

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Phoenix School (Sheffield), and Forestwood (Bury) are DfE registered special schools, providing education for young people admitted to their co-located hospital services.

Our schools are regulated by OFSTED you can read their last inspection via the websites.

[Forestwood School](#)

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Recognition

Lauren Hoarty – Teaching Assistant at Forestwood School was awarded employee of the month for Forestwood Hospital in June.

Staff who nominated Lauren found her to be hard working and helpful. Staff stated that she is always very positive and proactive. They recognised her contributions to the team, wards, young people and career fair. They acknowledged Lauren for going above and beyond and always being up to date with where each of the young people are up to and passing on helpful information.

Well done Lauren!

What we've been up to



On Wednesday 2nd July, **The Kings Trust** came to Forestwood School and spoke to our young people about what it means to be successful in business and how to be sustainable while they are doing it.

After listening to a short presentation, the young people had the opportunity to play an online pop-up shop activity provided by The King's Trust.

Each young person chose if they would run a flower shop, a premium sports shop, or a fast food restaurant. They then bought and sold stock, decided on opening hours, and how much to pay their staff.

The activity ran for eight cycles, and at the end of each cycle, the activity gave feedback on how to improve their profits in the next cycle.

The young people who attended became quite competitive over who made the most money and had an enjoyable session learning about sustainable business.

All young people were given a certificate for participating in the day.

Following on from this, on Friday 4th July, Forestwood School held its first ever **pop-up craft stall**, selling a variety of items our young people have been making over this year.

The young people at Forestwood School have been working on a variety of art projects over the last year; they have experimented with shape, negative space, printing, and collages and also explored what makes them unique.

These projects have now been carefully crafted into wonderful products that were available to buy at our pop-up shop.



Items on sale:

- Hand-printed cards
- Hand-printed tote bags
- Original design gift wrapping paper
- Folding art books
- Crochet headband/ear warmers

Young people used their new business knowledge from The King's Trust Enterprise Challenge and discussed in detail how we would price the items and how much should go to charity and helped to run the stall on the day – they did an excellent job of describing our products to the customers!

A total of £161.50 was taken on the day, which is quite impressive! The majority of this will be reinvested into buying more materials for future projects like this and 10% will be donated to Young Minds.

Look out for our shop 'popping up' at other Cygnet events in the future!



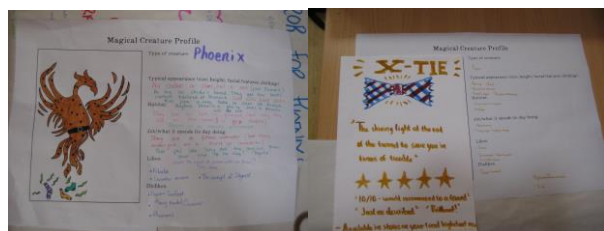
This month, Phoenix School had their good pals at **Grimm and Co.** join them for another magical, fantastical storytelling session!

Grimm and Co. are a Rotherham-based literacy charity that aim to champion the writer in every child and they certainly did that when they came to the Phoenix School!

After checking out some of their fabulous products, including Grandpa's Earwax (fudge) and the Tin of Disappointment (a pair of socks), our students set out to make their own product for a magical creature.

After much pondering and giggling, they came up with a magic mirror and bowtie for...a Pegasus and a Phoenix of course!

A great time was had by all and we can't wait to have Grimm and Co. back again soon.



Jacob Walkland from the **Sheffield Wednesday Community Team** visited us at Phoenix School on July 21st to put us through our paces. For two hours students and staff took part in a range of physical activities, all designed to get us working as a team. There were laughs aplenty as we tried to win a variety of games. Feedback from students and staff was positive and we are already looking forward to Jacob coming back next year. Until then, we will all be practising our skills!



One of our young people at Phoenix School has an interest in all things nature so we decided to make a **bug hotel**. The ideal material was dried plant stems which were hollow. The stems were placed in a plant pot and left in a safe place – which creatures will take up their home in the bug hotel? Let's wait and see.....



The students at Phoenix really enjoyed their day with **Think Forensic!** And were fascinated by the fact that Beth and Annie were actual working forensic scientists. The young people were able to lift their own fingerprint off a tile; they recorded a full set of fingerprints and identified if they had whorls, arches or loops. They then had to investigate a crime scene – a laptop had been stolen! Which of the 3 teachers were the culprit? Using the skills they had been taught the students were able to list the evidence found, lift fingerprints from the crime scene and find a footwear mark. Fibres, hair and soil from the scene identified who had taken the laptop – but just to have it repaired. No crime had taken place... Phew!



Phoenix School celebrated the **end of the school year with a party!**



The amazing decorations were made by students in school.

Cookies were made by some of our young people and a delicious fruit and vegetable healthy food corner was overseen by one of our students from Unicorn ward.



The photo booth was a big hit with staff and students alike.

Music was provided by our resident DJ MJ and the dancefloor was often full.

Two of our young people from Pegasus ward entertained us with songs, one singing and one playing the keyboard – they even sang a song they had written themselves which brought tears to the eyes of staff.

The event was brought to a close with a presentation of certificates for all the young people – all in all it was a lovely afternoon!