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# Activate Student Newsletter

November 2015

## Open Days:

**11/11/15**

Knowsley

10am-12pm, 3pm-  
5pm, 5pm-7pm

**21/11/15**

Knowsley & Wirral  
10am-12pm

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## Conor's Trip to London

As part of Work Experience Week 2015, Conor, one of Activate's students, made an exciting trip to London accompanied by Stuart Freeman, Activate's Employability Co-ordinator.

Conor made lots of stops on his journey, but one of the most memorable moments of the day was his visit to The Dorchester



**Posing with the kitchen staff at The Dorchester.**



**With George Howarth, Labour MP for Knowsley, at the launch event.**

Hotel where he completed work experience in the kitchen making breakfast for hotel guests and preparing aperitifs for a VIP event.

Conor also represented Activate at the Work Experience Week 2015 launch at the House of Commons later that day. We are very proud of his achievements.

## Key Dates & New Clubs

We have a number of upcoming events and other items we'd like to bring to your attention this month.

Several after college clubs have commenced and there are review evenings also scheduled.

Please see the back page of this newsletter for a full break down of events.



**Serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes.**

## Charity Coffee Afternoon

Our Wirral students hosted a coffee afternoon on 21 October in aid of MacMillan and managed to raise £110!

The group served cupcakes, cream scones and their own chocolate

cakes which were devised in their young enterprise lessons.

Approximately 30 guests attended the event and as part of the entertainment, viewed videos of

student projects past and present.

We are very thankful to all who generously contributed to help us raise funds and hope they enjoyed the tasty treats.

## Donations Welcome in Wirral

Students in Wirral are asking for your help this month. They are having a PJ/ Onesie Day on 18th Nov. to raise funds for Children in Need and are requesting £2

donations.

The group are also preparing for their Christmas extravaganza with lots to make and do. If you have any holiday themed crafting materials you

can donate, they would be greatly appreciated. In addition, they are collecting cans (without the lids). Thanks in advance for any support you can provide!



**Beginning of the mural.**

## Sensory Mural

During Work Experience Week 2015, students began painting a mural on one of the outside walls of The Bracknell Centre.

As part of their Creative Studies

lesson they came up with their own design.

The mural is still in progress but when it is finished it will depict a tropical beach theme and include flowers,

birds and butterflies.

We look forward to seeing the finished piece and are excited for the beautiful addition to our outdoor space.

## Hamilton Square Project

Students in Wirral have been busy expanding their horticulture space this term.

They recently inherited geraniums and begonias from Hamilton Square

which were potted on to create a fuller garden space.

They are about to embark on a project to help maintain the gardens in Hamilton Square which is a very

exciting opportunity.

As part of this community project, students will help maintain the beds and carry out tasks such as weeding and edging.



**Ready to start work in Hamilton Square!**

## Review Evenings

Review evenings are scheduled to take place this month (see back for details).

It is especially important that parents/carers

attend the meeting as we plan to discuss your child's Individual Learning Plan and targets and would like your input.

If you are not

able to make it to the meeting we will post documents for you to review or you can arrange to meet with us to discuss them in person.

Thanks!

## Drama Students Record Audio Poem

Our drama students have been busy recording the audio poem 'On the Ning, Nang, Nong' by Spike Milligan.

The poem will be uploaded to a

website called Librivox which can be accessed by everyone.

The group chose an audio poem as they thought it would be a great way to support people with

visual impairments and encourage them to enjoy drama and poetry through sound and voice.

Next time you're on the internet have a listen!



**Drumroll please!**

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## Dates for the Diary

### Key Dates

23 Nov: Knowsley Review Evening 4pm-7pm

24 Nov: Wirral Review Evening 4pm-7pm

17 Dec: Last day of term (students finish at 3pm)

5 Jan: First day of term (students start 9am)

### Knowsley Clubs

Mondays: Christmas Crafts 3pm-3:45pm, Job Club 3pm-4pm

Tuesdays: Drama 3pm-3:35pm, Christmas Cookery 3pm-4pm

### Wirral Clubs

Wednesdays: Choir 3pm-4pm

***There will be new clubs announced after Christmas.***

## Rocket Science Experiment

Students are taking part in a national science experiment this year where they will be comparing seeds which have been to space with those that haven't left Earth.

Astronauts have taken Rocket seeds to space where they are living for about 6 months in microgravity then

returning to Earth in March 2016.

After they return, we will receive packets of both sets of seeds which will be colour coded, but it will still remain a mystery which seeds have been to space and which remained here.

Students will care for the seeds whilst

conducting experiments as they grow. Their findings will be added to a website where the results of all participating groups will be collated.

Once the results are published, the students will find out which seeds have been to space and which seeds never left Earth.