

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers

I hope you have all had a lovely week.

Due to last week's Tapas Night being a sell out, we decided to put another one on this week with the funds again being donated to the local food pantry. The event was another huge success and over the 2 evenings we have raised an amazing £620! In addition, our first year houses will be filling two Christmas hampers filled with items needed in the run up to Christmas for this important community service. The students have done themselves proud and it has been a good warm up for what is about to be a very busy period at the hotel.

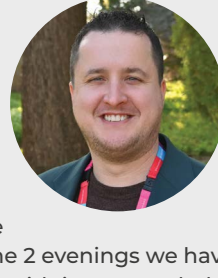
This week our first years have been preparing for National Careers Service (NCS) appointments that are due to start next week. Students getting independent careers advice is a vital part of their journey at Foxes for several reasons. One of the most important is that it facilitates self-reflection which is key for personal growth. It encourages our students to evaluate their strengths, weaknesses, and interests, which in turn enables them to identify their passions and align them with suitable career paths.

Additionally this week our students have been introduced to their English Speaking Board (ESB) exams which will be taking place in March. These involve our students creating and delivering a presentation to unfamiliar people. The ESB is an organisation that focuses on promoting effective communication skills, particularly oracy, in schools. It is an educational charity that aims to enhance the speaking and listening abilities of students of all ages.

That wraps it up for this week, I hope you enjoy some of the highlights from around the houses and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mark Costello

PRINCIPAL, AURORA FOXES



SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FOR THE 2024 NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS

The Unsung Hero Award

Judged by a panel including BBC The One Show's Alex Jones, this award shines a spotlight on our unsung heroes. From stand-out teachers, friendly caretakers, playground helpers to brilliant office receptionists, this is the only award open to nominations from parents/carers and pupils.

To nominate, click the link below.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION



GOLDEN MOMENT OF THE WEEK

Following the success of last week's Tapas Night, we held an additional evening last night to raise extra money for the West Somerset Food Cupboard. Third year students Cameron, Liam and Alexander volunteered to help out and they all recieved their second star for Front of House, to go towards obtaining their team leader badges. Well done everyone!

We hope you enjoy the photographs below, taken at last night's event.

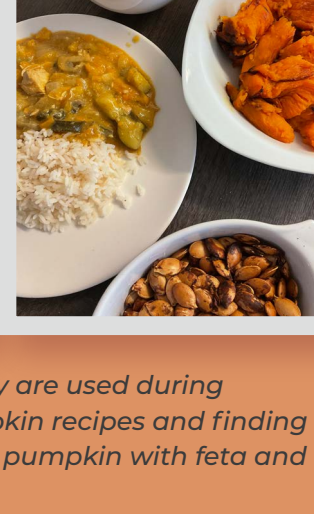
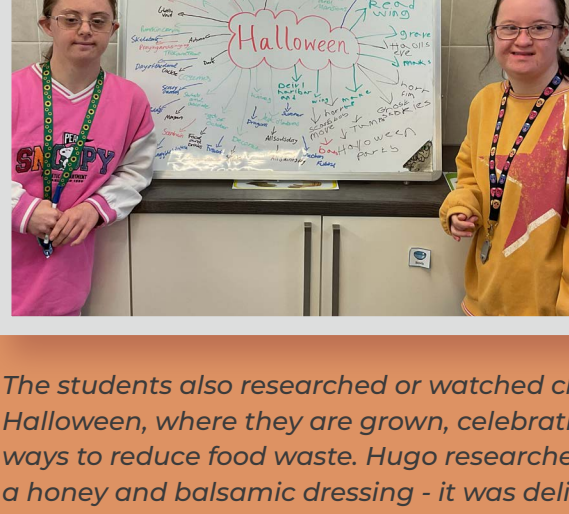


TAPAS NIGHT



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

In Health and Wellbeing last week the students were learning all about Halloween and why it is celebrated. They used a mind map to show what they already know and used different coloured pens to highlight what extra information they had learnt from watching short video clips, Rebecca and Amelie were really proud about how much they had learnt.



The students also researched or watched clips about pumpkins, why they are used during Halloween, where they are grown, celebrating our farmers, finding pumpkin recipes and finding ways to reduce food waste. Hugo researched a recipe and made roasted pumpkin with feta and a honey and balsamic dressing - it was delicious!



Tristan was kind enough to bring a pumpkin back with him after the half term all the way from Normandy. Tristan and his friends made pumpkin soup, chicken korma with pumpkin and roasted pumpkin and seeds. A super week was had by all the students.

SAFEGUARDING FACTSHEET

ONLINE SAFETY

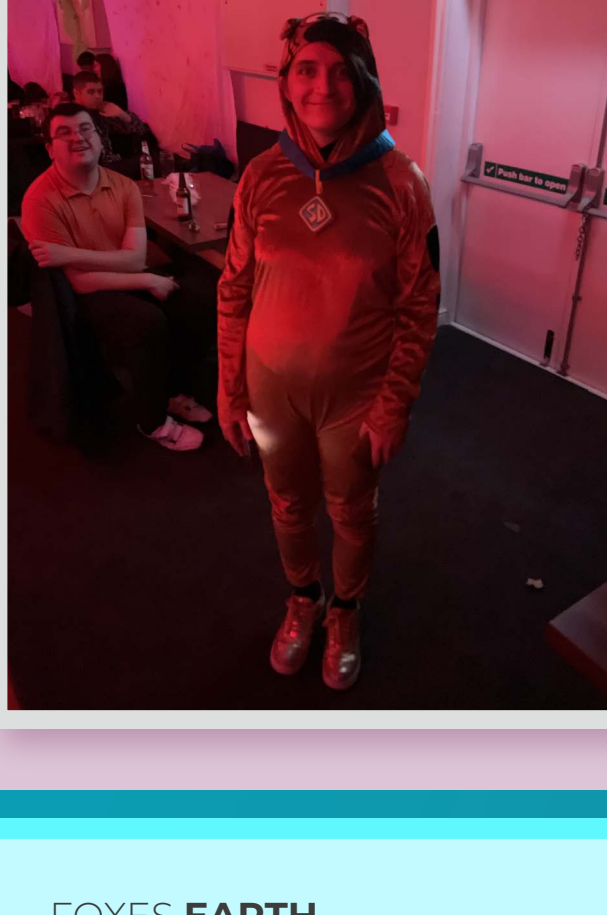
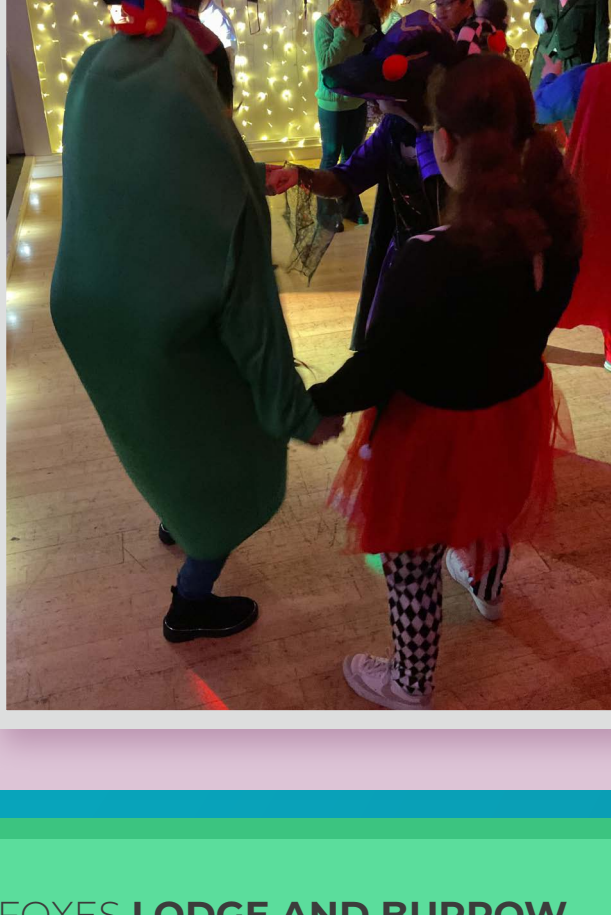
Click here to view some important information for keeping your young person safe online:

WHAT PARENTS AND CARERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT



FOXES HIVE

In their PDHW time Foxes Hive students enjoyed going to a disco and to The Jubilee Cafe to play crazy golf this week...



FOXES LODGE AND BURROW

Students at Foxes Lodge and Burrow took part in some travel training to Taunton train station this week, in preparation for Christmas shopping in Exeter next month. They identified different hazards at the station and enjoyed a drink at Starbucks.



FOXES EARTH

Foxes Earth visited Doniford Park Farm on Sunday during their PDHW time and had a lovely day out! They enjoyed seeing the animals and having a hot drink to warm up in the cafe. New student Ella is settling in very well and has been really enjoying her time at Foxes so far!

