

# WARMLEY PARK SCHOOL

SPECIALIST SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION

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## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD STUDENTS MEET PRINCE EDWARD AT ALL ABOARD WATERSPORTS



On Thursday, 10 students who are working on the Duke of Edinburgh Award, met Prince Edward at All Aboard Watersports in Bristol. Firstly, a group took part in a canoe race against students from other local special schools which was watched by the Prince. They worked really hard as a team to paddle out to a buoy, turn around and paddle back to the harbour side. Then another group of students did a presentation for the Prince. They talked about their volunteering work which includes: working for St Johns Ambulance; the physical aspect of the award, which is training for Ten Tors Jubilee Challenge in May this year when they will camp and walk across Dartmoor; and the preparation for the expedition, which is the canoeing. Students explained how they have learned to use Trangia stoves to cook outdoors and build up their stamina for the physical challenge and the expedition. Then inside the All Aboard centre, Prince Edward talked to the canoeing group, asking them about what they were doing for their volunteering and their interests. He was keen to know what the students were learning from undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh award and they responded with enthusiasm, telling him about their volunteering work in Barnardo's charity shop and working with young children. It was a fantastic experience and our students were amazing- well done team Warmley Park!

*Lisa Parker*



## WORLD BOOK DAY



It's time to dress up!! We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March with lots of fun 'reading' activities for pupils/students to enjoy throughout the day. The theme for this year is 'animals', pupils/students are invited to dress up as any animal from their favourite book.





THE WARMLEY PARK SCHOOL SPRING SHOW  
19TH APRIL 2018  
'OUR WONDERFUL WORLD'

Don't forget our first ever Warmley Park School Spring Show which is taking place on 19th April. There will be lots of exciting activities, Spring related competitions, cream teas, music and dancing. Further details will be given in subsequent newsletters.



EASTER BONNET PARADE & EASTER EGG HUNT  
THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2.00PM

The Primary Department will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 22 March. Parents/carers are invited to make an Easter Bonnet for their child and also attend the event which will be held here at school. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Sarah-Jane Fiddes  
Head of Primary*



BUILDING UPDATE – LISA PARKER

The construction of the therapy suite, new entrance and the college is now complete. The builders are putting the finishing touches to the decor and the next stage will be to furnish the areas. A number of students have already visited the college and were very impressed. We intend to start using the college as soon as the furniture has arrived and it is set up. We are looking to the official opening which will be in September. We now have a break from construction work for a while. In the summer term, work on the specialist teaching rooms will commence.



KEYNSHAM JUNIORS

A social club for children aged between aged 5 and 18 with learning disabilities. The club meets weekly for fun activities. Children can meet their friends, play, socialise and experience new activities with the support they need. The also offer outings, day trips and special one off activities and events. Weekly events are held on: Tues evenings 5.45-7.15 for 5-11yrs, Thursday evenings 5.45-7.15 for 12-18 yrs, at The Somerdale Pavillion, Keynsham & District Mencap Society 44 Bath Hill Keynsham BS31 1HG. Telephone 0117 9865659 or email [laura@keynshammencap.org.uk](mailto:laura@keynshammencap.org.uk) for further information.

PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS

Our next Family Support Coffee Mornings will be on the 27 February and 21 March 11.00-12.00 at The Batch, Cadbury Heath. Please come along for a cuppa, everyone is welcome!



*Lynne Watkins  
Family Support Worker*

IMPORTANT DATES

Last day of Termlet 4	23 March 2018
The Warmley Park School Spring Show	19 April 2018

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