

May 2024 Newsletter

The Forum School



Upcoming Events in June

1st – Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History Month

5th – World Environment Day

6th – D Day

8th – World Oceans Day

16th – Father's Day

17th – Learning Disability Week

18th – Autistic Pride Day

20th – Longest Day

21st – HRH Prince of Wales – William

Birthday

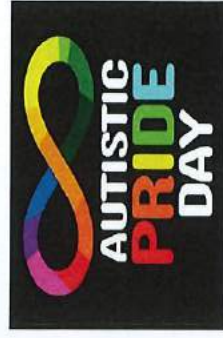
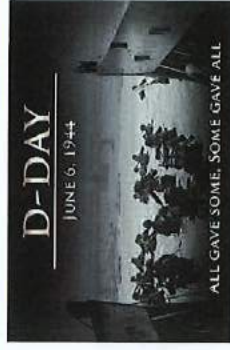
22nd – World Rainforest Day

23rd – International Women in Engineering

Day


24th – Midsummer Day

27th – National PTSD Awareness Day



Upcoming Events in June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
03 scarecrow making	04 scarecrow making Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena	05 World Environment Day scarecrow making School Council in the theatre	06 D-Day scarecrow making Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena	07 scarecrow making TFS Cinema - Theatre	08 World Oceans Day Shillingstone Station Café - Meet at blue gates 13:30 DISCO in the theatre	09 Father's Day Eid-Adha
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The Forum Stars are back!



Shout out a staff member that has gone above and beyond for a young person, yourself, your team or the school. Email Forum.Stars@cambiagroup.com with a sentence about why a colleague is amazing and they'll be entered into a draw. There will be 3 winners. 1 from Care, 1 from Education and 1 from everyone else! The winners will receive a £10 Love2Shop voucher and Employee of the month for your department!



Upcoming Birthdays

June

Kerrie Hutchings
Ian Davies
Yadu Kulambi
Dawn Storey



Happy Birthday





Training Opportunities

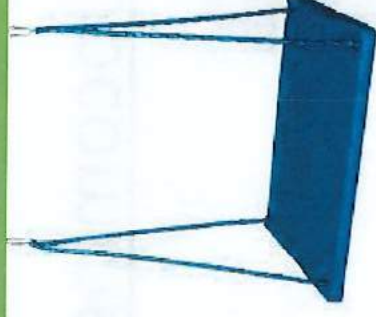
We are eagerly looking for staff members across all departments to train in;

Lifeguarding

OT Swing Room contact Bridget Townsend

This training would be paid for by the company and would look great on your CV.

Please let Melissa McCarthy know if you are interested.





Moments with the animals



First riding lesson on Erin!



Achieved his Basic Vehicle Maintenance AQA Award!



Achieved his Woodland Walk AQA Award!



Achieved his Basic Bird Watching AQA Award!



Completed his Stable and Yard Management stage 4!



Completed his Horse Riding stage 6!

Weymouth Beach Trip



Upside-down House



Walk on Ham Hill & Pub Grub



The adults left a thank you note for the pub staff.

They posted it on facebook!

Well done to all that day 😊

12:01

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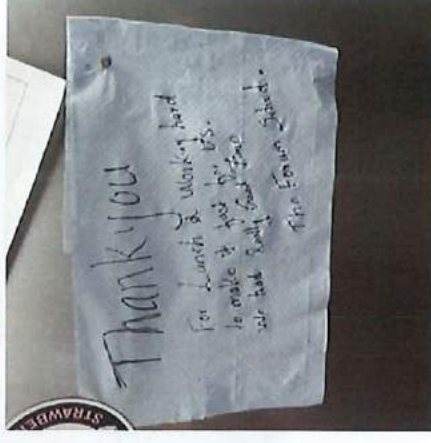


Prince of Wales Pub Ham Hill

5h · 🌐

it's the little things that can really make our day.

#thankyou #appreciationpost #workinghard #brilliantteam



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You and 36 others



Write a comment...



Laurels out and about



Teddy rocks!
Shopping for the garden.
Moors Valley fun.
Portland.

Poole Park fun in the sun...



Patently waiting
for the train to
arrive...



All aboard!

Choo Choo...



Time to feed our feathery
friends,
Ducks and Geese



Time for us to
order our lunch..
Yummy! 😊

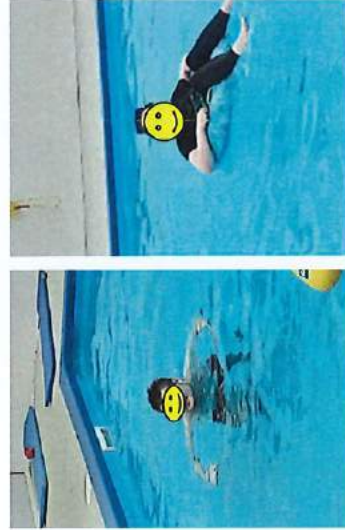
Bank holiday fun for Hambledon & Willows



Sensory fun!

Sight, sound, touch,
taste & smell...

Mmm I can smell
that KFC from here



Lulworth Cove including a picnic & walk...



Lots of learning of bones and fossils.

Looks like they are busy digging up a dinosaur.

I wonder if they all come to life at night time ...



Toy Picnic...

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
TOY PICNIC**

**SNACKS! GAMES! PARACHUTE!
MAKE SURE YOU BRING A TOY!**

**ON THE 29TH MAY 10:30-11:30AM THERE
WILL BE A TOY PICNIC!**

**THIS WILL BE ON THE GREEN IN FRONT OF
LAURELS OR IN THE THEATRE (WEATHER
DEPENDENT)**



Stories, toys
and games
in the sun!

NOMINEES FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

THE NOMINEES

Arun Sajeev

Stimina Chandy

Ann Xavier

Sory Diallo

Thompson Joseph

Kerry Byron

Ann Xavier

Yadu Kulambil

Amanda Trowbridge

Yadu Kulambil

Janette Avenell

John Rawson

Jessica Hinds

Rebecca Abbott

Rani Manaswy

Michael Metu

Khevlinn-Jo Goodall

John Lane

Rani Manaswy

Arun Sajeev

Karen Holt

Sylvie Sweet

Khevlinn-Jo Goodall

Arun Sajeev

Jay Phillips

Sam Treen

Dave Moore

James Adams

Megan Wood

Julian Thomlinson

Will Etherington

Samantha Fry

Renea Gascoigne

Amanda Wills

Simon Twilley

*Keep Up the
Good Work!*

CONGRATULATIONS – EMPLOYEE’S OF THE MONTH!



Education



Will Etherington

Core



James Adams
Maintenance Team

Care/Nights



Jessica Hinds



Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Julian Thomlinson**, a massive congratulations to you and your team for supporting one of your young people to take of their coat and change this to a Gillet today 😊. Since B arrival in November he has refused to take this off and this is a massive achievement for him.

Thank you so much
Melissa McCarthy

Shout out to **Megan Wood**, Thank you so much for your wonderful progress PowerPoints for the young people in your class to show off their progression and outcomes.

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Shout out to **Sylvie sweet**, Thank you for all of your help and support with the recent CLA meeting for JT. The positives you were able to share to the family and professionals was lovely and showed how well you know JT and the level of outstanding care and support you provide.

Thank you so much
Melissa McCarthy

Shout out to **Yadu Kulambil**, congratulations on your promotion to DHM. Though new to the role the team you are managing have been commenting how great you are and all the support you are providing to them and the young people.

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Melissa McCarthy

Face lift at the stables!



A lick of paint and a blooming garden

Students have built a beautiful garden on the stable yard, with a lovely water fountain and colourful flowers, to attract the birds and bees.



OUTDOOR LEARNING!

1st – 24th May

Wind Chimes, Frog Ponds, Sensory Garden Building.



Making Wind Chimes

Students can choose how to make their wind chimes by using different materials. They can explore the different sounds they make and plan and build their models adding any extra materials until they are satisfied with the outcome. They will then choose an area in the sensory garden or dream tree to hang it.



Frog Pond Building

Students can build a frog pond in the sensory garden, this activity will be led by either Renea/Sam. They can choose to decorate their ponds with natural resources.



Sensory Garden

Students can have their say and build what they would like to see in the sensory garden. This could include rope puzzle boards, fairy gardens or flower crafts etc. Led by Renea/Sam.





The Forum Farm

Hi.

We are a very busy team of two at the Forum Farm that consists of myself - Renea, I am the animal lead and a qualified animal assisted therapist and Sam, who is my right hand woman and is the animal therapy assistant. I would like to introduce you to the many ways we work with the students here at the Forum School. We currently have two horses, eight guinea pigs, three rabbits and a bearded dragon and we are based on a 28 acre site.



We have a very busy timetable including student 1-1 sessions, outdoor learning, lunchtime club, after school activities, we also encourage drop in sessions at any time. We have our 'Guinea Pig gang' where students can sit with the guinea pigs. This has two bucket seat chairs, a bookcase and fairy lights. Our 'Warren' has our rabbits. There is a table for students to work at, as well as homemade rabbit games for them to play!



The Forum Farm... Continued

We have four different curriculum-based courses, all of these have 12 stages to complete and each stage is broken down into 10 bite sized achievable sections. When the students complete a stage, they are presented with a booklet and certificate acknowledging their achievements.

Horse Riding – This is for students to experience our horse-riding sessions which helps to improve their core muscle groups, coordination, balance and sense of wellbeing.

Yard Management – This is designed for our students who are not keen on riding the horses but enjoy the yard environment. They learn skills such as feeding, grooming and basic first aid for all of the animals in our care.

Equine Adventures – Some of our students enjoy being around the horses on the ground rather than riding them. This allows students to learn about care of equines and how to interact with them. This is the students first steps into horse care and leads onto Stable Management.

Stable Management – This is similar to Equine Adventures however it focuses more on the horse's health and wellbeing, including tack care, vet responsibilities etc.

Outdoor Learning

We believe that outdoor learning has a valuable impact on our students learning and there has been many studies that place a high importance on its many positive values including social skills, special awareness, ownership of work and overall mental wellbeing. We have designed a yearly planner that ties in with our curriculum, with myself and Sam working closely with the teachers and T.As. It has also enhanced our wider community ties with local businesses donating some of our supplies and creating a wider community spirit.

Drop in sessions

Some of our students from time to time need a place to reflect or relax. They are always encouraged to visit whenever they feel the need to and we have found that some of our students like to just pop in to say hello to either myself and Sam or the animals. It is always nice to see the students on the yard and we understand the importance of them being able to do so.

Lunchtime Club

This is our latest idea for the yard and we wanted to give our students a place to blow off some steam or be creative and make different art/crafts. It is held in the indoor arena every day and is for all students to drop in as they wish.

After School Activities

Our indoor arena is always accessible to our residential students. Mondays are our sensory play activities and Wednesdays are for arts and crafts, however, we are happy for any student to enjoy the facilities at any time.



Thank you for allowing us to show what we do here at the Forum School Farm, we are always busy and exhausted but we do have a great time here. If you would like any more information please do contact us at any time. Renea and Sam xxx
Renea.Gascoigne@cambianguroup.com Samantha.fry@cambianguroup.com

Outdoor Learning

Dates for your diary

January 29th – February 9th: Building bug houses, Year of the dragon making dragons from plates and egg boxes.

February 20th – March 15th: Building bug houses, Making seed feeders, Making wind chimes.

March 18th – March 29th; **run up to Easter** : Nest Building, Bird Boxes, tree planting.

March 21st: International day of forests : Bark rubbing, wood walk to recognise different trees, tree planting.

April 15th – April 30th: **Child and nature awareness month** : Frog pond building, Bird boxes.

May 1st – May 24th : Wind chimes, Frog ponds, Sensory Garden building.

June 3rd – June 21st : scarecrow making

June 24th – June 28th: **Insect week** : mini beast hunt, Habitat Hunt, Bug art

July 1st – July 23rd: Creating water feature, Making a music tree.

**** making a wishing tree to run alongside all activities.**

The Therapy Room has had a facelift...

*If you would like to use this room regularly please let me know
(bridget.townsend@cambianagroup.com)*

I will add you to the timetable



**You are welcome and encouraged to use the sensory room during times of quiet:
i.e. times not allocated for other students**

Below are reserved times for students and are not suitable for a drop in.

	9.30-10.00am	10.00-10.30am	10.30-11.00am	11.00-11.30am	11.30-12.00pm	12.00-12.30pm	12.30-1.00pm	1.00-1.30pm	1.30-2.00pm	2.00-2.30pm	2.30-3.00pm
Monday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly					Meadow (Badger)
Tuesday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly					Meadow (Badger)
Wednesday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly			Kite Class		Meadow (Badger)
Thursday	Kite class				Dragonfly	Dragonfly					Meadow (Badger)
Friday					Dragonfly	Dragonfly		Kite class			Meadow (Badger)

TFS Wellbeing Walk



I have seen sunshine!

Even if it was only a couple of days.

Please join me for a walk, on or off the grounds.

Looking at going for a stroll around 1pm (if I am able to).

Contact Claire.Legg@cambiangroup.com

Wellbeing Walks





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A message from Mel

What another amazing month to see all the fun and achievements of our young people. Its truly amazing to see the WOW moments and the awards the young people have received this month. The AQA awards are a true support to individual ambitions and can be tailored to young peoples interests and future career aspirations which allows for personal achievement and growth!

The school council has been another great success and young people are voting for new items and equipment to make the school grounds a better place.

The stables have had a full face lift and repaint with bright new colours chosen by students to give a further sense of ownership and pride.

There has been some great trips out over the half term holidays with young people strengthening relationships with their peers from across the homes.

The staff survey action plan is now complete and being reviewed regularly by the senior leadership team. Your thoughts and views are important to us and we will continue to work through the actions.

The schools Ofsted monitoring report has now been published and is available on the website. Thank you to all the education team for your ongoing efforts and the strong safeguarding culture of the school.

Please remember as the warmer weather is approaching that we have sun cream and drinks at the ready.

Just to say again as always a big thank you to all of the team at TFS for your ongoing care and support to our children.



Thank You!

