



June 2024 Newsletter

The Forum School



Upcoming Events in July

1st – International Joke Day

5th – French Day

17th – Camilla, Queen Consort Birthday &
World Emoji Day

18th – PROM

23rd – END OF YEAR GARDEN PARTY /
AWARDS CEREMONY.

30th – International Friendship Day



Upcoming Events in July

2024	JULY					
CALENDAR YEAR	CALENDAR MONTH		MONDAY FIRST DAY OF WEEK			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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	International Friendship Day Arts & Crafts - Indoor Arena					



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@cambianguroup.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

July

Adam Mabon

Soniya Joseph

Kat Minter

Mandy Wills

Bright Acheampong

Leeshma Matthews



Happy
Birthday

Training Opportunities

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

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

The teaching of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. All grant-aided schools are required to have an RSE policy that is based on consultation with parents and pupils.

Please let Melissa McCarthy know if you are interested, this can be booked as part of CPD.





AQA Awards

Completed his AQA for
Woodland Walk.

Completed horse riding Stage 2



Completed his AQA in
Outdoor Artist

Completed his AQA
for Woodland Walk.



Completed horse
riding Stage 5,
moved to Stage 6



Completed her AQA
for Woodland Walk.



Completed his AQA
for Exploring Trees.



Completed her
AQA for
Woodland Walk.

Shoe Shopping



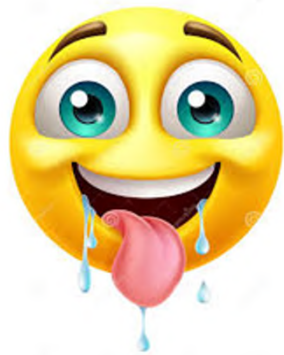
Looks like he knew the exact pair he wanted.

Good Buy!



A Table for Two Please...

The boys having a treat at a
restaurant.
I can almost smell these photo's...
Looks good lads!



Go shorty it's ya birthday, we're gonna party like it's ya birthday!



Uh Oh, another teenager in the house!



Oh we do like to be beside the seaside....



Look at that blue sky!

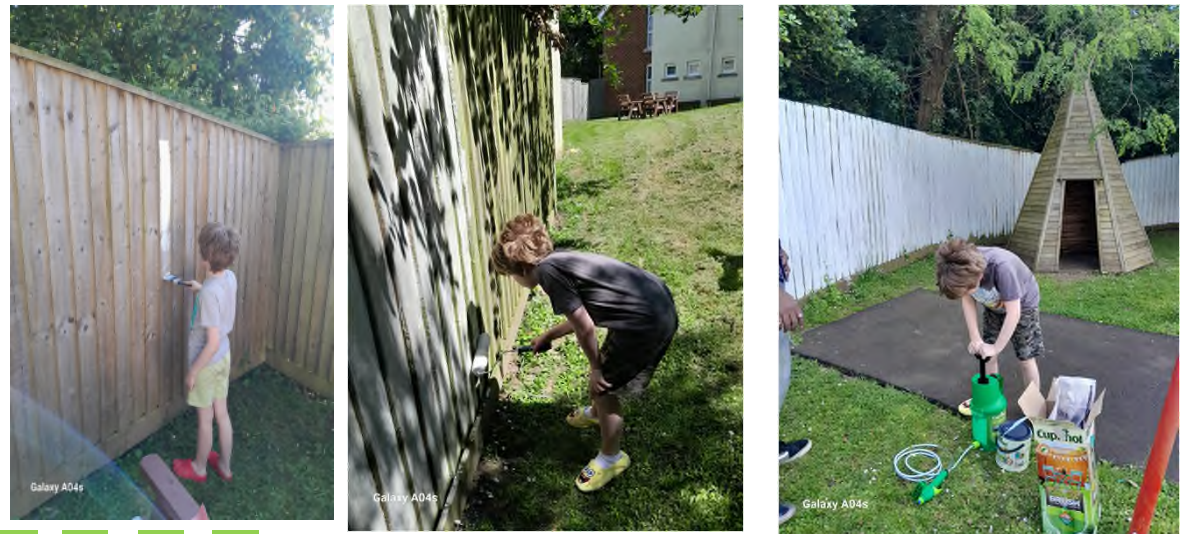
A lovely refreshing dip.



Painting the fence for a fresher look



Shopping for the materials and putting them to good use.

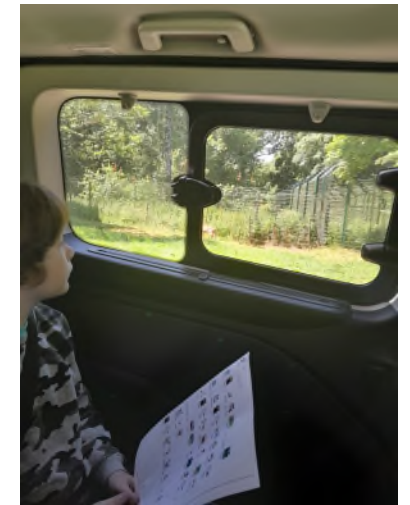


A successful trip to Longleat Safari Park!



Looking at all the
wild animals...

I hope the Lion's
have been fed!



Travel Training

Using Public Transport to get to where you need to go!



A nice walk and a spot of shopping for home furnishings.



Monkey World



Looking for Monkey's in the long grass...

Are they hiding?



NOMINEES FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Cameron Guest

Saba Gilani

Jemma Grove

Nicole Washinton

Rani Manaswy

Alice Bagwell

Amanda (AJ) Brown

Julie Walker

Oliver Handibode

Renea Gascoigne

Samantha Fry

Tomson Joseph

Michael Metu

Khevlinn-Jo Goodall

Joseph Hampson

Mark Rogers

Khevlinn-Jo Goodall

Adrian Gyles

Sonija Joseph

*Keep Up the
Good Work!*



CONGRATULATIONS – EMPLOYEE'S OF THE MONTH!



Education



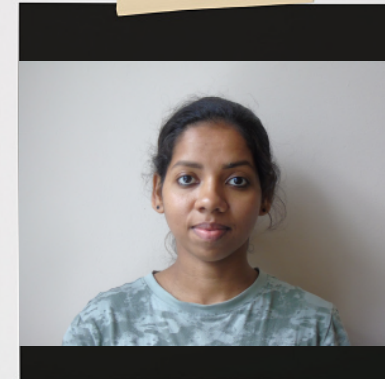
Renea Gascoigne

Core



Julie Walker

Care/Nights



Rani Manaswy



Shout Outs!

Shout out to **Alice Bagwell**,
A massive thank you to
each and everyone of you
for your help and support
with the successful
Bournemouth
recruitment open day 😊
Thank you so much
Melissa McCarthy

Shout out to **Jemma Grove**,
A massive thank you to both
of you for hosting the Smart
box discovery day at TFS.
Your enthusiasm and drive to
support our young people to
have tools and ways to
communicate is greatly
appreciated.

Thank you so much
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Shout out to **Saba Gilani**, amazing
feedback from the local authority for Saba
- *I thought I would share with you the
quality assurance feedback for O's
Summer PEP.*

*As I commented at the time Saba you had
provided extensive feedback for Oliver and
I'm glad it was noted by the quality
assurer as well. Additionally the SMART
targets we discussed at length were
commented on. The document has been
graded as gold which is outstanding.*
Thank you very much Saba to you and
your team 😊
Thank you so much
Melissa McCarthy

Shout out to **Julie Walker**,
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each and everyone of
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Prom 2024 will be held 17.7.24.

They individuals leaving us will be

LB

EV

RO

KMP

They have chosen a black and gold theme. They will have 'high tea' and a disco that day.

Please may staff take their time (where possible) to have photo's taken with them, we would like to fill their memory books with lovely photo's and a few fond words to go with them.



Summer Fete & Awards Ceremony will be held 23.7.24 11am – 3pm.

11am – 12pm	Awards Ceremony
12pm – 1pm	Lunch
1pm – 3pm	Free Time
1.30pm – 3pm	Horse Riding

OUTDOOR LEARNING!

1st – 28th June

Water Feature & Music Tree.

Music Tree Building

Students can create their own music tree using many different materials such as pans, sticks and boards. They can decorate them and chose where they would like to hang them.



Water Feature Building

Students can create a water feature using different resources such as pipes, they can then paint or decorate them.





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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!



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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.



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 xxxx

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Samantha.fry@cambianguroup.com

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.

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

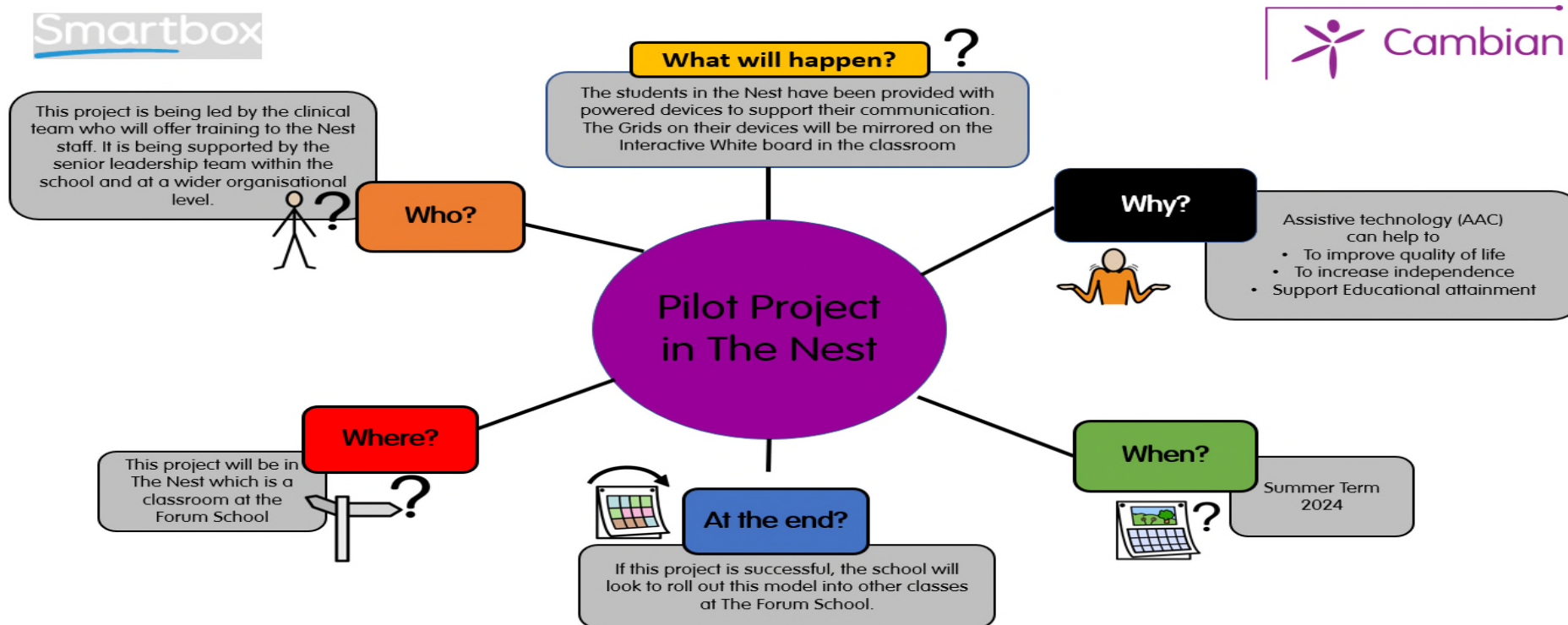
June 24th – June 28th: **Insect week** : mini beast hunt, Habitat Hunt, Bug art

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

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

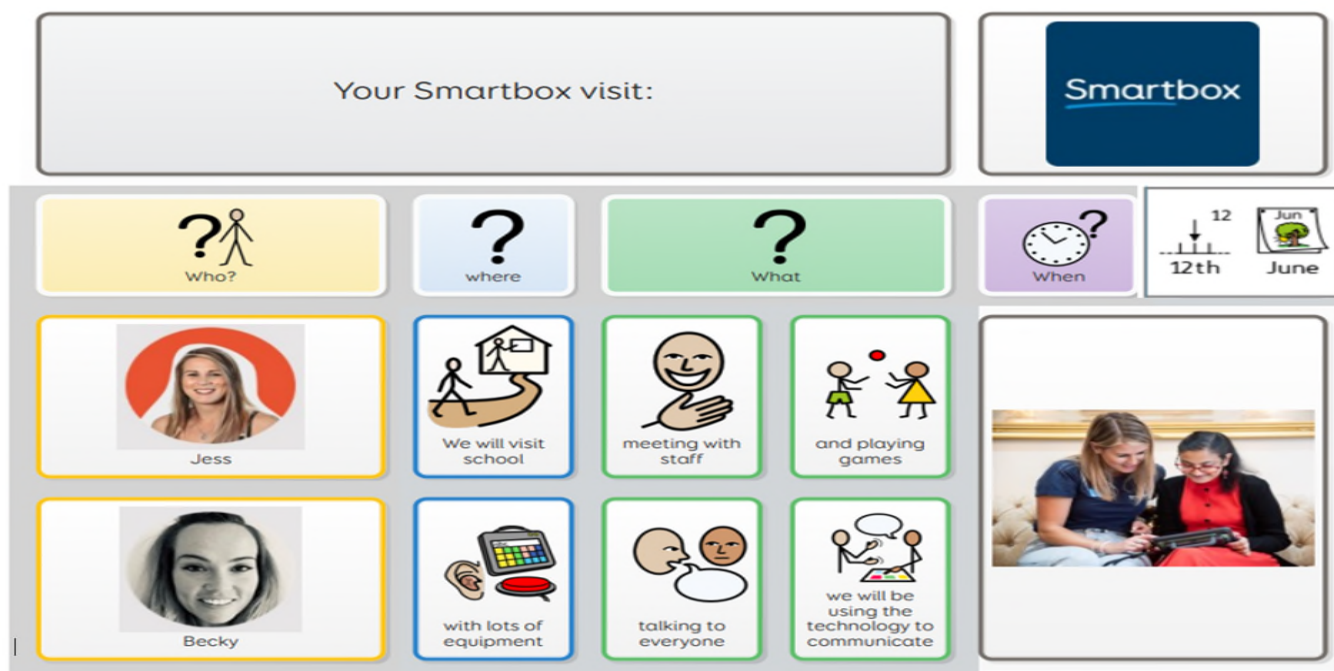
The Nest Project:

The Smartbox Nest initiative is successfully operational, with devices distributed in May and already gathering positive responses from the class adults. Currently, the emphasis is on encouraging students and adults to get comfortable with the devices by engaging in playful exploration. This phase is crucial as it helps students form a connection with their device, fostering a sense of ownership.



Smartbox discovery day:

On June 12th, the Speech and Language Therapy team held a Smartbox Discovery Day. Becky and Jessica from Smartbox visited the school to share their expertise. They also engaged with numerous students and supporting adults. The day proved productive and successful. Both students and adults seemed to appreciate the chance to discover more about Smartbox AAC devices, asking questions and participating in interactive activities. Moreover, the team succeeded in forging connections with the students' support network and clinical staff, enhancing their comprehension of the students' speech and language requirements.



Some core signs we have been learning:



outside



play



fun



suncream



Sun hat



Indicate peaked cap



FLAT OPEN HANDS SHOW SHAPE OF DRESS

Dress

T-Shirt



Tap twice to show length of sleeve

Shorts



Indicate length

The Therapy Room has had a facelift...

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



As always, the Awards are open to all staff across every business in the CareTech family and we welcome your support in encouraging you all to participate and join us in celebrating the amazing work that you do for the individuals we care for, as well as the wider business.

Awards and physical packs available in reception.

Entry packs can also be downloaded from the CareTech website or completed securely online through the link below:

<https://www.caretech-uk.com/care-awards-2024-nominations>



We look forward to reading all the wonderful nominations and celebrating with our amazing winners later in the year.

Nominations are open now until August 16th so please get nominating today.



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A message from Mel

Another amazing month with lots of new opportunities and outings for young people. The young people are out and about in the community building links at the local gym and diners, travel training on public transport and for one young person using an escalator for the very first time! I want to personally thank all adults that care for making each day extraordinary

As we near the end of the term we are well underway of planning our leavers prom, with a black and gold theme and high tea. Leavers hoodies are being designed by each young person as a keep sake and each will have their own memory book to reflect on their time at The Forum School. In addition to the prom we also have the open day where we open our doors to all families and stakeholders to join us for a fun filled day with an awards ceremony for the young people, followed by a BBQ and games.

The projects that have been supported by our therapy team throughout the year has been very successful and young people's communication has notably improved from all of the support. During my own audits, it has been apparent also on the progress of the young people and review of their outcomes and person centred reviews.

The environment is forever adapting though this is being led by the young people and their wishes and feelings taken into account, there are a number of young people supporting the changes and getting stuck in giving a massive sense of ownership to their school and homes which gives a sense of belonging.

Care awards, please nominate your team members and praise them.

Great work all 😊



Thank You!