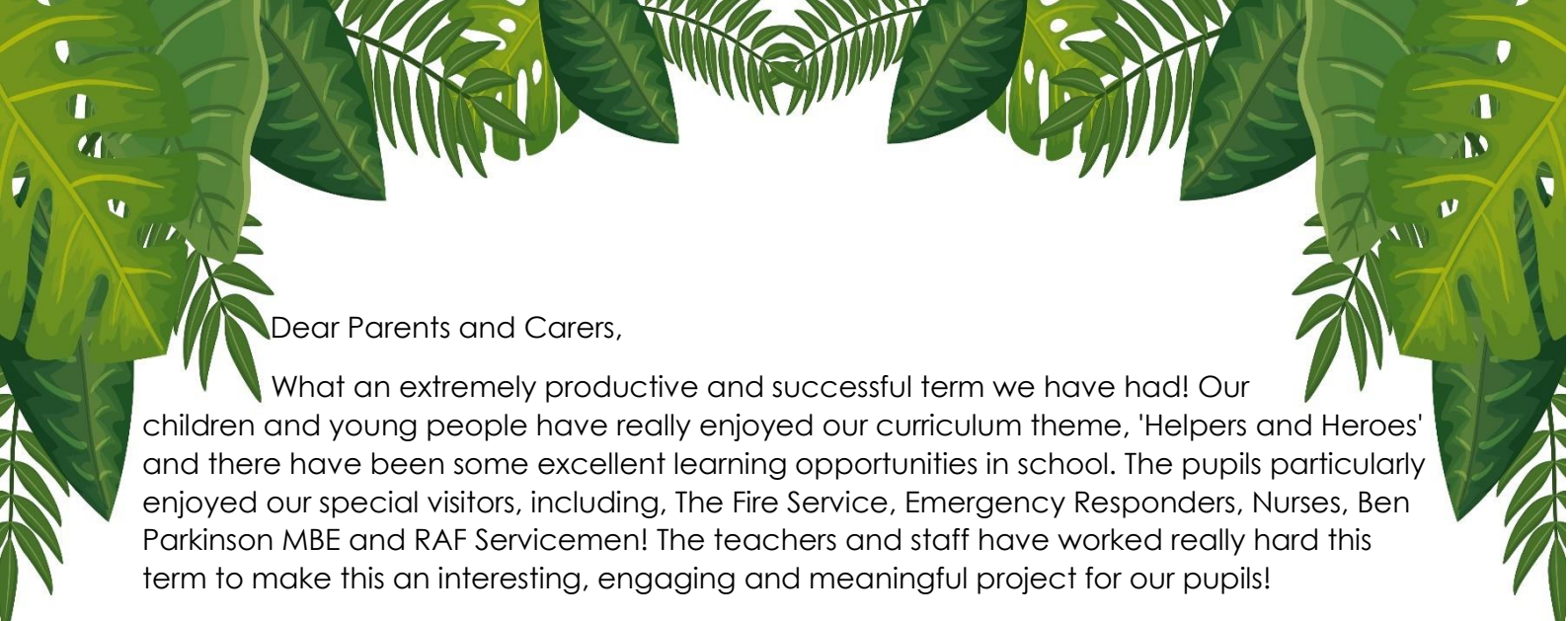


Coppice School Newsletter

March 2023





Dear Parents and Carers,

What an extremely productive and successful term we have had! Our children and young people have really enjoyed our curriculum theme, 'Helpers and Heroes' and there have been some excellent learning opportunities in school. The pupils particularly enjoyed our special visitors, including, The Fire Service, Emergency Responders, Nurses, Ben Parkinson MBE and RAF Servicemen! The teachers and staff have worked really hard this term to make this an interesting, engaging and meaningful project for our pupils!

We are continuing to build and develop links within our local community, this is an important area of work for our school. It raises the profile of how amazing our young people are and the strengths that they have, and also opens the door to increased opportunities.

Post 16 have established two new work placements in the community with a young person working a Pandr Print & Design and another at the First Bus Depot in Doncaster.

The students also access a market stall at Doncaster Market to display and sell their enterprise products, this includes Personalised Products made using the Cricut Machine, Seasonal Floristry and Second Hand Clothing/Toys.

Hazel Class have been visiting Crooksbrook School for PE sessions, and have been visiting the local Care home on a weekly basis to enjoy shared activities with the residents.

We are continuing our work on developing beautiful biophilic environments, including new flooring throughout school and new furniture. We are excited to be part of our micro-pilot project on the benefits of Biophilic Design in education during the Summer term. We have been lucky to receive some donations from Next this term, and they are making us some murals which will be installed in the Summer.

Our Sensory occupational therapist has been working in classes, and we have invested in some equipment which will support our pupils' sensory needs, we are already seeing an impact!

We have been working hard to improve our website with the designers this term, and our new website will hopefully go live during the Easter holidays.

Katy McNulty, one of our newest teachers is moving on to a job closer to home after Easter, and we wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Thank You your ongoing support as always, the pupils really enjoyed the Easter Event this term and it was great to see so many parents and carers attending. We look forward to welcoming you into the school during the Summer term.

Take Care and have a fantastic Easter

Yours Faithfully

Natalie Swearman

Headteacher



A Message from our Chair of Governors

As Governors we recognise that this has been a very busy Spring Term!

Firstly, we wish to congratulate Miss N Swearman on her appointment as permanent Head of Coppice School. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that the school goes from strength to strength with a new dedicated Senior Leadership Team and the support of all staff.

The children have benefitted from a range of away-day activities and the recent visit by South Yorkshire Fire Brigade, Thorne Station, was greeted with great enthusiasm. I have been informed that the pupils particularly liked the flashing blue lights!

The school has focused on a range of initiatives relating to the school buildings and surrounding grounds but has now started to invest in the internal parts of the school. A bright and natural design is being incorporated within all the rooms around the school. New furniture is arriving daily with updated computers providing pupils with experience of connecting through the latest technology.

Thank you for all your support and....
Happy Easter to you all!
P. Burns (Chair of Governors)

Dates for your Diary

14/04/23 – School Re-opens after Easter

01/05/23 – May Day Bank Holiday

02/05/23 – School closed for Training Day

08/05/23 – School Closed – Kings Coronation

26/05/23 – School Closed for May Half Term

05/06/23 – School Re opens

21/06/23 – Whole school Sports Day

13/07/23 – Post 16 Leavers assembly

14/07/23 – School Closed for Training Day

17/07/23 – Two Weeks Transition Begins pupils move to new classes.

Coppice Core Books

Next term our
Coppice core
books will be...



Playground Update

We have almost finalised our new playground designs and plans, and are really hoping the installation will begin during the Summer term, keep your fingers crossed for us, as we can't wait to start this project! Both of these areas of work are part of a 3-5 year plan, and will be built upon across several years.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed planting our 'Tiny Forest' this term, consisting of 500 trees with fencing, a gate and a bench area. Additionally, another 25 trees have been planted. This is a great step in becoming a greener school.

Reminders

- We have PE on Thursdays, please feel free to send in some PE pumps for your child to wear in the hall.
- £1 Snack Money – *this is a voluntary donation!*
- Spare clothes for messy/water play!

Ladybirds



We have had a great Spring Term in Ladybirds' Class learning all about Helpers and Heroes! We have learnt about different helpers in the community such as Vets, Doctors, Postmen and Firemen as well as fictional superheroes like Supertato and the Marvel characters. We have learnt about what it means to be a hero and have practiced being kind, brave, helpful and persistent.

This term, Ladybirds' Class have been working really hard on developing transitions around school. This is going to be a really important focus for us next term in preparation for our pupils moving to their new classes next year. We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils for their hard work this term and we are sure you are too. We hope you have a fantastic Easter Break!

Ladybirds



Caterpillars



Reminders

- PE kits for PE on Fridays!
- £1 Snack Money – *this is a voluntary donation!*
- Spare clothes for messy/water play!

We have had a fantastic Spring Term in Caterpillar Class! Our theme has been Helpers and Heroes.

We have explored what it means to be a superhero, as well as the different types of heroes and helpers in our community.

We have discovered so many heroes around us! For example, Doctors and Nurses, Police Officers, people working in the Fire Service, as well as shopkeepers, caretakers and builders. It has been so much fun!

We are, as ever, extremely proud of Caterpillar Class and all of their achievements. We hope you have a fantastic Easter Break! Lydia, Ashlie and Kayla 😊

Caterpillars





Reminders

- If you are able to send £1 per week as a voluntary contribution for snacks, baking and consumable resources we would be very grateful.
- PE kits on a Tuesday

It has been an amazing term in Busy Bees. We have had so many wonderful visitors that have helped us explore who works in our local community, and the many different ways they help and support us. In class we have fun making fire engines and bandaging up teddies as we explored different roles.

Our phonics work is going really well, whether we are distinguishing between sounds or learning to spell out words. And in Math we even ran a shop for some of our friends and handled real money.

We love our new reading tree in class, and outside we got lots of new toys to engage with.

Now we are looking forward to munching our way through chocolate eggs, so Happy Easter everyone.



Reminders

Please label children's clothes with their names

- £1 contribution for snack money
- PE kits to be sent in at the start of the term



Butterfly class have really enjoyed our theme this term 'Helpers and Heroes'. We have learnt about lots of different helpers- fire service, police, doctors, nurses, dentists, shop workers. We have really enjoyed visits from the police, fire service and the RAF.

One of our favourite stories has been 'Pepper Pig Dentist Trip' which they have loved listening to. We have worked hard and have been practicing taking turns on the bikes and with Lego to build relationships with our peers. Butterfly class have had another wonderful term and continue to make us proud with all of their achievements. Have a fabulous Easter, Butterfly class team x





Hazel class have thoroughly enjoyed the 'Helpers and Heroes' theme this term. We have explored lots of different kinds of helpers from the past and the present day. We especially enjoyed the visit from Ben Parkinson and seeing all his medals. We learned about different explorers, including Neil Armstrong and Mary Anning and even became fossil hunters ourselves!

Throughout the term we have taken part in work experience, including helping to run the school café and being Victorian chefs.

Week on week Hazel class have developed their empathy skills by visiting Hatfield House care home and spending time with the residents.

Hazel class have worked super hard this term and continue to make us proud with all of their achievements.

Reminders

- Please ensure children's clothes are labelled.
- Please provide a weekly £1 contribution for snack money and baking.
- PE kits to be sent in at the start of the term



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Oak class have really enjoyed our theme this term 'Helpers and Heroes'. We have learnt about lots of different helpers- fire service, police, doctors, nurses, dentists, postal workers. We have really enjoyed visits from the police, fire service and the RAF.

Oak class have enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong and Florence Nightingale along with different people in our families.

One of our favourite stories has been 'Postman Bear' which they loved listening to. We have worked hard and have been practicing taking turns on the swing and in board games to build relationships with our peers.

Oak class have had another wonderful term and continue to make us proud with all of their achievements. Have a wonderful Easter, Oak class team x



Wow! – Our Spring Term has been fantastic for Holly class!

We have embraced learning about helpers and heroes in and around our Coppice community. These have included Firefighters, Police, Dentists, Doctors and our very own caretaker!

We were fully immersed in role play on our trip to play Avenue, where the children fully engaged in all the provision had to offer and all managed being out in the community as a class, amazingly!

We have explored and discovered during messy/water play, contributing to our social and communication development and our confidence is growing at physical activities and teamwork tasks.

Holly class have been a pleasure to work with and we are all so proud of all their accomplishments and progress towards their goals. We can't wait to see how much more they can achieve next term!

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

From Lisa, Vikki and Nadine



Reminders



- ◆ PE kits are needed on Thursdays
- ◆ Weekly snack money is £1
- ◆ Spare clothes for messy play



Reminders

- PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon. Please can you send your child's PE kit in on the first day back at school.

- Please can you send your child with some indoor shoes to keep in school if you haven't already sent some in. These can be the black PE pumps or any indoor shoe that will be easy to put on and take off.



In Maple class this term we have been learning about Helpers and Heroes in the community. We enjoyed learning about the work of the emergency services including, the police, doctors and nurses and fire fighters. In addition to this we learnt about dentists and also vets who may help our pets. We experienced a visit from our local Police Community Support Officers and nurses from Doncaster Royal Infirmary Hospital. In Art we worked together to create our own superhero cape and decorated it using shapes and colours. In PE we have been practising directions and travelling around obstacle courses. We used these skills to follow an Easter egg hunt around school. Have a fantastic Easter break!



Reminders

PE days are Wednesday and Friday.

Please remember to pack plenty of sun cream and a sun hat on hot days to ensure our children can enjoy as much outdoor learning as possible. Any donations to snack and cooking resources would be much appreciated.

Rowan

It's been a very productive term in Rowan class. We've enjoyed a vast number of visitors linked to our topic of heroes and helpers; from Police officers, Firefighters, War veterans, Nurses, Vicars and many more. It has inspired our children to help each other in our classroom and others around school which has been amazing to see. Our children have enjoyed role play to improve their communication and interaction. They've got into character and experienced roles such as mechanics and builders.

As a class we've experienced a wide range of art skills; exploring different mediums to produce some amazing pieces. We've learned about the history of hospitals and equipment used over time by nurses and doctors and really gone into depth about old and new. Finally, in RHE we've built solid friendships and relationships within class to improve tolerance and positive interactions with our peers. We can't wait to step into moving parts in the summer term.

Rowan



No LIMITS



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Reminders

Next half term J1 will be going swimming in the community. Please can swimming kits, a towel and toiletries for showering be sent in for the first Monday back. As the weather begins to get warmer please can pupils also bring in a sun hat and sun cream so we can continue to make the most out of our lovely outdoor classroom. Thank you.



This term J1 has been doing absolutely amazing! They have been learning about different emergency services and about different people in the community that help them. Pupils in J1 have loved dressing up in fancy dress costumes and taking on the role of different heroes. We also had some very heroes visit our class; J1 took part in workshops ran by two wonderful NHS nurses, an obstacle course run by a member of the RAF and met another RAF soldier to ask questions.

During our week looking at hairdressers they were also learning to brush hair, put hair in different styles and enjoyed trying on different wigs.

We have finished this half term off learning all about the adventures of Supertato. All J1 have worked extremely hard creating their own ending for the story and writing about how Supertato finally caught his nemesis Evil Pea.

The J1 class team hope you have a fantastic half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming pupil back ready to start our next topic 'Moving Parts!'

Reminders

As the weather will hopefully soon be getting warmer could we ask that if your son/daughter will wear a sun hat that one be sent in for them to use in school as well as sun cream. This will allow us to enjoy plenty of outdoor learning time.

J2

During the Spring term J2 have been continuing their work on their life skills. Pupils have been visiting local shops and café as part of our community inclusion and meeting workers in community that can help us. We have also been continuing to work on our cooking skills in DT by baking our weekly sweet treat snack items.

In the first half term J2 also went swimming to Armthorpe leisure centre. Everyone had so much fun splashing in the water and showed amazing water confidence.

During the second half term J2 and their friends from different classes went on a special trip to the Deep. Everyone did amazing and pupils really enjoyed looking at the different fish. We also welcomed our new class member Joe who has moved to J2 from lower school class and has already filled rooms with smiles and laughter.

J2



Reminders

Please remember to send PE kits in for Tuesday's PE session.

J3



J3



This half term J3 have been focussing on our whole school theme of Heroes and Helpers. The pupils have enjoyed learning about Superhero's and have worked really hard to create their own Superhero, we were so proud of their fantastic ideas! They then used these ideas to make a mini film! As a part of our enrichment offer J3 pupils have also been going to Higher Rhythm to produce and record their own song. They have come up with some amazing song lyrics which will be show cased at our Coppice Has Got Talent show in the Summer Term.

We hope you have a great Easter Holiday

From J3 Team

Reminders

PE is Tuesday – please send a kit in with your child each week if we do not already have one in school.

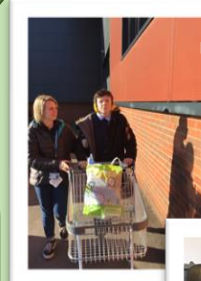
We will be continuing to work on life skills, which does include a lot of food prep and shopping, any donations towards this each week would be greatly appreciated.

Helpers and Heroes has been an amazing topic for J4 class. We have learned all about the different jobs that people do and also about the people who help us at school too, the dinner ladies, the caretaker, our staff and friends; we have made great connections whilst building these relationships which has been lovely to see.

We have done dress up, role play and even met some key workers, also we loved our trip to The Deep (which we missed last term).

Great progress across the board in Maths and Phonics too, some of our learners have moved onto subtraction & identifying words this term - fabulous!

J4



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Reminders

The children go out on Mondays and to Harmony House on Tuesdays.

We have had a fabulous term with lots of learning and different experiences. On Mondays and Tuesdays, as well as our visits to the supermarket, café and Harmony House, continuing to work on our life skills, most of us have been swimming and enjoying the pool.

We really enjoyed our visit to The Deep with the rest of Upper School, looking at the different creatures.

This term our topic has been Heroes and Helpers. We have found out about lots of different people who help us in our daily lives and looked at different health and emergency services. We are looking at superheroes at the moment and how we can be our own heroes by helping others. There have been different visitors in school and we particularly have enjoyed role play. We have looked at different artists and their styles and created work in the styles of Picasso, Gustav Klimt and Mackenzie Thorpe. We have worked hard to follow instructions to make play dough, salt dough and moon sand which we used to support our learning – making handprints and using moon sand as part of our police investigations.

Next term our topic is 'Moving Parts and we will be developing our knowledge of materials and their properties, focusing on developing our science, computing and design technology skills.

Have a lovely Easter holiday.



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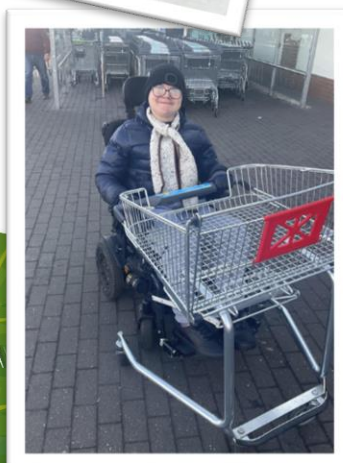
Post 16



Spring term has been a busy one in Post 16 with students continuing to develop their independence, employability and community involvement.

All students have received their very own South Yorkshire travel pass, allowing them to travel on buses and trains for free. The Bridge group have been putting this to good use, travelling on the service bus from Coppice to the Bridge most days. We have seen huge progress in their confidence - speaking to the bus driver and understanding what to do if the bus is busy (or doesn't turn up!)

Students have been accessing Doncaster City Centre as part of their community inclusion, visiting the Red Lion pub for their dinner. They all go up to the bar and independently tell staff what they would like to eat and drink before enjoying a hearty pub lunch. One of their favourite places to go in Doncaster is CEX, where some students have bought games, DVDs and CDs, some of the group have even sold old games so they can buy new ones. Students working towards Duke of Edinburgh's award have been busy learning about maps, setting up tents and using a Trangia Stove to make pancakes - yum!



Post 16



As always, we have been busy with Enterprise, making various products to sell to staff in school and to the wider community. We had a very successful Valentines Floristry session, producing beautiful centre pieces to sell to the public, this was followed up with a Mother's Day floristry project. We participated in an Easter Fayre at The Bridge along with North Ridge and Heatherwood as well as an Easter Fayre at school, selling items that we have made on the Cricut Machine. Every fortnight, we have had a stall at Doncaster Market, and while it hasn't been hugely busy, it is still a fantastic opportunity for our students to sell their products out of school.

Coppice Cafe continues to flourish, selling breakfasts on Thursday morning and lunches on Friday afternoon. The students have become so confident that they are leading the sessions with very little support. Meanwhile, the Fakeaway class have successfully followed recipes and instructions to create healthy versions of Toby Carvery and Taco Bell - they have decided that next half term will be McDonalds. In Healthy Living, students have created their own Healthy Smoothies, 'The Hulk' and 'Gush Gush Gloop', identifying healthy ingredients and using kitchen appliances safely.

We have made a few trips out to Post 19 settings with The Ridge, Communication Specialist College and Doncaster College on our list - a few of our Year 13s have started to think about 'Life after Coppice' and where they would like to go when they get to 19. Students have also visited the Opportunities Doncaster Careers Fair at Doncaster Racecourse and Get up to SPeed with STEM at Magna as part of their careers learning. Special shout out to Conner and Sam who have been out on external work placements and absolutely smashed it with five star reviews.

Fundraising At The Mumbai Restaurant

In February students, staff and the local community came together to raise money for Coppice School and to have a really good night! A whopping £2,380 was raised that night which is wonderful. A big THANK YOU to The Mumbai Restaurant for some delicious Indian food and to Marc Boulton for his great entertainment. This is our fourth "Mumbai Night" and they seem to get better each time!!!



The Three Peaks Challenge

On Saturday 25th March three of our post 16 staff members (Chris, Drew and Liam) set themselves the challenge of climbing the three Yorkshire peaks within 12 hours. Along with their motivational coach! (Kris) and support team (Terri) they hiked their way through rain and wind to raise over £2300 to enable the post 16 students to visit France in the Summer Term! Well done to all involved!





SEND FAMILY FOREST SCHOOL EASTER CAMP

11th April - 14th April | 10am - 2pm

- Easter Craft Activities
- Tree Planting
- Toast a Marshmallow
- Activity Bags to Take Home
- Screen Printing
- Food Provided
- Wheelchair Friendly Paths

Location:
The Bridge, Barnby Dunn Road,
Doncaster DN2 4RG

Limited places available.
This camp is outdoors please dress for the weather. Children and young people must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Book via Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-family-forest-school-tickets-531959865277>



DN COLLEGES GROUP

Easter activities

Title: Crafty Easter Fun

Venue: All saint church Hall, Cumberland Avenue, Intake, Doncaster, DN2 6LH

Proposed date: Thursday 6th April 2023

Age range: 7 to 18 years for 12 young people

Times: 10.30am to 1.30pm (3hrs)

Parental contribution: £ 8.25

Packed lunch required, Parents/carers to drop off and pick up afterwards.

Overview:

Focused on the enjoyment and achievement gained from playing some games, producing craft items, and socializing within a safe group space themed around Easter in its broadest sense.

Ring Kathryn on 07958206175 to book on.

SEND SESSIONS

Every **MONDAY** from 4.30pm until 6pm

£6 PER CHILD
CARERS GO FREE*

Enjoy a relaxed, exclusive play session for children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities with the lights on full and music low.

UPROAR! PLAY BARN

For details visit: yorkshirehive.co.uk *Proof of need ID will be required.

SEN Special Educational Needs Evening Session

PlayValley

Indoor Play Centre

Next session: **Monday 23rd January 2023 | 16:00 - 18:30**

Autism Games Club

For Children and Young People with ASD*

- * Recommended age 10+
- * Siblings welcome
- * Games include 2DS, Hegg, Star Gathering, various board games, and a console.

To book your place, email spvent@doncastercarers.org.uk

Go! BOUNCE SEND SESSIONS

A.C.E.S

Artistic Children's Evening & Siblings

Every first Thursday of the Month from 5pm - 6pm

There will be calendar making, games and stories.

IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The next family evening will be, Thursday 5th Jan 2023
DANUM, GALLERY, LIBRARY, MUSEUM

email send@doncaster.gov.uk or TEL: 01522 794315 or 737505

SEND SOCIAL CLUB!

COME ALONG TO OUR NEW SEND SOCIAL CLUB!

MONDAY'S, 6-8PM @ BENTLEY MY PLACE YOUTH HUB

To book a Child or Young Person on they need to be aged 8-18 and registered with TIE (Together Information Exchange)

Contact Youth Hub on 01302 735704 or 01302 737993

WHAT'S GOING ON?

A safe space for Children & Young People with Special Educational Needs to come to learn and have FUN! Happening every week during term time! (Excluding Bank Holidays)

Meet new friends, learn lots of new skills and take part various activities including Sports, Crafts, Gardening, Cooking, Dance and Music!

1:1 SUPPORT

Parents & Carers are more than welcome to attend and support their child or young person. We offer 1:1 support to ensure you the responsible adult share any with the Child or Young Person during the session.

WELCOME TO STAY

PARTICIPATION PASSPORT

Learn new skills and gain confidence. Get your very own participation passport as you can collect stamps to track your progress and achievements.



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