropes, the Sky Line, canoeing on the Derwent and used the specialist bikes. All the pupils were incredibly brave in trying out all these adventurous activities. We were very well supported by the excellent instructors at Lea Green and all the school staff worked really hard to make sure that all the pupils had a great week.

## Duke's Barn

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June a group of 19 pupils set off for Duke's Barn in Beeley, Derbyshire. There were three groups; Foxes, Badgers and Owls and each day they set off for two activities. It was a very active week with dare devil activities such as abseiling, caving, climbing and ropes courses. The weather was quite wet but it didn't spoil the enjoyment as many of the activities involved getting wet anyway! It was great to see everyone having a go at the activities.

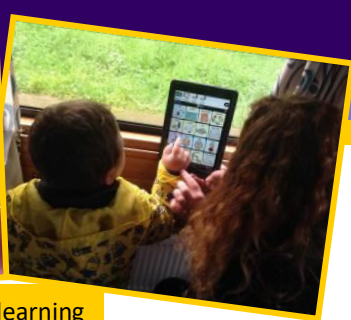


## Lea Green

Holly, Freja, Finley, Jack, Josie and Harris had a brilliant four days staying at Meadow Lodge in Lea Green, Derbyshire. Meadow Lodge is an adapted bungalow suitable for all our wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. Most of the activities take place on site, making access much easier for our pupils.





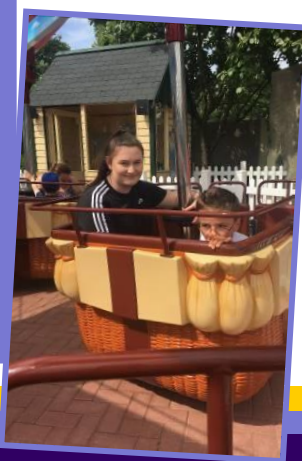
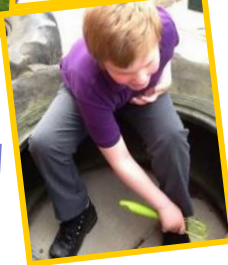


This term Class 1 have been learning about homes and habitats. We have had great fun visiting different places to find out how different animals live. We took a barge trip along the Loughborough canal and saw ducks and swans. We also visited City Farm to see goats, horses and pigs in the fields, birds in the aviaries and found rabbits and guinea pigs hiding in the straw in their hutches. We were also very lucky to be invited to Mrs Thornalley's wonderful garden where we found insects, planted seeds and met her tortoise and hamster. It's been a wonderful term full of fun.



### Class 3

Over the last term we have been developing the outside area. This has included adding a mud kitchen, water play and logs and other natural materials. All the children in the Primary department have really enjoyed making the most of the lovely weather in this space. When it has been really hot this has included water fights and water play. The mud kitchen has also been a hit, with the children enjoying making mud pies. A huge thank you to those who have made and donated items for the outside space.



Class 2 went to Drayton Manor. We travelled on the bus wearing our club t-shirts and arrived to a very busy theme park. We were greeted by Trent Bridge Rotary Club who had invited us on the trip funded by the National Rotary Club Organisation. There were over 2,000 people in the park that day, so no chance of the DLA letters fast tracking us. The children were amazing at waiting their turn; we queued for the train in Thomasland and got off in the zoo where we had our lunch. The children found a park to run off some steam before we headed off to the rides. We all had great fun on the cars, the horses, the pirate ships and the balloons. Finally we had an obligatory ice cream before heading back to the bus. It was a fantastic day. Thank you to all who supported it.

Class 4 has returned to Tudor times this term. Sharing the story of Macbeth - A brave Scottish general, who receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that one day he will become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and spurred to action by his wife, Macbeth murders King Duncan and takes the Scottish throne for himself. We have loved the music sessions too, one making sounds effects from the part of the story with the witches, where they meet in foul weather and they speak of thunder, lightning, fog and filthy air, another music session composing our own form of Tudor music and also loving our Tudor dance sessions and devising our own routine. We've been busy with crafts making pomanders, wool, tussie mussie (small round bouquets of herbs and flowers with symbolic meaning). In Discovery sessions we have been pulling and pushing objects, in Culture exploring different sports as well as our regular sensory time with Nicola and our visits to swimming, Asda for shopping and café trips and most recently the library.



This term the pupils in Class 5 have been heading over to Cotgrave Country Park every Tuesday afternoon for a spot of fishing. We have been led by the Cotgrave Diamond Welfare Angling Association at the fishing lake who have shown us how best to catch the biggest fish! We fished whatever the weather and have caught Rudd and Koi from the fishing lake in sizes from small to enormous. The pupils have all loved it!







Class 6 have had another busy term. We studied "Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey" in English. The students have written a follow up story in the style of the author Mini Grey, and have also made animated films based on the book. In Maths, we have looked at time, reading analogue clocks, and standard and non-standard units of measure. We have also continued our money focus, which is linked to our shopping and food technology sessions. We have really enjoyed our football sessions with the coaches from Nottingham Forest football club. Most of our students came on the trip to Drayton Manor and experienced everything from the big G force rollercoaster to Thomasland, thanks to the Rotary Club.



### Class 7

During the summer term class 7's topic has been The Tudors. Class 7 have enjoyed making some Tudor recipes during cooking although it has to be said that the boys weren't always adventurous when it came to the tasting! Other highlights have been Tudor dancing, Tudor sports and a dramatic sensory re-telling of the Macbeth story! Class 7 have continued to work on using a mobile to communicate, jobs around school and being out in the community. The students and staff really like the café visits!



This term has been a busy term with accredited courses having to be finished and moderated. This has meant that the class has had to do a lot of remembering about work they have covered over the year to fill in any gaps that have been found. We still had time for the usual activities though. Eating out has carried on, as well as our regular trips to town. We also made it to Drayton Manor with the Rotary Club and had a day out in town.

### Class 8

As well as a residential visit for some Class 8 pupils, we also had two lovely visits this term. We had a great day on the Peter le Marchant narrowboat. It's always such a pleasure to watch the world and the wildlife go by! It was great that so many parents could join us too. The next day we went to visit Lowri's new wheelchair swing! Lowri thought that as we didn't have our own at school at the minute, she would invite us all round for tea, coffee, juice, her Mum's amazing cakes and to try out her new swing in their garden. We LOVED it all!





# Diary Dates & Info



Well done to Alister for completing a 5k colour rush fun run at Holme Pierrepont to raise money for charity.



## Diary Dates

29<sup>th</sup> July - Superhero & Villain Fun Day – Goose at Gamston  
 31<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fun Week  
 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – First day of autumn term  
 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – FOALS AGM – Rose & Crown, Cotgrave  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Mum's night out  
 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Harvest  
 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – FOALS family swim session  
 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last Day of half term  
 30<sup>th</sup> Oct - Return from half term holiday  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Parent consultation evening 4-7  
 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Open Morning – Classes 4, 5 and 6  
 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need  
 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Senior Christmas Disco – Classes 4,5,6,7,8 and 9  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Last day of autumn term

## Fundraising

Cotgrave Festival - £130.90  
 Football Ticket Raffle - £78.00  
 Curry Night - £332.50



## New Building

Plenty has happened to our new building since the site was handed over to the builders in April.

Our current fundraising total is **£63,005.86!**

Thank you to everyone who has donated  
 Please visit our **Creating a Better Environment** fundraising page if you would like to donate or set up your own fundraising event. Thank you.  
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