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- 14/12/15 Knowsley Student Christmas dinner & performance
- 16/12/15 Wirral Christmas Extravaganza
- 17/12/15 Last day of Autumn term
- 05/01/16 First day of Spring term
- 12/01/16 Knowsley Coffee Morning
- 13/01/16 Wirral Coffee Morning

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Activate Student Newsletter

December 2015

Drama Students Prepare for Christmas Show

Our Drama students have been working on a number of performances to showcase this holiday season including 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' and 'Silent Night' performed in Makaton.



Rehearsals



They are also working on a short version of the pantomime Cinderella and a piece of movement done

to Shakin' Stevens 'Merry Christmas Everyone.'

We are sure their hard work has paid off and look forward to watching the shows.

The Knowsley performance will take place at 2pm on 14th December. Wirral's performance will take place at 2pm on 16th December.

We hope to see you there!

Self-Assessment Report

In addition to exciting stories and updates in this month's newsletter you'll also find a special report from our

CEO, Vivienne Guy.

The report highlights our plan for continuous improvement so we can offer our

learners a quality provision which meets their needs and helps them to reach their full potential.

Please take a moment to read it.



**Fresh scented
potpourri**

Horticulture Products for Sale

Students in both Knowsley and Wirral have been designing plant based products to sell in the run up to Christmas.

Learners in Knowsley are selling hyacinths, potpourri, winter

hanging baskets and outdoor pots.

The homemade potpourri is filled with fragrant seasonal items such as orange and cinnamon.

Wirral students are offering

planters, bulbs and potpourri as well.

You can purchase items in Knowsley on the 14th December and in Wirral on the 16th December.

Name the Teddy for Barnardo's

On Monday 14th December students from Group A in Knowsley are hosting a 'Name the Teddy' raffle as part of

Activate's ongoing goal to

give back to the community.

They are asking for donations of £1 per go at guessing the name.

Students have chosen to give

the donations to Barnardo's.

Please bring your spare change to help support a worthy cause.



**Christmas
bauble**

Handmade Products for Sale in Wirral

As part of the Christmas Extravaganza in Wirral on 16th December, students will be selling a range of Christmas themed items which have been

handcrafted over the last month.

You can purchase cards, fir cone bunting, baubles, stockings and other novelty gifts.

Parents/Carers are welcome to join in the celebration from 1pm-3pm to do some shopping and watch the performance. We hope you can make it!

Catch 22 Work Experience Update

Activate would like to recognise the fantastic work our student is doing at her placement with Catch 22 as a National Citizens Service Programme Support Worker.

They have taken her on a long term placement because of her excellent work, She says she is providing general admin support in the office and steps in whenever

someone needs a helping hand. She may also be going out to schools to talk about the National Citizens Service Programme in the near future.



Working on some files in the office

'Like' Us

Activate recently updated its branding. As part of the process the website address and Facebook and Twitter accounts changed.

Our social media

accounts are updated regularly and are a great way to keep in touch with us.

If you would like to connect with us online you can 'Like' us on

Facebook: **Activate CES** or 'Follow' us on Twitter: **@ActivateCES**.

Our new web address is: **www.activateces.org.uk**

Fair Trade Week

On week commencing 7th December students learned about Fair Trade products.

They explored what Fair Trade means and how purchasing Fair

Trade products helps farmers and benefits the world economy.

After learning about Fair Trade, one of our students said, "I plan to look for the Fair Trade

logo now when shopping. Farmers deserve to be paid a fair wage for their hard work."

Keep an eye out for the logo when you shop.



Checking out our Fair Trade display

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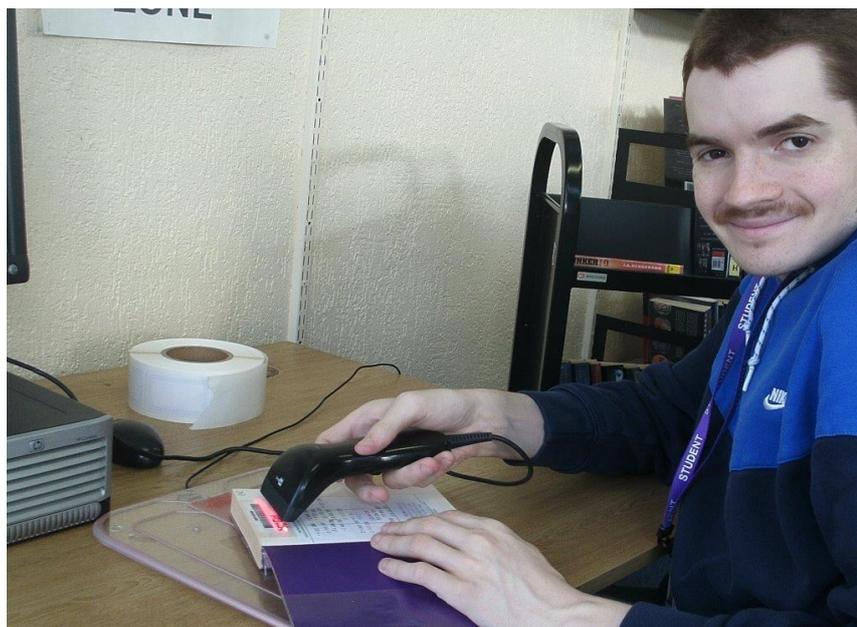
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New Placement in Wirral

One of our students recently started a work placement at a library in Wirral where he is undertaking Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) book tagging. This means the books are being individually coded and then electronically tagged and uploaded onto the library services system. He says that the work is, “Amazing...I love it!”



New Ponies



Sunny



Fudge

Meet the newest additions to our animal centre: Sunny & Fudge. Sunny and Fudge are both Welsh ponies. You can still find Welsh ponies living in the wild in the Welsh mountains today. Both ponies are settling in nicely, have a friendly disposition and can even be a bit cheeky!