Celebration Day 2024!

The Hill House celebration day was a perfect way to end the term and indeed the academic year!

The day brought everyone together along with Hill House friends and family

There was live music, games, juggling, giant bubbles, ice cream and plenty of strawberries



There was also a special presentation acknowledging and celebrating individual achievements. These included awarding 14 John Muir Awards, 5 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards and a whole host of OCR awards!

Each young person received a personalised goodie bag with a voucher to spend on a choice of their own

The day was such a lovely way to say thank you and well done to everyone!

Celebration Day 2024 Friday 2 nd August
10:30 – Arrival of visitors
10.30 – 12.30 - Music for Autism in the school courtyard
10.30 – 12.30 - Sensory Activities and games in the hub / Juniper Hall (led by the therapy team)
12.30 – BBQ lunch
13.30 – 14.00 – Music for Autism in the school courtyard
14.00 – 15.00 – Presentation of awards in the school courtyard (TMs and teachers to present)
15.00 – New Forest Ice Cream bike
15.00 – Circus – juggling and bubbles!
15.00 – 17.00 – Steel "melodic pan man"
16.00 – New Forest Strawberries and Cream
Dinner in the homes as usual



Student's individual achievements were celebrated. These included;

- * Participating in college activities to help prepare for a move to the sixth form in September
- * Starting to build relationships in college and participating in all work experience activities
- * Going out and about and having a haircut at the barbers
- * Working so hard on resilience and building positive relationships with the chickens!
- Working so hard on communication skills and starting to use the Talk Pad more often and continuing to learn new symbols
- * Hard work and discovery of colourful semantics that has helped to improve communication
- * Employee of the Month! Amazing work experience at the local pub!
- * For bringing music and enthusiastic energy to everything he does! He brings a smile to everyone's face he meets and has branched out into the community with this!
- * Exploring and trying lots of new activities with a smile on his face!
- * Continuous patience and resilience throughout the term. Brining positivity and courage to all new situations he has encountered
- * Expedition Captain Award! Leading the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions with enthusiasm and curiosity, it was inspiring!
- * Helping with jobs all around the school. Being so helpful and always with a lovely smile!
- Growth in Friendship skills has been evident through respectful, enjoyable and positive interactions with friends
- Impressively increased self-expression and feeling more confident to communicate with friends and family. Also demonstrating independence in using the Talk Pad, seeking help when needed
- Demonstrating an increased independence at home organising her wardrobe and her bedroom. Gaining more confidence to talk about her interests with others which has helped to increase self-esteem
- * Showing great resilience with curiosity and an open mind. Especially notable when out and about visiting Exbury Gardens, Moors Valley and Portsmouth Oceanarium
- In Discovery, exploring and trying lots of new activities and exploring new hobbies with a smile on her face
- * For his enthusiastic energy to come to class every day! He has grown in his friendship skills, being evident in his positive interactions with friends
- * In Discovery, exploring and trying lots of new activities at Hill House
- * Being helpful in your OT and Land Science sessions
- * Your discovery in the Therapy sessions
- * For always being the first one to participate in an activity
- * Adapting to changes and improving your resilience
- * Always showing an interest in your OT and Land Science sessions
- For transferring and building upon skills during his volunteer placement at Furzey Gardens which contributed towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award. He has displayed maturity and resilience working with new staff in a new environment
- For discovering much more of the natural environment whilst participating with his John Muir Award
- Bringing enthusiasm to the college and helping friends to use their Talk Pad when greeting each other during tutor times
- * Building resilience and independence in college
- Remembering to carry your Talk Pad with you and also helping everyone to understand your thoughts and wishes























