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Our summer events

As usual our summer term has been jam-packed with so many outdoor events and this year we have been truly blessed by the weather. May saw the start of these many special days with the Family fun day at the beginning of the month. It was lovely to see so many of you present. I had forgotten that for many families this was your first event due to the pandemic restrictions over the past two years. In all events over the summer what has impressed me so much is how well the children - our students, brothers and sisters have all played together so well. The inflatable obstacle course has been a great playground for them all to play on together.

The summer has also seen the return of our Wildmoor Music Festival, and it was lovely to welcome back Priors Court School and Addington School and add Dove House to our numbers this year. All children from the other schools as they left said they are already looking forward to next year.



"A highly developed learning culture has become embedded" Ofsted May 2022

Our Sports Day



Sports Day was another wonderful occasion to welcome family and friends to our site. It was lovely to have the Deputy Mayor and his wife present and for our founder Marion Cornick MBE to be with us.

The staff organised a host of active races, plenty of our favourites happening. I am glad to see a good amount of families joined us in our long-distance run – get practicing for next year! We were blessed with a fabulous barbeque prepared and cooked by our catering team two of which also gained awards in the annual Staff ACE Awards ceremony.

The afternoon was complete when the ice cream van arrived. Who knew what great queuing and waiting skills our children have now.



Sports Day also is our annual Staff Awards day, and it was a very special occasion to award so many staff certificates and trophies. Kirsty Wood was voted Employee of the year 2021-22.

Over the years our swimming gala has taken many forms but one adjustment made during lockdown has provided us with a good model which we now use. Races and special play time feature in the gala with races on large inflatables, ball games, finding the sunken objects, spelling out your name from the floating letters or lining up the numbers in order before they float away!

Giving the children plenty of time in the pool together as a house rather than rushing between races now creates a better environment and much higher engagement. The gala also signals to the children that holiday season is approaching, and the inflatables can be available for play sessions rather than the general calming or swimming sessions we have in term time.

Massive thanks to the team of teachers who help to organise the two days and offer additional lifesaving. A lovely time was had by all.

Swimming Gala



Special learning days and themed learning sessions



We invited back again our artist in residence who builds art from junk items. We now have two new signs to welcome us in the foyer and as you come up to the art department.



Our new electronic globe which speaks as you explore the countries around the world is well used. Arts and crafts during weekend themes remains very popular.



Lovely to have music therapy continuing during our holiday season and a visiting Samba band.

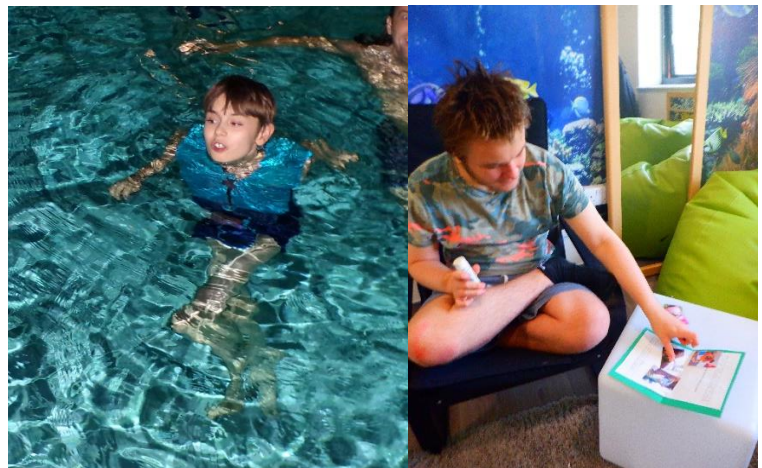


Our Occupational Therapy sessions and Speech and Language sessions continue through term time and into the holidays, as well as our regular Juice bar with Howard our osteopath and daily juicing prepared by the houses.

Another Outstanding Ofsted result. (May 2022)

“Children make excellent progress across all aspects of their lives.”

“The home is exceptionally well resourced. Children benefit from having access to an on-site indoor swimming pool, a horticultural centre, paddocks and a ‘leisure barn’ for group social activities. There are also well-planned and resourced trips into the local community for shopping and leisure. Excellent partnership working results in the children being able to enjoy new experiences.”



It is lovely to hear how important receiving the weekly letter is to families. This is part of our weekly learning as the student selects pictures, cuts and sticks the pictures on to the card, and writes their name. Staff do try to add a little about the learning, and to have a craft front cover.

Our summer holiday learning fun



As a special treat over the summer we do invite the ice cream van on site over a few weekends to add to our holiday fun time.



A day trip to Churt Sculpture Park exploring the many different outdoor sculptures and a picnic.



Exploring the sculpture park and visiting the Winchester Science Museum has given us plenty of opportunity to explore and experience new elements in nature



Ravens house visited the Isle of Wight on the ferry and enjoyed fish and chips and ice cream by the seaside.



What Jubilee celebrations would be complete without a little croquet on the lawns. It was great to see our students enjoying this activity.



A community trip out to the Sunflower farm, picking the sunflowers in the vast fields and then enjoying a lovely picnic all together. Regular walks and trips to shops and parks continue throughout the weeks ensuring all children build confidence in the community.



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