

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

I hope everyone is well. I want to take a moment to thank those of you who have already completed our first parent survey of the year. I appreciate, particularly for the parents/carers of students in year 1, that this is particularly early for a parent survey, so any feedback you are able to give up to this point is greatly appreciated. As we continue to evolve our quality cycle we believe its important to get regular feedback from yourselves, we do not intend to do one so soon into an academic year again however we want to introduce termly surveys. This is to track progress at a more rapid pace and ensure we are continuing to evolve the parent/carer and college relationship. The next parent surveys will be at the end of the spring term and then the end of the summer term.

We have unfortunately seen a rise in positive Covid cases locally this week. This has led to many local schools and colleges closing year groups and moving to remote learning. We have also seen a small number of cases on site at Foxes which has led to some student illness and some staffing issues as well. Whilst we do not want any unnecessary interruptions to our students learning, we are also mindful that we do have some very vulnerable students on site. As such we are taking relevant precautions to safeguard the wellbeing of all our students which I'm sure you all understand, including reinforcing the importance of good hygiene and cleanliness, as well as reducing contact between any positive cases and other vulnerable students. We will not however, unless guidance changes, be routinely testing staff and students.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the newsletter. There have been some really fabulous moments this week which we are excited to share with you.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mark Costello

PRINCIPAL, AURORA FOXES

FOXES HOTEL EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Each month we are choosing a first and second year student from Front of House and Food Preparation to win Employee of the Month for Foxes Hotel. We have introduced this to celebrate our fantastic students for their attitude towards work, for always trying their best, showing excellent teamwork, punctuality, reliability and respect for others, and of course, for showing great customer care. For October, our winners are:

1st years Zephan (Food Preparation) and Arianna (Front of House)
 2nd years Hugo (Food Preparation) and Elissa (Front of House).

Lead tutors Sean and Zoe had the following comments to make about each winning student:

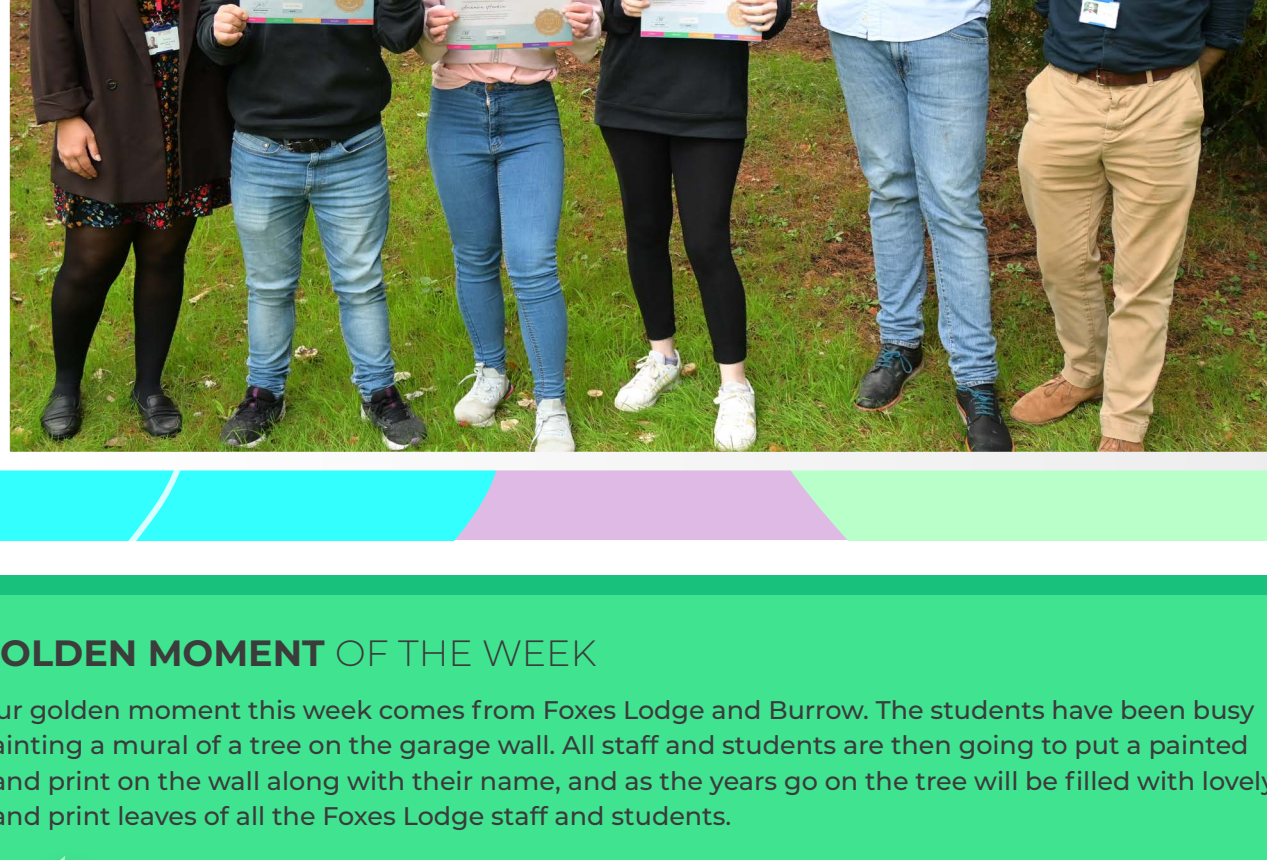
Zephan - you have adapted really well in the kitchen, you are happy to complete any task and show great work ethics. Well done! - Sean

Hugo - you are great at supporting other students in sessions which is also helpign their progression as well as showcasing your leadership skills. You have a great attitude to working as part of a team and always take advice and feedback well. Well done Hugo. - Sean

Arianna - you always try your best, you are always smiling, professional and an excellent role model in Front of House. Well done Arianna, you are a vital part of the team and have settled in so well. - Zoe

Elissa - you have continued to work hard to the best of your abilities. You pay attention to detail and your enthusiasm towards work is infectious, you keep us all smiling! - Zoe

We look forward to sharing our next group of winners with you next month!



GOLDEN MOMENT OF THE WEEK

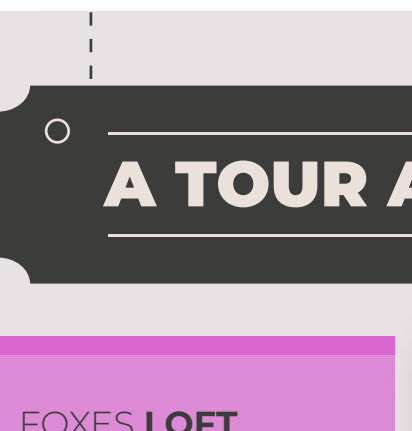
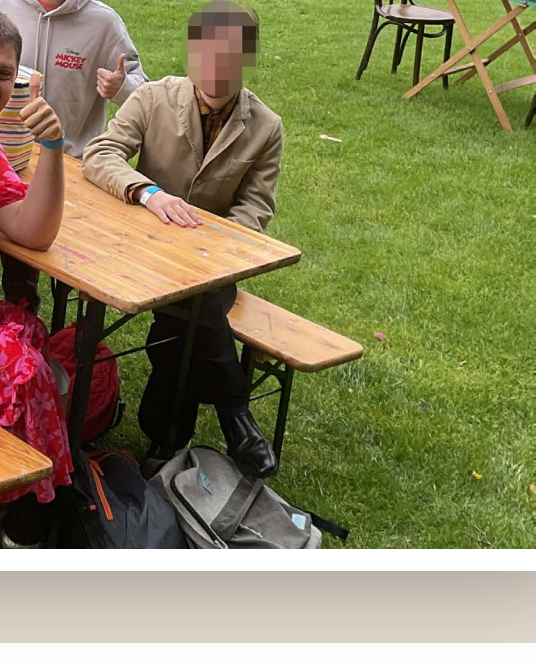
Our golden moment this week comes from Foxes Lodge and Burrow. The students have been busy painting a mural of a tree on the garage wall. All staff and students are then going to put a painted hand print on the wall along with their name, and as the years go on the tree will be filled with lovely hand print leaves of all the Foxes Lodge staff and students.



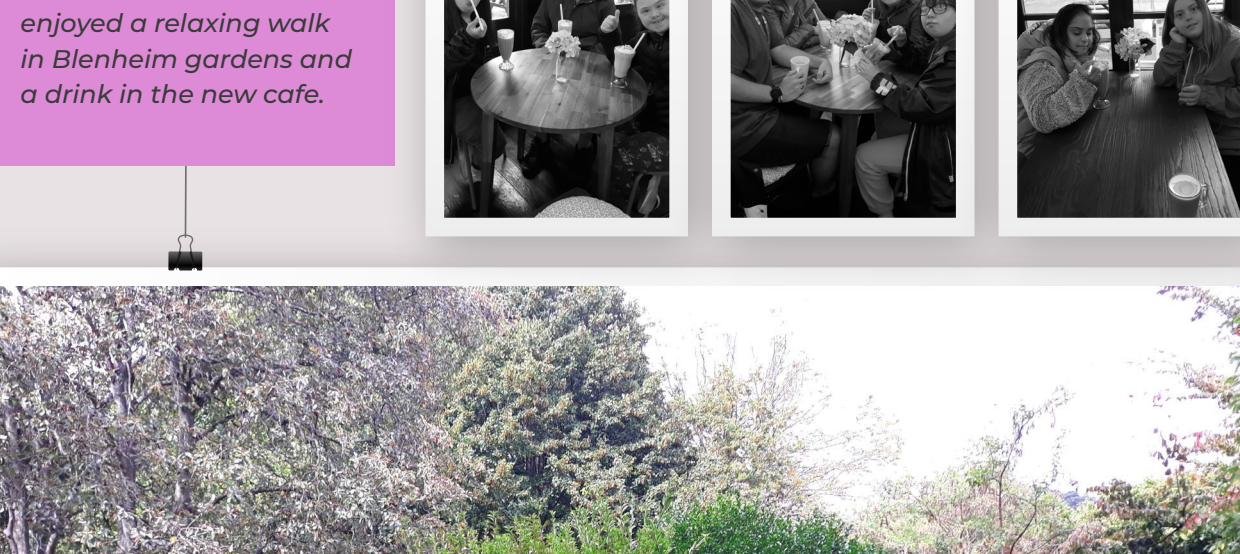
NOTABLE VISITS/ACTIVITIES

This week our LGBTQ+ club students had the opportunity to attend our first Pride event as a college at Grove Park, Weston-Super-Mare.

The students (and staff) danced along with the acts on stage, visited lots of stores and picked up some great freebies and information. It was a bright and wonderful event enjoyed by all.



A massive thank you to staff members Elizabeth and Gabrielle for supporting the students and especially to Elizabeth for adorning us all with rainbow face paint!



A TOUR AROUND THE HOUSES

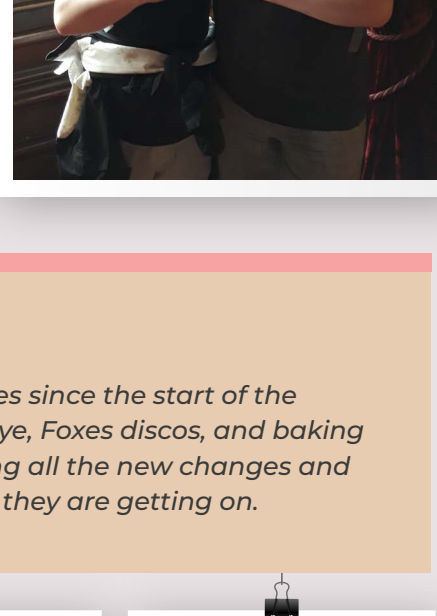
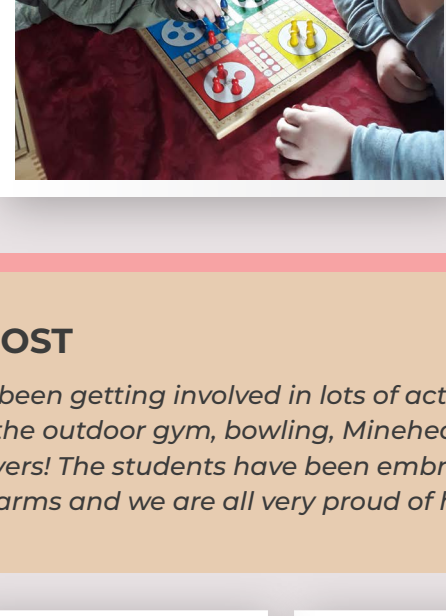
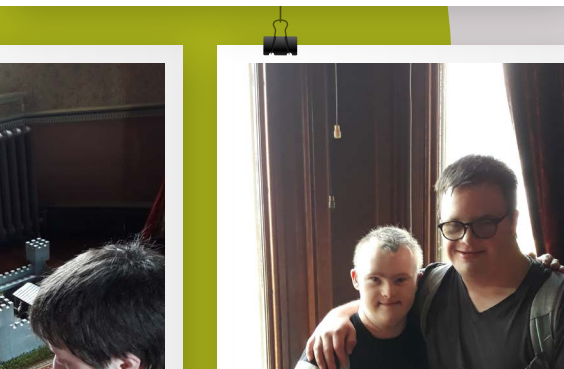
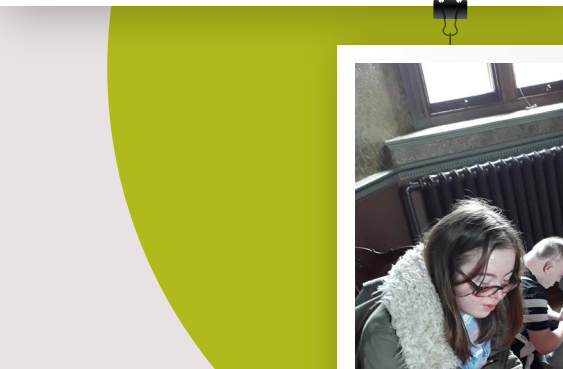
FOXES LOFT

This week Foxes Loft enjoyed a relaxing walk in Blenheim gardens and a drink in the new cafe.



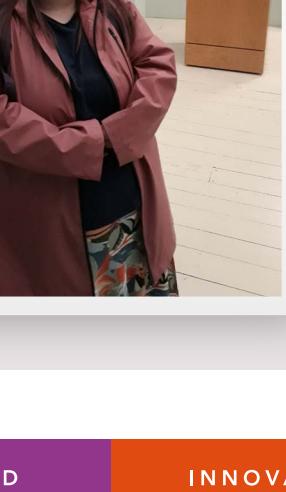
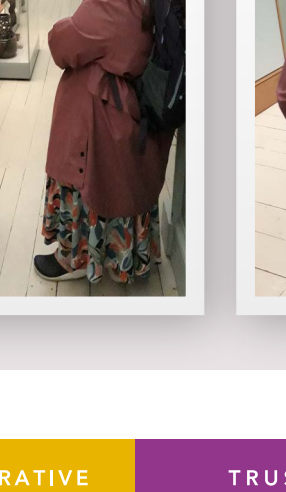
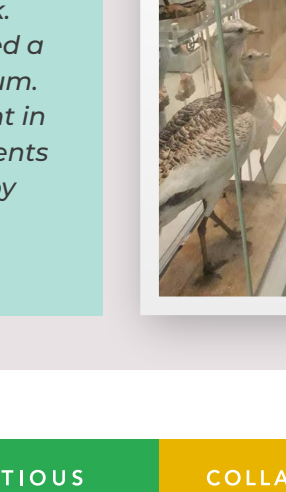
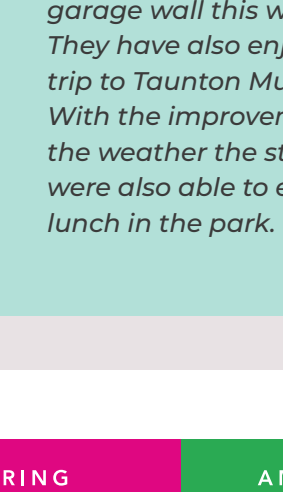
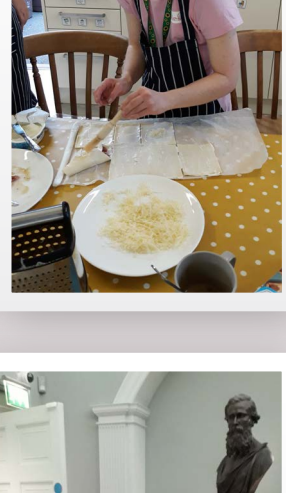
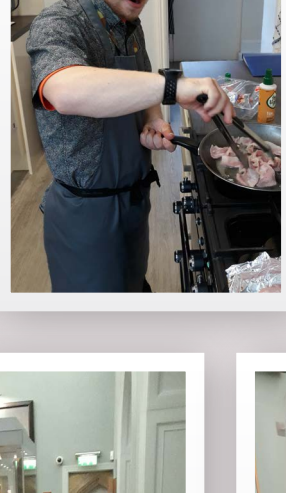
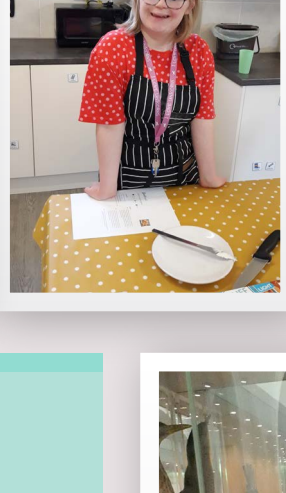
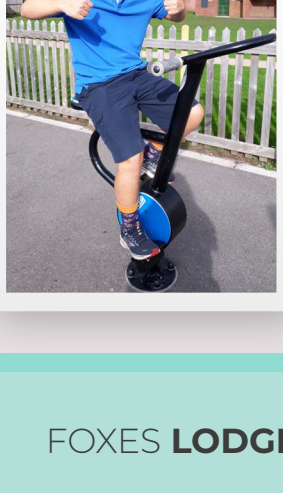
FOXES EARTH

3rd time lucky! The Earth students finally made it to Dunster Castle. Everyone had a wonderful time, enjoying everything about the castle and the grounds, but the favourite room in the castle was definitely the dress up room. They also enjoyed the crypt where they saw a ghost. We also had lovely weather for a picnic in the grounds.



FOXES TRADING POST

Foxes Trading Post have been getting involved in lots of activities since the start of the autumn term, including the outdoor gym, bowling, Minehead Eye, Foxes discos, and baking cheese and bacon turnovers! The students have been embracing all the new changes and opportunities with open arms and we are all very proud of how they are getting on.



FOXES LODGE

Foxes Lodge and Burrow students and staff had fun painting a mural on the garage wall this week. They have also enjoyed a trip to Taunton Museum.

With the improvement in the weather the students were also able to enjoy lunch in the park.

