

A centre of excellence for inspiring successful futures



**Message from the Head**

This half term has flown by! It has been great working with your young people, who on the whole have settled really well. Our students have worked hard and have produced some very pleasing work in all areas. They have also enjoyed the enrichment opportunities that we have offered and have cycled their legs off around Stevenage and Knebworth. Macmillian coffee morning was a huge success and thank you for supporting us in this truly worthy cause.

**Dan Nearney - Headteacher**

**Student Visit to Lister Hospital**

Lister Hospital Maternity Unit hosted a visit by one of our students, Chloe, who wants to be a midwife when she leaves school. A huge thank you to Jane Shipley from E.L.S.A for organising, and to Louise from the Lister Hospital for giving up 2 hours of her precious time to show us around. This visit is all part of our programme of raising aspirations. Chloe was hugely enthusiastic and wants to pursue midwifery as a career.

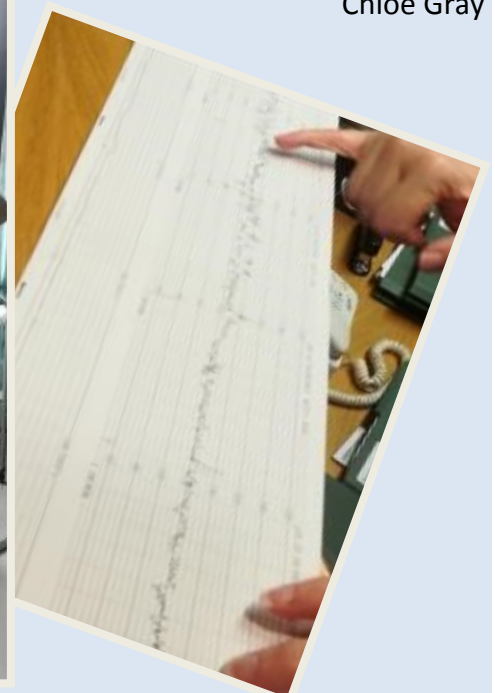
**Chloe's report of her visit:**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, I went to visit the maternity unit at Lister Hospital. I got to tour the different areas visiting the delivery rooms; Dacre ward where mums were waiting to give birth.

The visit was arranged by Jane from ELSA because I had talked to her about my ambition to in the future become a midwife and Jane knew a midwife from Lister Hospital called Louise. The visit has also inspired me to work hard and aim for my goals.

Thank you to Jane from ELSA, Ms O'Sullivan, Louise and Lister Hospital for allowing me to visit.

Chloe Gray



## Britishness Week - 2nd to 6th October 2017

Pupils explored aspects of Britishness in lessons:

### Cooking for Life

Students worked collaboratively to make flags of the world marshmallow lollipops. Each student made 6 flags of the world marshmallow lollipops, which were then placed together to make a collage of different flags of the world. Mr Nearney the Head of SESC and Ms O'Sullivan Deputy Head visited Cooking for Life and worked alongside students to produce their marshmallow lollipops which were added to the collage of flags. Students were excited to experience the innovative recipe and enjoyed working together.



Students followed a written recipe to make chicken and bacon tortilla wraps. Students focused on the presentation of their completed wraps and presented them on Union Jack plates with serviettes. Teaching staff visited Cooking for Life and encouraged students to think about the presentation of their completed recipe. Students exchanged ideas about what ingredients they could add to enhance



their tortillas and evaluated each other's completed wrap. Students were excited to experience the innovative recipe and enjoyed working together.

### Textiles

All staff were invited to Textiles throughout the day to sew a button onto individual cards that were also attached to the flag.

Students enjoyed working collaboratively with each other and with staff members throughout the day. Mr Nearney, the Head of SESC and Ms O'Sullivan, Deputy Head, visited Textiles and added their button cards to the flag.





## Britishness Week

### Projects

Mrs Elvin has been looking at British heroes from WW2 - including relatives of staff and students who were involved in the war.

Pupil work was put on display.

Collage by Jordon



### English

Students have been studying 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', a novel written by John Boyne in 2006. It tells the story of 9 year old Bruno, the son of a Nazi commandant, who moves to live outside the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Bruno meets Shmuel, a young Jewish boy held prisoner in the concentration camp. Though the two are separated physically by a barbed wire fence, their lives become inescapably intertwined. The fictional story of Bruno and Shmuel sheds light on the brutality, senselessness and devastating consequences of war and offers a unique perspective on how prejudice, hatred and violence affect innocent people, particularly children, during wartime.

Students made finger puppets and conducted interviews with them, discussing their thoughts, emotions and worries about moving to a new house.



## ESC Students Achieve Qualifications with The Prince's Trust

Last year we registered the Centre with The Prince's Trust and started teaching the qualification in 'Personal Effectiveness' to students in Year 9.

Completion of this course enables students to get their first public examination registered on their national awards framework, which is where their future GCSE results are stored.

To achieve an award, students needed to develop independent study skills and complete two units of study; one called Career Planning and the other Participation in Exercise.

I am delighted to reveal that in our first year of doing the programme, eleven students achieved the award and have been awarded their certificates.

A very big well done to all those involved.



Miss Baxter

## Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29th September 2017

Once again students and staff were involved in fundraising for Macmillan.

This year we have raised **£405.40!**

Thanks to all who contributed cakes and all who attended the coffee morning for their donations.



## Information from Hertfordshire County Council

### Children and young people with additional needs

The October edition of HAND News has now been published - this is a free online newsletter for parents, carers and professionals. It contains details of parent workshops, epilepsy service, LGBT friendship groups for people with learning disabilities and much more.

Read all about it in the October edition of HAND News, the online newsletter from Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews)

### **OUR STAFF:**

**Head of Centre:** Dan Nearney

**Deputy Head:** Anne-Marie O'Sullivan

**Teaching Staff, including Outreach:** Jane Baxter, Liz Elvin,  
Rony Ford, Paula Hayward, Kelly Parker

**Back on Track:** Tina Stanley, Jenny Lake

**Support Assistants:** Gillian Briars, Jenny Lake,  
Kerry Paul, Tina Stanley

**Primary Transition Support Workers:** Helen Fleet, Amy Sawyer

**Secondary Outreach Support Worker:** Liane Murphy

**Office Manager:** Heidi Nash

**Admin:** Liz Gera, Emma Saunders

### **Stevenage ESC Term Dates for 2017-18**

HALF TERM: 23rd - 27th October 2017

INSET (Centre closed to Students): Monday 30th October 2017

OCCAISONAL DAY (Centre closed): Friday 8th December 2017

LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM: Tuesday 19th December 2017

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Wednesday 20th December 2017 - Tuesday 2nd January 2018

FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM: Wednesday 3rd January 2018

INSET (Centre closed to Students): Friday 26th January 2018

HALF TERM: 12th - 16th February 2018

LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM: Friday 29th March 2018

EASTER HOLIDAY: 2nd - 13th April 2018

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM: Monday 16th April 2018

HALF TERM: 28th May - 1st June 2018

INSET (Centre closed to Students): Monday 4th June 2018

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM: Friday 20th July 2018