

Arran Hill



SPRING ROUND UP



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SCIENCE WEEK

The 2024 Science week theme was **time**. For this year's activity, students had the opportunity to take part in a Science themed escape room.

The students had to use the scientific knowledge they have been learning in lessons to escape the lab room by finding the hidden key within 50 minutes.

The series of challenges and riddles tested their knowledge, team work and resilience whilst up against the clock.

All teams escaped the room in time and added their times to the scoreboard.

Huge well done to KS3 Tier 2b who had the quickest time!

Alongside the escape room, students also acted as detectives to help solve a CSI case.



A detective's chance of solving a murder are cut in half if they don't get a lead within the first 48 hours. Arran Hill students didn't have 48 hours, but 48 minutes to solve the case and identify the Arran Hill staff member responsible for the crime.

The students used their knowledge of DNA and chromatography to identify the assailant within the timeframe.



CONSTRUCTION



KS4 have been working hard during their DT lessons to create stud walls.

Students have used the skills and knowledge they have developed through theory lessons and used plaster boards to create their stud walls, added architraves and skirting boards, and decorated them.

KS3 students have been working on their woodskills to create a tool box. They designed their tool box, created it out of wood and used a range of finishes.

We think they look fantastic - well done!



LIFE SKILLS



As the weather is becoming warmer, we have finally been able to prepare the plant beds ready for seeds to be planted.

Students will choose what vegetables and flowers they would like to plant and organise how best to look after them during their timetabled horticulture lesson.



REWARDS TRIP



As part of Arran Hill's reward system, students worked hard to gain effort and praise points.

If students hit their personalised targets they were invited to the Arran Hill Reward Trip.

The students watched the new 'Wonka' film at Cineworld and went to Frankie and Benny's for lunch.

Well done to students able to go, we are proud of your hard work and achievements this term.



THUNDER THE THERAPY DOG

As part of the Arran Hill therapeutic package, we have recently started to have a fluffy visitor to the centre.

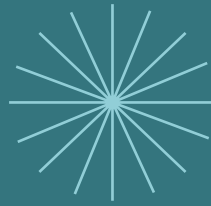
Thunder, the Syberian husky, is a trained therapeutic dog who provides emotional support to people in a range of settings. Pet Assisted Therapy is widely recognised for helping to reduce anxiety, depression and behavioural disorders.

The students are able to access pet therapy on a 1-1 basis and also as part of small group work. Thunder attends the centre twice a week and he has already made such a positive impact on our students.

We look forward to seeing how his relationship with the students will grow and develop and how he will help our students to overcome emotional barriers in the long term.



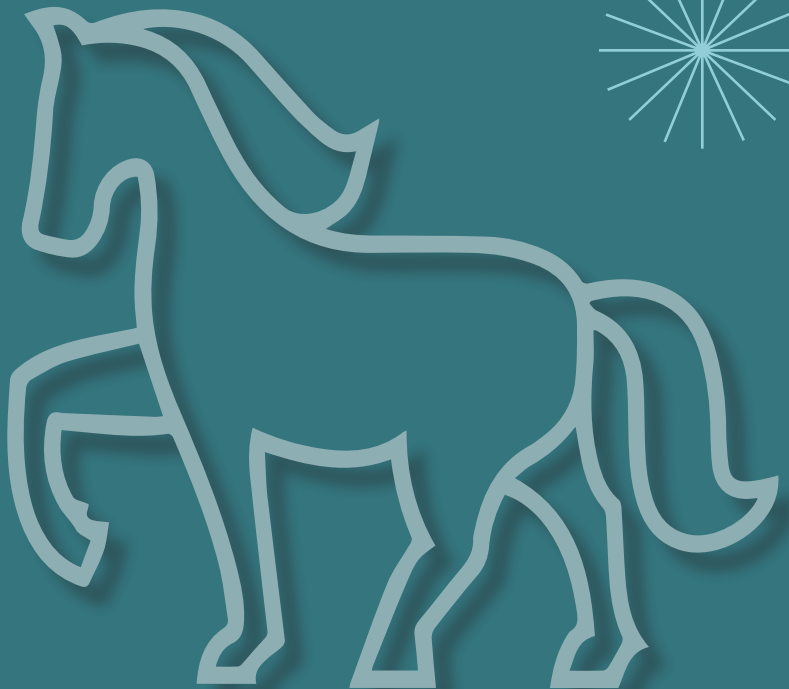
EQUINE



Our equine therapy sessions have continued this half term and the students have enjoyed being back in the saddle with the horses.

Students are continuing to complete a series of units linked to horse care to gain a Stable Management Achieve Award and a Ride Achieve Award through the British Horse Society.

Their sessions are going well and some students have passed up to unit 4.





INTERVENTIONS

Our students have settled well into their new tiers timetable and this has allowed us to extend further the range of interventions and thereputic support we can offer at the centre.

Each week students have access interventions such as Boxtalk, Legotherapy sessions, reading interventions, Articulate, Sensory Circuits and ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support).

We have also extended this offer to include Animal Assisted Therapy with Thunder the Husky and Apple Tree Movement Therapy.

These interventions are timetabled for each tier group to target the needs of the student, improve mental and emotional health and support students' academic needs.



KS4



Our Y11 students have been working incredibly hard to prepare for their GCSEs.

Students showed resilience and determination during their mock exam weeks and we are incredibly proud for how far they have come.

Y11 students have also visited colleges to tour the sites, discuss the range of courses available and speak to Career Advisors.

Some students have already secured college places for September - huge congratulations!





SUMMER 1 – UP NEXT



We are very excited about next half term at Arran Hill and the events planned for our students. These are just a few we are looking forward to:

- Football tournament with Robert Ogden School
- 6 week Fishing course
- Arran Hill end of year reward trip

