

Sports News



Sports Day On Monday 8th July we had sports day for our school. We did some different sporty activities working with our friends rather than having competitions with each other. Each year group had different activities to do. Ours were Karate and Judo, Zumba, boxing and challenges. My favourite thing that we did was boxing. My partner was Ethan. I practised doing punches and stopping the punches. You had to stand with your knees apart and when you were stopping the punches you had to stand with your hands in front of your face. We took turns wearing the gloves and wearing the pads. I enjoyed watching the Zumba, some of my friends had a really good time. The music was really loud and good and everyone was doing exercise dancing to it. I didn't like it that much just because I don't like dancing. I think sports day was quite good at helping me to have a go at new things. I tried really hard with lots of new sports that I haven't done before. I was really brave. - **Richard, Year 8**



Ethan, 8W said 'in Judo, Nico showed me how to do some push and pull techniques to put opponent on the floor. I thought Nico was very good, I learnt a lot.'

Latest news ... Thanks to funding from 'The Daisy Marr Foundation' we have been able to service our fleet of bikes and trikes and also pay for a refurbishment of the bucket bike. This will once again be a very popular piece of equipment with our students and will make a difference to many.



Dance, Dance, Dance! During this term Heather from Liberdade was back to do some dancing with our students as part of the Enrichment programme. However, this term things were slightly different as Heather worked with students who she identified as showing potential within dance. The students worked in different groups and danced to different types of music. They had to interpret the different beats to different songs and put together their own routine. Students also had to show balance and coordination when holding different positions. Well done to the following students for all their efforts, Heather was extremely impressed: - From 6G Sam, Isshi, Danny, Asher, Brandon. From 10M Amy, Lukas, Antonio, Dakota and Bailey.



George Douglas Sports Award



Tom achieved the George Douglas sports award this year as he has shown a massive amount of improvement in PE and swimming.

From being a very hesitant swimmer he is now able to swim across the pool with confidence and has shown improvement in all sports in PE, including football, basketball and athletics. We wish Tom the best of luck in his new school in September.



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Our old school minibus was used on a daily basis to allow our students to access a range of experiences outside of school. Unfortunately, the bus was 17 years old and had reached the end of its lifespan, therefore our students were often missing out on life skills work in the community due to the minibus being off the road for repairs. On Wednesday 22nd May our school was presented with a brand new, specially adapted 17 seater minibus courtesy of Variety Children's Charity. The minibus was funded partly by The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons School with a contribution of £16,000 from 'Buzz Bingo' from the Bingo Association. Both national and local representatives from The Variety Club and Buzz Bingo came along to school to attend a special assembly and to hand over the keys for the new the bus to the head teacher. The bus is already being well used and so far students have experienced visits to China Town, Washington Wetlands Centre, Hadrian School, the Circus, local shops and various work experience venues.



Our year 7 students were among the first to enjoy a trip out

Top: Mrs Hamilton was presented with the keys for our new bus!

Year 7 Day Out

Variety Children's Charity also kindly sponsored a day out for some of our year seven students to Washington Wetlands Centre. Everybody had a great time enjoying the centre on this lovely sunny day!



Mason & Rene enjoyed the park

We went to Washington Wetlands Centre which is in Washington. We went through the Tyne Tunnel in the new minibus to get there. When we got there we met up with a lady called Kath who was from the centre. She recognised us because the bus has the school name on. She showed us around and showed us where to keep our bags.



Feeding the birds!

After we dropped our bags off we went to see the goats and fed them. Then we went to see some birds. There were lots of different types and also geese and ducks. Kath showed us how to feed them with a flat hand full of seeds and what to do if a swan started hissing at you. We also went to see an otter show. It was pretty smelly but it was fun. The lady fed them fish, they had to find the fish under the water. After the otters we went to see the flamingos. They were pink and very beautiful standing on two very long legs. Then we went to eat our lunch. We sat on the grass and then after dinner we played in the park. It was awesome, I really enjoyed the big slide. When we left we were very tired, I even had a little nap on the bus on the way back to school. - **Mason, 7G**

Sir Charles Parsons School





New Play Tower in School!

The people who volunteer for 'The Friends of Sir Charles Parsons' raised a lot of money to get all of the play equipment, including the tower. There have been lots of different events, when I was in year 7 I took part in the sponsored walk. Other charities called 'The

Clothworkers' and 'The Big Lottery' also donated some money to our school so that we could get the tower.

The new tower is really nice. I like it because you can just hang out with your friends on it or you can go on the climbing frame and slides if you want as well. There is also a music bit with giant chimes on. It's really bright and you can see everyone from the high bit. What makes it really special is that everyone in school can use it, even people who use a wheelchair. Me and Ethan have a great time playing on it.

- Holly, Year 8



Ethan and Holly enjoy the new inclusive play tower which is proving to be a big hit with all of our students!



Scores on the Doors — Environmental Health Award



On the 14th May the school's kitchen had their environmental health inspection. The inspectors arrive without giving any notice and do a spot check of the kitchen.



Diane and her award winning kitchen!

Diane had to answer lots of questions about how she manages the kitchen, how she keeps everything in order, and makes sure the food is safe. The inspectors did checks to make sure that everything was stored correctly, for example keeping meat and veg separately. They also wanted to make sure the temperature of the food being cooked was checked regularly and recorded so that it is healthy.

The inspection is done in everyplace across the country that serves any food. School were thrilled that Diane managed to achieve five stars for the 'Scores on the Doors' award. This is very hard to achieve so shows what a brilliant job she has done since joining Sir Charles Parsons School.



Some staff in school wanted to do the Colour Obstacle Rush this year, because it was around the time of Shane's anniversary memory. We decided to challenge ourselves and take part to raise money for St Oswald's Hospice. Shane was a student at our school for nearly eight years. As he was growing up he used to enjoy visits to St Oswald's. He used to love 'jacuzzi' baths, as well as all of the trips out and arts and crafts activities that the hospice organised. When Shane became very poorly his mam wanted him to go to spend his last days there with the nurses.

We wanted to raise a little bit of money to say thank you to St Oswald's and help them to could continue to provide care and activities for other young people like Shane.

As well as having lots of fun on the day with our work friends, we also managed to raise £150. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Sir Charles Parsons School WORLD OF WORK

With our school mission always in mind, 'maximizing opportunities; enriching lives' we have yet again successfully worked with year 11, 12 and 13 students to encourage and develop their work experience skills. We have had the pleasure of working with a variety of companies and dedicated mentors, employers and educational staff to provide safe establishments for our students to learn new skills in the world of work. The students not only gained work experience skills but have had the opportunity to grow in confidence, meet new people, and have a sense of responsibility and independence. This year we have worked with Allingtons Kia in Ashington, Liberdade, Monkchester Nursery, St Anthony of Padua, Food Works, Vane Art Gallery, Costa Coffee, Eldon Leisure, Hadrian School, and the Baltic. We also work with Project Choice who have created some fantastic opportunities for our year 12 and 13 students. They are a 'work based programme' who equip young people with learning difficulties with the social and work-based skills needed to enable them to understand the pathway to employment'. Through project choice there is the possibility of students moving on into internships and apprenticeships. At the end of their school life here at Sir Charles Parsons, students will have a great deal of knowledge behind them to support them in entering the world of work. Project Choice have provided placements such as Freeman Hospital Sterile Services, Linen Services and Hotel Services and QE Hospital Breast and Bowel Screen Department and Medical Records and finally Bensham Hospital Booking Department. We look forward to carrying on the journey.

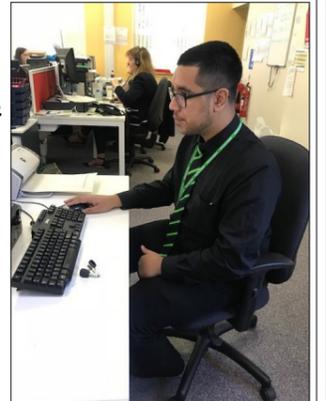
Dean - I went to work at the Freeman Hospital in the Sterile Services Department. My jobs included: scanning the names on the boxes to see the names of the



instruments, I had to spray air inside the instruments with holes in to clean them and make them sterile. I had to put clean blue sheets into the tray and put the instruments in the right order then tick them off the sheets and record if any where missing.

Toriqul - 'I am super proud of myself. Since the start of Year 13 I have been going to Bensham Hospital in Gateshead on work experience every Tuesday for three hours. I travel there by a bus, doing independent travel. I have been doing an admin role. One of my main jobs is to scan patients files and put them in envelopes with appointment letters.

While I have been there I have also been getting to know all of the team. My favourite bit is when we have a break and have a cup of tea...sometimes we even have Greggs jam doughnuts. Because I have worked so far there they have offered me a part time job. Over the summer I will be working half a week as paid employment. I plan to spend all my money on takeaways and Costa's. I might treat my family to a McDonalds.'



Tahir -

'I have been doing work experience at the Vane Gallery in Newcastle city centre. The gallery is



near to The Stack on Pilgrim Street. Anyone can visit the gallery. Inside it is really big and they have lots of artworks, including paintings and sculptures. I was there on Wednesday afternoons. I had to wear a uniform which was a black jumper and white shirt and smart black shoes. My job was to type on the computer. I had to get all the comments that people had written on paper and type them into Word. These were checked by Chris who then posted them on the internet. I also used Adobe PhotoShop software on the computer. Chris showed me how to open up the pictures and change brightness. He showed me how it could go up and down to make it lighter or darker. He helped me to start with and then I had a go by myself. I enjoyed spending my afternoons at the Vane Gallery. I think now that I have done independent travel there and I know the bus stops I would like to visit more often, like maybe in the summer holidays.'

CLASS OF 2019

Last Friday on the 5th July we had our Leavers' Prom. We had it at Soccer World on the West Road.

The room was decorated really nicely and there were balloons. There was also a DJ doing a disco, a dance floor and a place to get your photo taken. I wore a suit with a blue tie. I felt really excited and smart. I also had a flower on my suit which my aunty chose for me.

I really liked dancing on the dancefloor. I danced all night with my friends. My favourite song was Dirty Dancing. I am ok about finishing Year 11. I am going to be staying at Sir Charles Parsons Sixth Form so I will still get to see all of my favourite staff - **Thomas, Year 11**



Josh, from 11W, was voted Prom King 2019 whilst Saarah from 6G was our prom Queen

Fun in the Photo Booth- Farris, Stu, Dan, Adam and Lorraine



ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

We went to the circus that was at Blaydon. We left school early to get there and travelled on the school minibus. When we got to the circus we parked the minibus then we walked to the tent. It was



Front Row Seats

blue and red and absolutely huge, it's called the big top. When we walked in there was loads of seats on both sides of the ring. Our seats were at the front so we got a good view. The clowns came on first and they were good. There were acrobats and rollerskaters, and the Minions. At the break we all had a treat of sweets, popcorn and juice.

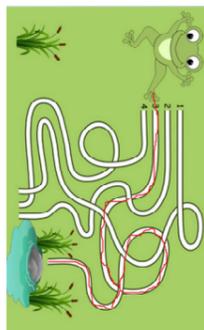
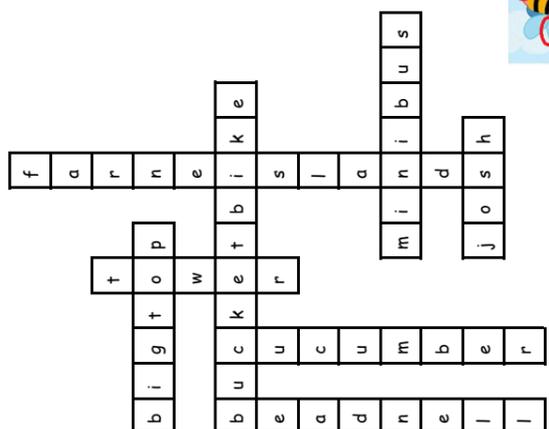


Limbo, Limbo!

In the second half we saw more acrobats and they did the limbo. The limbo is where you have to bend back to go under the pole and then the pole gets lower and lower. And the pole is on fire! - **Callum 6H**

SCP Kids Zone Answers...

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SCP @ WALKER RIVERSIDE ACADEMY VISIT HUTTON ROOF

In June we went to Hutton Roof which is over by the Lakes. We travelled by school minibus. It took two minibuses for us all to get there. We had a break in the journey to have our lunch at Talkin Tarn, we had sandwiches and pasties. When we arrived at Hutton Roof we went to our rooms and unpacked our bags before we went to the pub. We all enjoyed pints of coke. I was gutted because there was no darts or pool but we did sit in the garden socialising which was nice. We had a Chinese takeaway for dinner with chips, rice and noodles.



'Me and my friend Wendy enjoying the rides'

The next day we went to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. We went on lots of rides. I enjoyed going on a steam train and the cars with Wendy. Some of my friends went on the Pepsi Max ride which was 240 feet high. Toriql was screaming his head off. That was a very tiring day, we all slept well that night! On the last day we went on a walk around where we were staying. We went to see an old church, we had to climb up 48 very steep steps to get to it. There was a really nice view of the lakes at the top. We all had a really good time there. We'd loved to go back again if we got the chance. - **Adam, WRA 6th form**



Relaxing in the sun, Hutton roof 2019

Letter from the Head



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hard to believe, but we've reached the end of another eventful and busy school year. As well as all the usual events, visits and learning experiences, we've had our fantastic, 'outstanding' Ofsted report and received a brand new mini-bus, thanks to the hard work of everyone involved in FOSCP.

We have also been working with lots of other schools and organisations, sharing ideas and looking at ways we can all improve and continue to develop excellent opportunities and experiences for young people with special educational needs across the region. This has already had an impact on the work experience and work based learning programmes available to year 11 and 6th form and we are planning many more curriculum developments for the next school year.

While it has been a successful and productive year for us, education as a whole is finding things very difficult. Everyone is aware of the funding crisis across education and other public sector services and the huge impact this is having, particularly on the most vulnerable, including young people with special educational needs.

While we will always strive to provide the best possible educational opportunities for all the children and young people at SCP, the lack of funding makes it impossible for us to provide the important 'extras'. 'Extras' such as specialist outdoor equipment, seating, accessible bikes and outdoor areas, residential opportunities and visits outside of school. We recognise that these 'extras' are actually vital, necessary parts of each child's education and without them some of our young people would struggle to access their education.

We wouldn't be able to provide these fantastic experiences and opportunities without the support of our wide ranging school community - parents, carers, local businesses, the local community and the national organisations which have supported us. Thank you for everything you have done. Hopefully, with your help, we can look forward to another successful, eventful and fun packed school year.

Good luck to all the leavers, especially those moving onto new adventures out of school - come back and share them with us next term,

Enjoy the summer, see you in September.

Karen Hamilton

A Trip to the Farne Islands



On the activity days in the Easter holidays I went on a boat trip to the Farne Islands. We got picked up by our school bus early in the morning and then we travelled to Seahouses to get our boat. The boat was quite big and was white and it was called the Billy Shiels. We all got on the boat with other people as well and the captain helped us

climb on. It seemed to take the boat a long time to get to the Farne Islands but luckily the sea was nice and calm. When we got there the boat went around lots of islands and the captain told us all about the puffins and the Shag birds. There looked like there was thousands of them. At first we couldn't see any seals but as we went round the corner we saw loads of them. Some were on the rocks, some were in the sea. The seals were my best bit. When we were finished seeing the seals we went for fish and chips at 'Neptunes' in Seahouses. - Paul, 11W



E-Safety

Each year students continue to learn about e-safety and appropriate behaviour to stay safe

when they are online. Topics covered across all year groups range from using hardware safely in year 7, to learning about digital footprints in year 11. As well as discussions in ICT lessons, staff are also encouraged to talk to students about their general use of ICT and, in particular, the internet and social media. As a school we feel it is very important to have open discussions about what students have 'been up to'. We recognise that there are many benefits to the young people accessing these sites, for example being able to sustain friendships or to get advice from various groups. However we are also aware of the very big impact that these sites can have on young people's self esteem and mental health. There has been much press about young people becoming obsessed with social media, with around 5% of teenagers thought to be 'addicted' to social media. There is a wealth of information available on the internet to support parents and carers to talk to their young people about the use of technology and their presence online. NationalOnlineSafety.com have produced a series of information leaflets about general use and more specific games and apps.

Year 7 SEAL Group

Russell, Mason, Rene, Ibrahim Yamin, Harley S, Danny, Rupinder, Shayne

Social, Emotional, Aspects of Learning (SEAL) sessions aim to develop young people's ability to recognise and talk about their emotions. It also equips them with ideas and techniques they can use to lead a healthy, happy life. We explore the different aspects of SEAL in small groups of students on a half termly basis.



Bumble Bee

This term the students have been working in small groups to photograph as much wildlife as possible that can be found within our school grounds. Some of their favourite things were newts, frogs, spiders and butterflies.



Newt

All of the students photographs were made into a book for our visitors to look at.

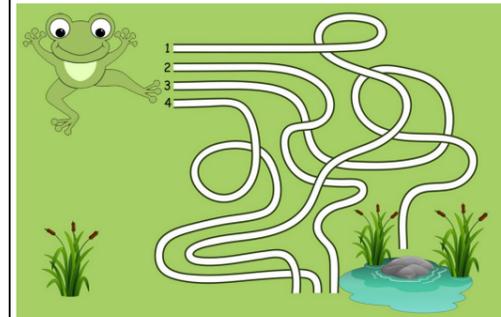


Frog

The groups took turns to lead each other to areas where they thought they might find something new. They worked well together and were very supportive of each other, especially when some of the wildlife was a bit scary like the Cucumber Spiders! The students were supported to talk about their feelings, like when they were scared of something. They also recognised that facing their fears in an open outdoor space, made it a little bit easier to handle.



The 'Scary' Cucumber Spider!



The year 7 SEAL group found a frog next to the school pond. Can you help this frog find it's way back to his pond?



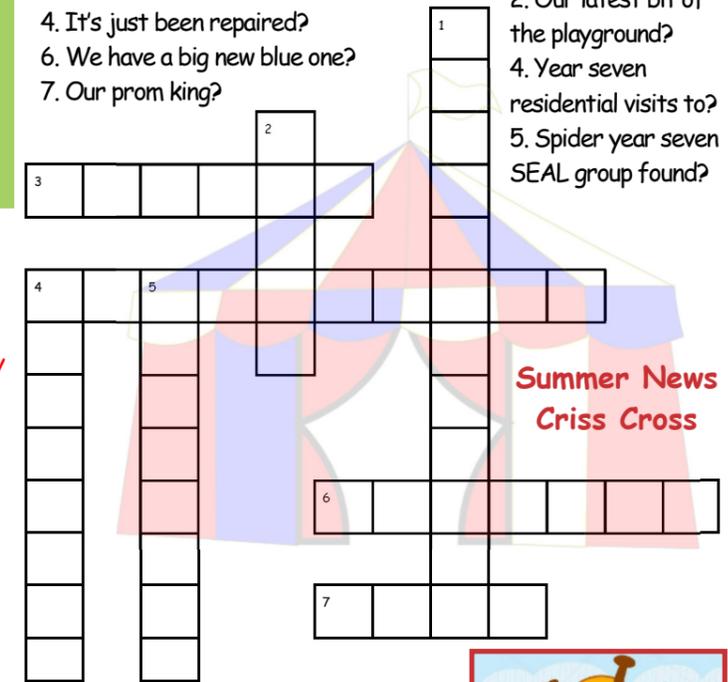
Q: What did the ground say to the earthquake?
A: You crack me up!
Q: What kind of plates do they use on Venus?
A: Flying saucers!
Q: Why did nose not want to go to school?
A: He was tired of getting picked on

Across

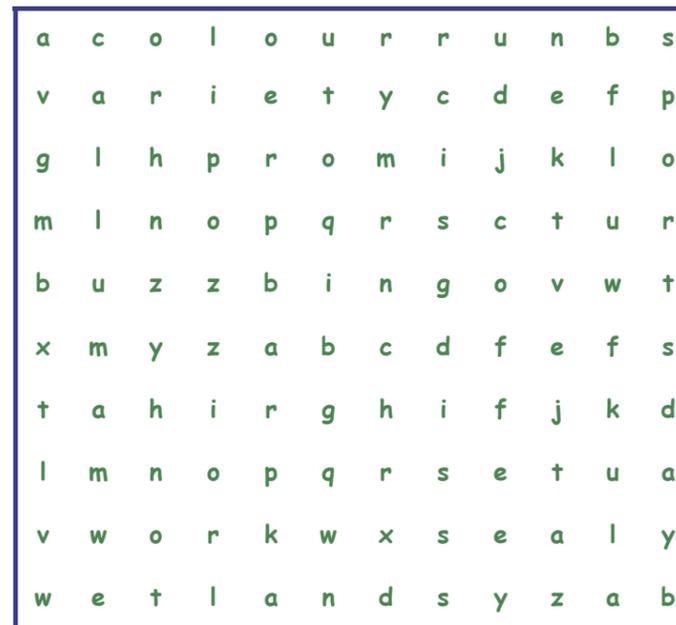
- Callum and his friends went to this tent?
- It's just been repaired?
- We have a big new blue one?
- Our prom king?

Down

- Paul went there?
- Our latest bit of the playground?
- Year seven residential visits to?
- Spider year seven SEAL group found?



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Can you spot 5 differences with the bumble bees?



Summer Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all the parents, carers and friends who came along or supported our coffee morning with donations of tombola and raffle prizes. The morning was again, a great success and raised over £1,300 for our charity.

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