

SEPTEMBER



The Forum School

September 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Events in October

1st – Stoptober & Breast Cancer Awareness Month
10th – World Mental Health Day
16th – World Food Day
21st – Trafalgar Day
24th – United Nations Day
27th – British Summertime End's
31st – Halloween



Upcoming Events in October

2024

CALENDAR YEAR

OCTOBER

CALENDAR MONTH

MONDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

It's a Bug's Life



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
	Stoptober Breast Cancer Awareness Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena		Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena	TFS Cinema - Theatre	Shillingstone Station Café - Meet at blue gates 13:30 DISCO in the theatre	
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31	01	02	03
School Holidays					Shillingstone Station Café - Meet at blue gates 13:30 DISCO in the theatre	
	Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena		Halloween	TFS Cinema - Theatre		



The Forum Stars are back!

Shout out a staff member that has gone above and beyond for a young person, yourself, your team or the school.

Email Forum.Stars@cambianguroup.com with a sentence about why a colleague is amazing and they'll be entered into a draw. There will be 3 winners. 1 from Care, 1 from Education and 1 from everyone else! The winners will receive a £10 Love2Shop voucher and Employee of the month for your department!

Upcoming Birthdays

October

Sylvie Sweet

Mark Speller

Alice Bagwell

Debbie Tubb

Mark Rogers

Julie Walker

Janette Avenell



Training Opportunities

We are eagerly looking for staff members across all departments to train in;

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

The teaching of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. All grant-aided schools are required to have an RSE policy that is based on consultation with parents and pupils.

Please let Melissa McCarthy know if you are interested, this can be booked as part of CPD.





Awards achieved so far this term!

JC

- completed stable and yard management stage 1
- AQAs in Modelling with air hardening clay

TF

- AQAs in Modelling with air hardening clay
 - Stage 6 Horse Riding
 - AQA in Horse Riding

AT

- AQAs in Modelling with air hardening clay

DH

AQAs in Modelling with air hardening clay



JT

AQAs in Modelling with air hardening clay

DJ

AQAs in Modelling with air hardening clay

RS

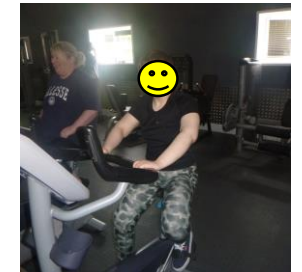
AQA in Going Shopping

SSI

AQA in Using an exercise bike

AQA in Watching a performance at a theatre

AQA in Taking part in a museum visit



LMT

AQA in A bug adventure with support

AQA for Effective learning; playing and exploring unit 3

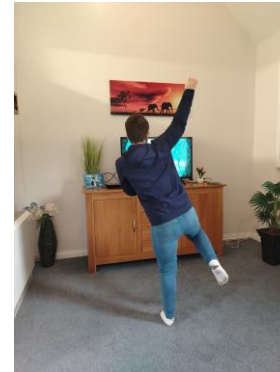
JCv

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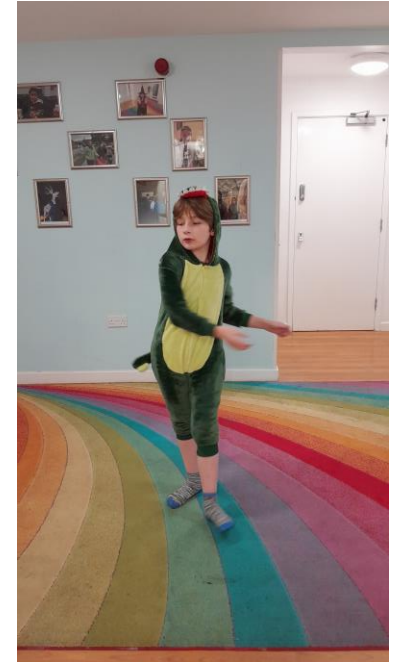
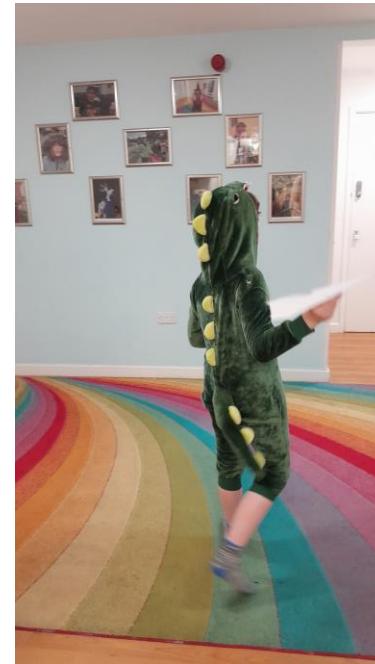
Healthy Body, Healthy Mind



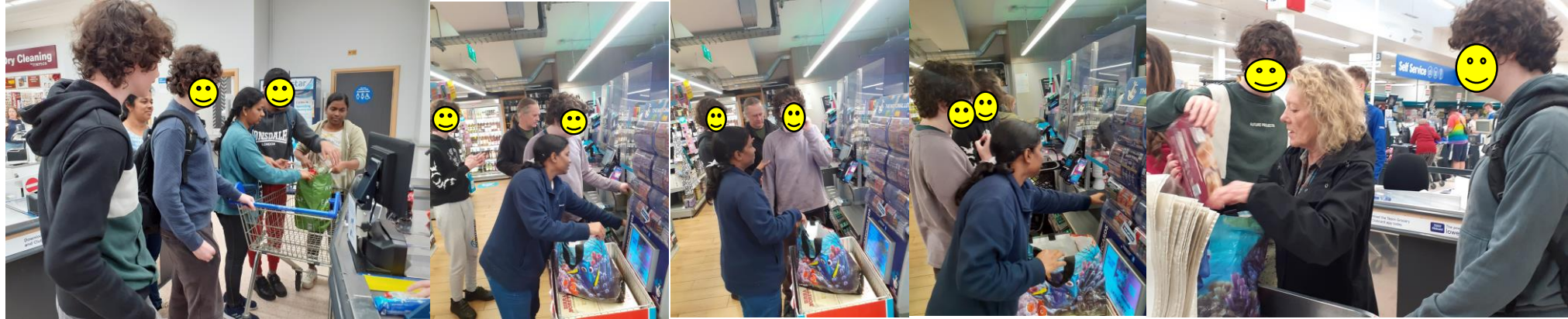
S has been completing a yoga programme in the home, this has been helping S to breathe and stretch the stresses away.



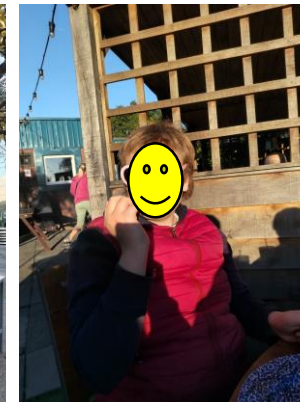
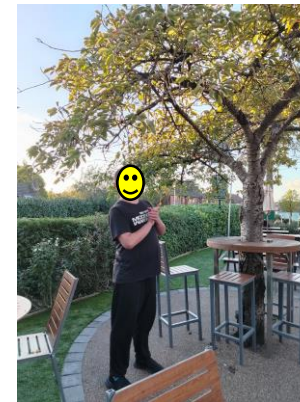
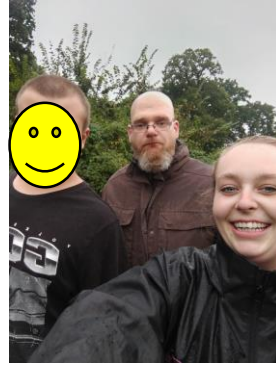
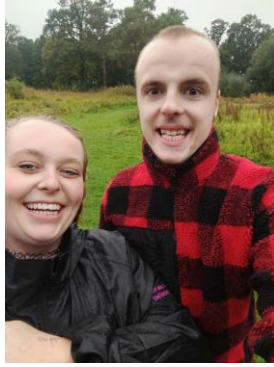
Not a Dinosaur, A DRAGON!!!



Shopping for the home



Out and
about
with the
Hambleton
Crew



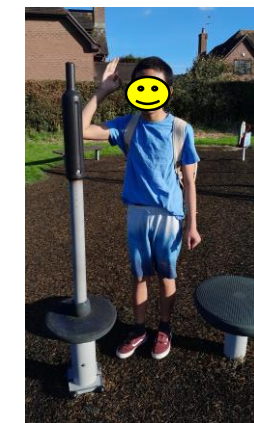
Go shorty it's ya birthday, we're gonna party like it's ya birthday!



Cake anyone?



A walk to the park in the sunshine



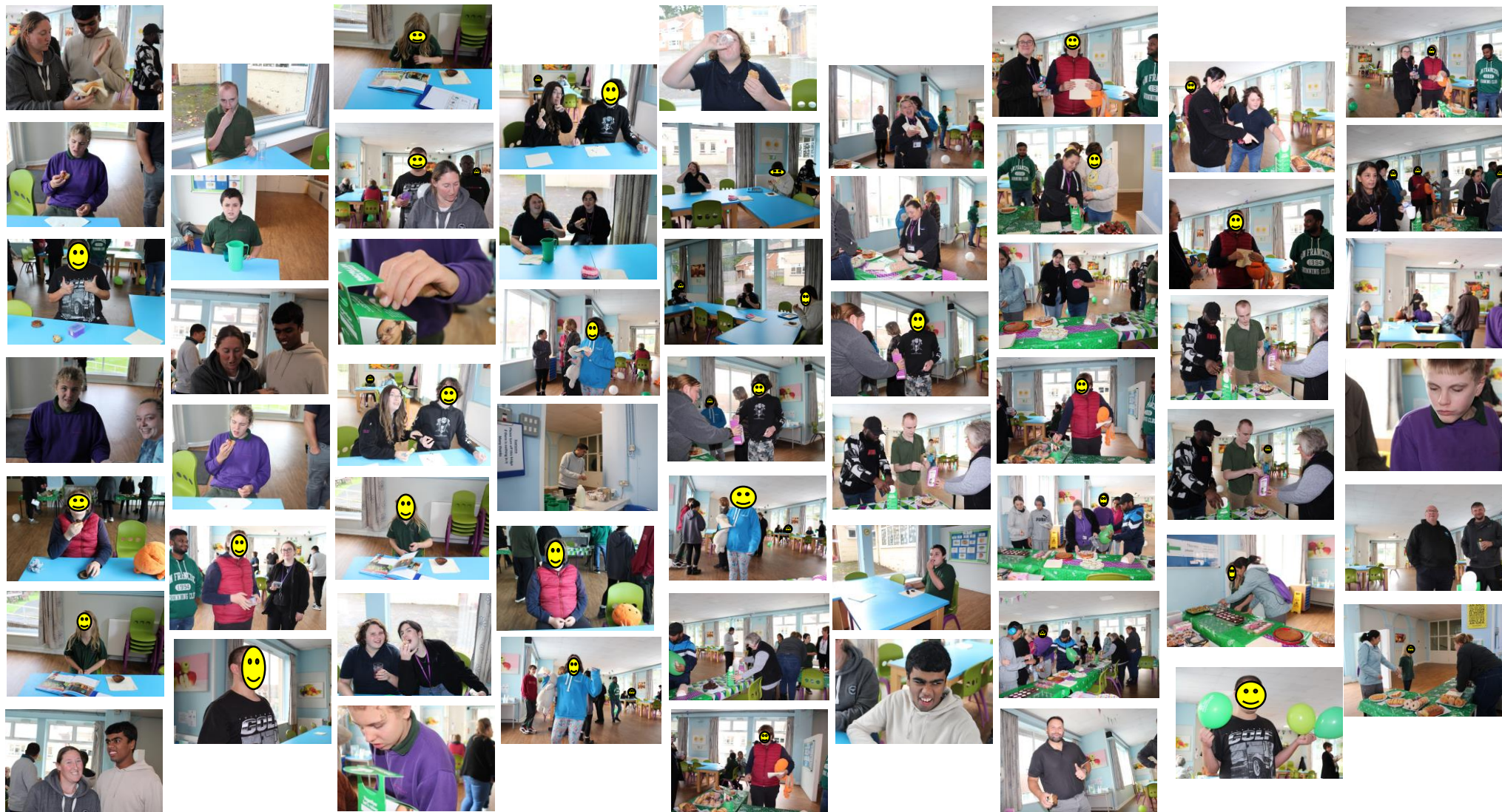
Moonbeam Theatre



Moonbeam Theatre



McMillan Coffee Morning





Award	Nominations
Children's Champion Award	Steven Lee
Children's Champion Award	Sylvie Sweet
Educator of the Year	Arun Sajeev
Educator of the Year	Jon Jones
Educator of the Year	Saba Gilani
Educator of the Year	Saba Gilani (2nd nomination)
Educator of the Year	Stephen Lee
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Educator of the Year	Vanessa Lloyd
Educator of the Year	Will Etherington
Experienced Support Worker of the Year	Jessica Hinds
Experienced Support Worker of the Year	Kelly-Marie Foster
Experienced Support Worker of the Year	Khevlinn-Jo Goodall
Newcomer of the Year	Oliver Handibode
Newcomer of the Year	Rebecca Savoury
Newcomer of the Year	Soniya Joseph
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Support Team of the Year	Renea Gascoigne & Samantha Fry
Support Team of the Year	TFS Core Team
Team Leader- Deputy Manager of the Year	Yadu Kulambil

Dear Renea & Samantha

I am writing on behalf of the Judging panel for the 2024 Care Awards to let you know that you were nominated this year in the category of **Support Team of the Year Award**.

Your nomination was very strong and although not successful in winning, the Judging Panel wanted to recognise the fantastic contribution you have made this year to the company and to those with whom you work and support. Your nominee was very passionate in their case for you and we have no doubt this view was reflected by all of those with whom you work.

We are very lucky to have a member of staff as committed and positive in the organisation as you are and we would like to thank you for all that do.

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Thank you again for your commitment and effort to your job role. It is hugely appreciated by us all

Yours sincerely
Andrew Sutherland
Chair of the Judging Panel
Education Services

Dear Sylvie

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NOMINEES FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Peter Piper
Thomson Joseph
Will Etherington
Eve Hampson
Rose Reay
Georgia Whelan
Ricky Barrett
Jon Jones
Carole Tickner
Emily McDonald
Amy Goddard
Amy Dawson

Steve Lee
Vanessa Lloyd
Helen Daynes
Georgia Burleigh
Chelsea Noble
Rebecca Savory
Kerrie Hutchings
Helena Griffiths
Molly Andrews
Samantha Barber-Butterworth
Santhosh David
John Lane

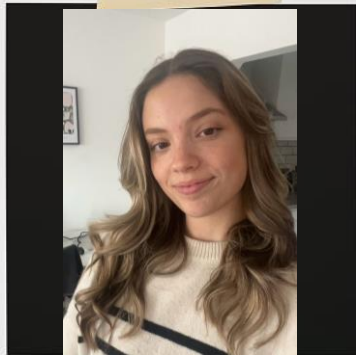
Nin Halford
John Rawson
Ian Davies
Thomson Joseph
Natalie Harcom
Thomson Joseph
Michael Metu

*Keep Up the
Good Work!*

CONGRATULATIONS – EMPLOYEE'S OF THE MONTH!

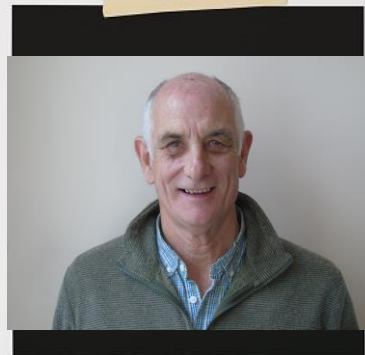


Education



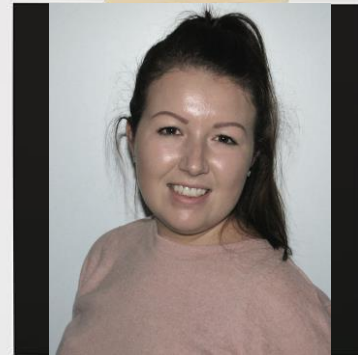
Helena Griffiths

Core



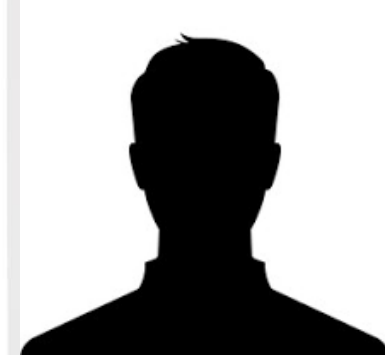
Pete Partridge

Care



Natalie Harcom

Nights



Michael Metu



Outdoor Learning

Dates for your diary

August term 1 – It's a bug's life

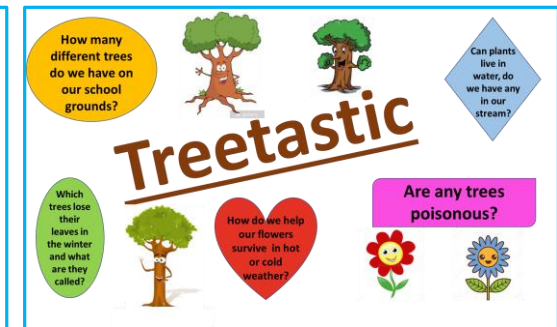
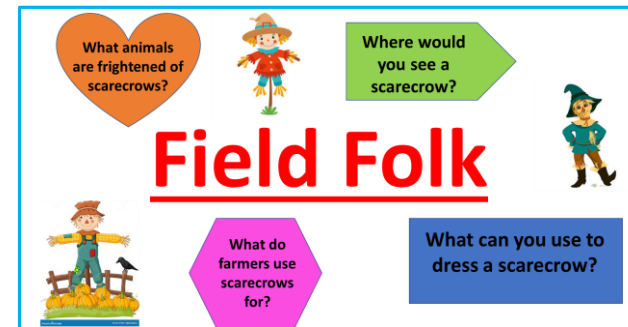
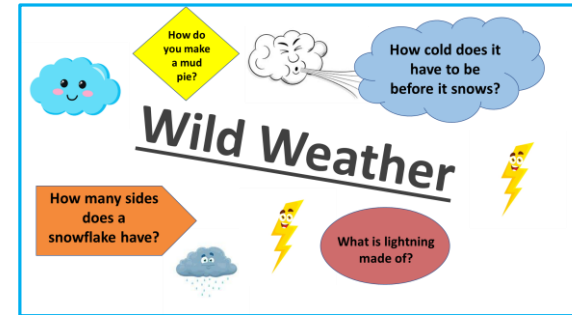
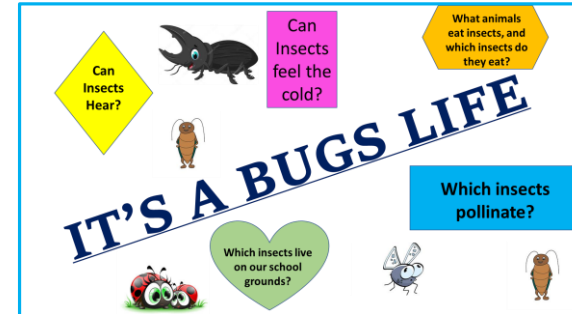
August term 2 – Forest Feast

Spring term 1 – Wild Weather

Spring term 2 – Natures Nursery

Sumer term 1 – Field Folk

Summer term 2 - Treetastic





The Forum Farm

Hi.

We are a very busy team of two at the Forum Farm that consists of myself - Renea, I am the animal lead and a qualified animal assisted therapist and Sam, who is my right hand woman and is the animal therapy assistant. I would like to introduce you to the many ways we work with the students here at the Forum School. We currently have two horses, eight guinea pigs, three rabbits and a bearded dragon and we are based on a 28 acre site.



We have a very busy timetable including student 1-1 sessions, outdoor learning, lunchtime club, after school activities, we also encourage drop in sessions at any time. We have our 'Guinea Pig gang' where students can sit with the guinea pigs. This has two bucket seat chairs, a bookcase and fairy lights. Our 'Warren' has our rabbits. There is a table for students to work at, as well as homemade rabbit games for them to play!



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The Forum Farm... Continued

We have four different curriculum-based courses, all of these have 12 stages to complete and each stage is broken down into 10 bite sized achievable sections. When the students complete a stage, they are presented with a booklet and certificate acknowledging their achievements.

Horse Riding – This is for students to experience our horse-riding sessions which helps to improve their core muscle groups, coordination, balance and sense of wellbeing.

Yard Management – This is designed for our students who are not keen on riding the horses but enjoy the yard environment. They learn skills such as feeding, grooming and basic first aid for all of the animals in our care.

Equine Adventures – Some of our students enjoy being around the horses on the ground rather than riding them. This allows students to learn about care of equines and how to interact with them. This is the students first steps into horse care and leads onto Stable Management.

Stable Management – This is similar to Equine Adventures however it focuses more on the horse's health and wellbeing, including tack care, vet responsibilities etc.

Outdoor Learning

We believe that outdoor learning has a valuable impact on our students learning and there has been many studies that place a high importance on its many positive values including social skills, special awareness, ownership of work and overall mental wellbeing. We have designed a yearly planner that ties in with our curriculum, with myself and Sam working closely with the teachers and T.As. It has also enhanced our wider community ties with local businesses donating some of our supplies and creating a wider community spirit.



Drop in sessions

Some of our students from time to time need a place to reflect or relax. They are always encouraged to visit whenever they feel the need to and we have found that some of our students like to just pop in to say hello to either myself and Sam or the animals. It is always nice to see the students on the yard and we understand the importance of them being able to do so.

Lunchtime Club

This is our latest idea for the yard and we wanted to give our students a place to blow of some steam or be creative and make different art/crafts. It is held in the indoor arena every day and is for all students to drop in as they wish.

After School Activities

Our indoor arena is always accessible to our residential students. Mondays are our sensory play activities and Wednesdays are for arts and crafts, however, we are happy for any student to enjoy the facilities at any time.

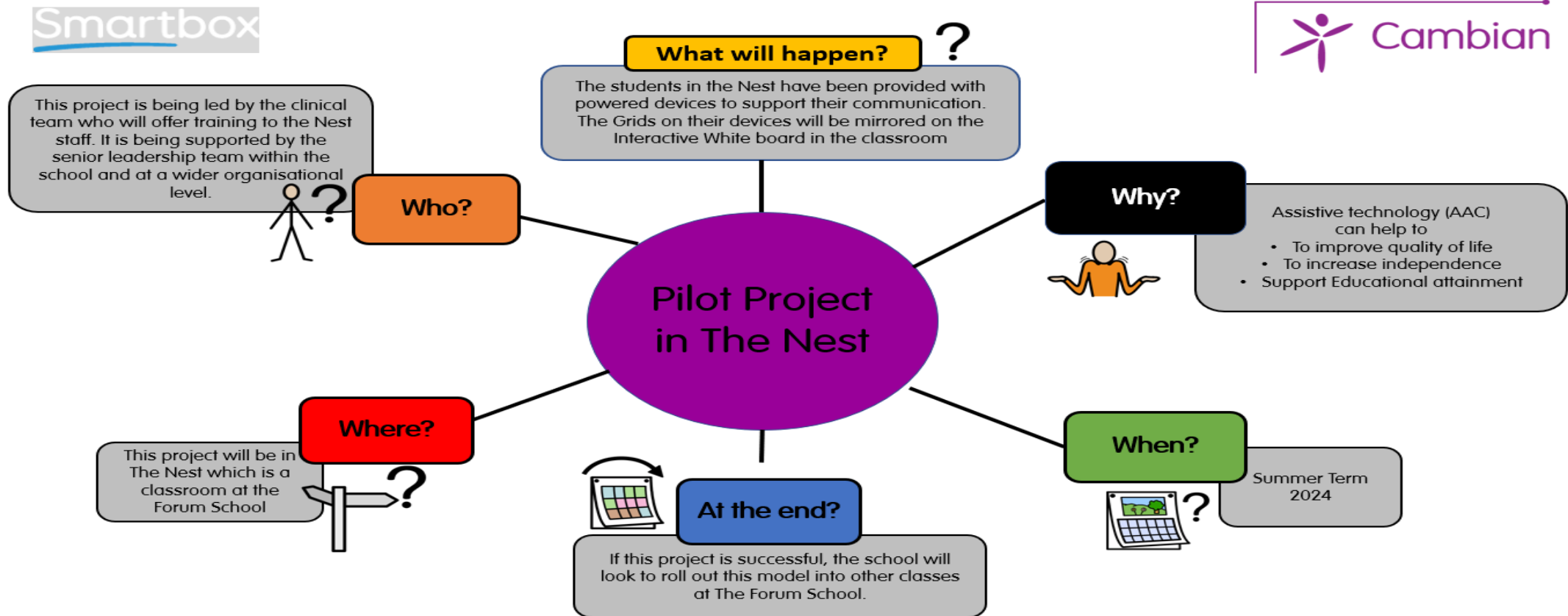
Thank you for allowing us to show what we do here at the Forum School Farm, we are always busy and exhausted but we do have a great time here. If you would like any more information please do contact us at any time. Renea and Sam xxxx

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Samantha.fry@cambiangroup.com

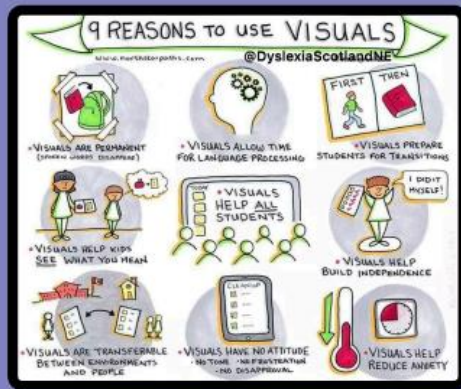
The Nest Project:

The Smartbox Nest initiative is successfully operational, with devices distributed in May and already gathering positive responses from the class adults. Currently, the emphasis is on encouraging students and adults to get comfortable with the devices by engaging in playful exploration. This phase is crucial as it helps students form a connection with their device, fostering a sense of ownership.



Visual Communication

There are many ways in which we communicate. Visuals are an effective tool to help share, process and remember information. Below are 9 reasons to use visuals



We all use visuals to help us e.g diary, to do list, watch, phone, timer, emails etc. What visual aids help you to share, process and remember information?

Each month, the Speech and Language Therapy team will be sending out a Communication Focus of the Month. This initiative focuses on specific aspects of communication, offering tips, suggestions, and activities designed to assist teams in supporting individuals to enhance their communication abilities. This will also contribute to the momentum of recognising the importance of all communication strategies.

To start the Focus of the Month, we have why visuals are important and how they can improve comprehension. Visuals can help to effectively communicate complex ideas in a simpler way. Visuals can also be used to make the content more engaging and easier to remember. Finally, visuals can help to create more engaging conversations.

Have a think about what visuals help you throughout your day?

The Therapy Room has had a facelift...

If you would like to use this room regularly please let me know
(bridget.townsend@cambiangroup.com)
I will add you to the timetable



You are welcome and encouraged to use the sensory room during times of quiet:
i.e. times not allocated for other students

Below are reserved times for students and are not suitable for a drop in.

	9.30-10.00am	10.00-10.30am	10.30-11.00am	11.00-11.30am	11.30-12.00pm	12.00-12.30pm	12.30-1.00pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.30-2.00pm	2.00-2.30pm	2.30-3.00pm
Monday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly					Meadow (Badger)
Tuesday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly					Meadow (Badger)
Wednesday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly			Kite Class		Meadow (Badger)
Thursday	Kite class				Dragonfly	Dragonfly					Meadow (Badger)
Friday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly		Kite class			Meadow (Badger)

Staff Discounts

<https://www.bluelightcard.co.uk/>

Discount service for the emergency services, NHS, social care sector and armed forces - [£4.99 for 2 years](#)

Members of the Blue Light community can register for access to more than 15,000 discounts from large national retailers to local businesses across categories such as holidays, cars, days out, fashion, gifts, insurance, phones, and many more.

<https://discountsforcarers.com/>

Carer & Care Worker Discounts – [sign up for free](#)

Exclusive discounts, cashback & vouchers for Carers & Care Workers.
For care assistants, live-in carers, those that care for loved ones, and everyone in between.

<https://www.discountsforteachers.co.uk/>

Teacher & Education Staff Discounts – [sign up for free](#)

Exclusive discounts, cashback & vouchers for Teachers & Education Staff.
For teaching assistants, headteachers, administrators, and everyone in between.

<https://www.carerscarduk.co.uk/discounts-for-carers>

Your carer ID card unlocks access to a wide range of online discounts, savings, benefits, perks and offers, for carers. - [£8 for 2 years](#)

Our team constantly work on creating partnerships with big name brands so that we can provide carers with discounts on all aspects of life, from food to fashion, fitness to electrical, technology to travel, home utilities to entertainment and much more

Staff Discounts Continued

<https://carers.org/grants-and-discounts/carersmart-discount-club>

Joining is simple and **free**. And once you're a member, you'll be able to benefit from a wide range of offers, including:

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<https://www.teacherperks.co.uk/>

Free membership for school staff and schools to access incredible perks from high street brands and edu-suppliers.

A message from Mel

Wow what a great start to the new term. There have already been so many awards and achievements for our young people!

We had the pleasure of Moonbeam theatre provide two pantos for our young people in our theatre.
This was magical and each one of our young people was able to attend a session and got to experience the amazing show.

The school has done an amazing job of raising an incredible amount for the Macmillan coffee morning.
All young people and adults were involved. Thank you to all for showing your support for this charity.

We have had our first bike ability session this month. We had almost half of our young people join which is a great up take.

The care tech awards were a huge success with TFS receiving the highest amount of nominations.
A huge congratulations to Steven Lee who won the regional educator of the year award!

Thank you to you all for a great start to the new term.

Mel 😊

Thank You!