

Red Balloon Norwich NEWSLETTER

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HELLO FROM RB NORWICH

Welcome to the first ever edition of Red Balloon Norwich's newsletter! Once a term we will bring you the

news, views, requests and general buzz from our learning and wellbeing centre. Happy reading!

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Heather Jolly, Head **Outgoing, July 2022**

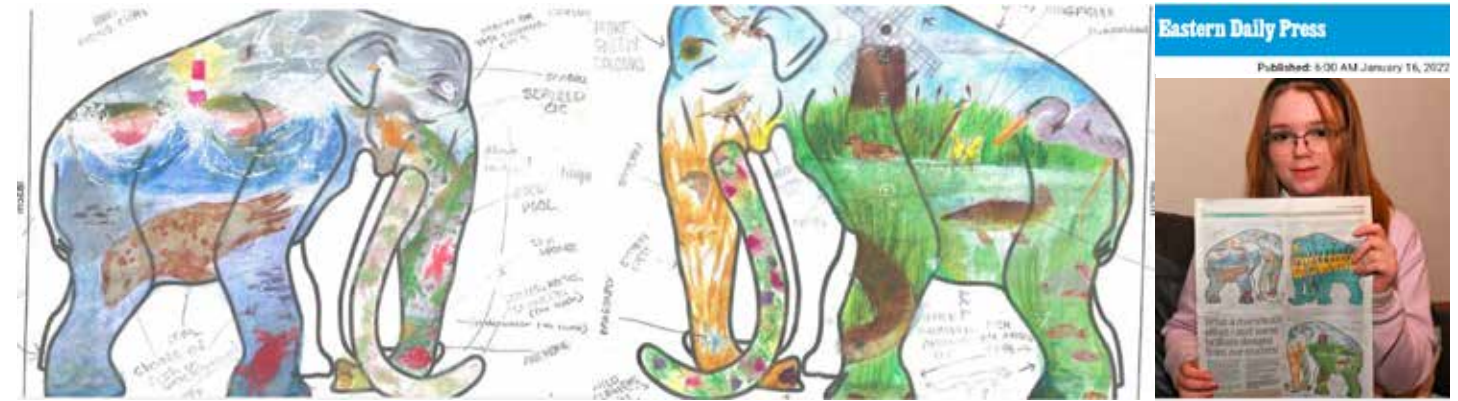


Becoming Head of Centre at Red Balloon Norwich has been the most amazing experience of my life.

I feel privileged to be working with a team of dedicated and caring staff who endeavour to seek the best outcomes for our young people. I feel proud to be part of such a supportive and caring team.

Everyday there are new challenges but we all work together to overcome these. There is nothing that cannot be fixed!

NEWS



Year 11 pupil Mae has WON the EDP newspaper's competition to illustrate a mammoth for Norfolk's latest animal sculpture trail. Mae's design has been realised by local artist Alex Egan, and placed prominently in Hoveton. She said: "I was surprised, I never imagined winning! When I thought of what represented Norfolk, I thought of the scenery at the Broads, sea, and Norfolk coast."

Whilst the city hosts dinosaurs, 25 mammoths will be placed around the county, celebrating our Deep History Coast, and discovery of the largest and oldest mammoth ever found in Britain. In autumn they will all be auctioned for the charity BREAK.

GoGoDiscover: 27th June–10th Sept
Map at www.BREAK-charity.org

APPEAL FOR NEW TRUSTEES

As a registered charity, Red Balloon has a board of volunteer Trustees, who are ultimately responsible for achieving our charity aims along with all the governance associated with them. It can be an incredibly fulfilling role to be a Trustee, and a lovely way to give a little back to society.

If you or someone you know would be interested in finding out more about what is involved in being a Trustee the current board would be happy to talk about this with you.

Red Balloon Norwich will soon have need for Trustees with experience of finance, and expertise in the health & wellness sector (particularly in counselling).

Dan Kelly, Red Balloon Norwich's Chair of Trustees is happy to discuss potential applications.

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Chef Helen joined our staff team this year. She has cooked up a storm with celebration cakes, fresh takes on food from other cultures, and (finally) some centre grown food!



SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

ENGLISH By Louise Fisher



As this term draws to a close, another set of texts conclude and culminate. Our long-serving, ever-focused year 11s were busy with exams, whilst year 10s, fresh to GCSE courses, have devoured – yes, devoured – their poetry unit with a focused hunger I have not previously experienced. Others are investigating and analysing texts they have personally chosen – exploring script writing, storyboards, poetry and non-fiction project work. Our year 8s and 9s have also been exploring different self-chosen texts, from Twilight to

The Hobbit, and began deciding which GCSE texts they would like to study – Shakespeare being their first. All students have time each day to enjoy reading for pleasure alongside staff, and through this modelling we hope to inspire educational and personal success while improving self-esteem and wellbeing.

This was the first year that RB Norwich celebrated World Book Day.



ART By Kyle Baddeley-Read



Students have been working on two different group projects in Art. The first, which Year 10 students have been responsible for, was about graffiti. The second, completed by Year 8/9 students, was a conceptual project encouraging them to represent real objects in abstract ways, then exploring their own relationship with the moon.

The graffiti project has seen pupils working on distressed cardboard to explore the potential of unusual painting surfaces. They learnt how to create multi-layered stencils

before applying their design to the surface. Students researched prominent graffiti artists such as Banksy and Keith Haring and used this learning to inform their creative work.

The 'abstract moonscape' project also saw our young people experimenting with more unusual art materials - in this case, toy soldiers and hot glue. An abstracted moon was created by the students who then went on to consider what the moon would say if it could talk, and what they might say back! From here, they will go on to explore other natural spherical forms.



MENTORS By Stefan Economou

The Mentoring Team at RB Norwich are the 'link' for RB Air students between their online provision and the 'real world', a regular contact who they see weekly and who encourages them to get out and

about, beyond their comfort zones, trying new things. We support them with a range of activities and can negotiate what's important to them with the young person / their parents or carers.

While we've had a Satellite Centre in the past (at local community centre) we've recently switched to meeting at RB, which has proven popular, inclusive and helped more students meet one another. We've looked at learning requested foreign languages

using self-study apps/ websites, begun a project about another country, and discussed other cultures and traditions. We've also been reading, exploring our local areas by bike, and having the odd game of badminton and pool.

SEND UPDATE

(Special Educational Needs & Disability)

By Julie Clements, RB Nch SENDCO

Here we highlight useful resources to support SEND parents and students:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer

For anyone in the life of a child or young person (aged 0–25) who has SEND in Norfolk. Provides information on support in education. It can help you to; learn about special needs support services, find a support network, and give parents, groups and organisations guidance and advice about how to help young people plan their adult life.

www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk

Created by Norfolk Children & Young People's Services (provided by Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust). Signposts to information and support on a range of topics including speech & language, emotional health for both parents and young people, and healthy lifestyles.

www.norfolksendiass.org.uk (Previously the Norfolk SEND Partnership).

Free and impartial information, advice and support for SEND children, young people, parents and carers, including advice clinics and information booklets.

<https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/young-people/youth-forum>

A new opportunity for young people to share their experiences and work together to improve services for SEND young people.

You can join the Youth Forum and participate in regular online meetings and share thoughts and feelings on their online pinboard. If you do not want to be a part of the meetings you can opt to only participate via the pinboard.

www.kooth.com

A mental wellbeing community for children and young people.

A free, safe, anonymous place for young people to find online support and counselling. This includes Kooth Chat/ Messenger – a way to talk to Kooths' friendly team about anything that's bothering you.

PUPDATE

Red Balloon Norwich support the charity Guide Dogs by sponsoring Marley, a chocolate Labrador puppy. Marley recently started training school, from where head trainer Emily tells us what he is up to, why, and how it is going. Marley is young so still getting used to harnesses, walking ahead, understanding commands, and coping with busy areas. He picks things up quickly and is not phased by obstacles, noise or distractions. He is becoming more and more confident. Our Year 11s regularly update us on his progress.



THE TERM IN PHOTOS...



ABOUT US

Red Balloon provides education for 40 young people who have suffered difficult life experiences meaning they are no longer able to attend mainstream school. Our staff team work tirelessly to provide a safe and nurturing environment, helping young people to develop the confidence to begin learning again whilst building their social skills.

We pride ourselves in transforming young people's lives; building resilience/ self-belief and empowering them to be the best they can be.

Students attend full-time or build up to it from a reduced timetable, depending on their needs and abilities. They join us from ages 11-16, staying to the maximum age of 17 to complete GCSEs and equivalent.

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