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The Grafton Centre

Grafton celebrated Learning Disabilities Week 14th-20th June. This year it was around the theme of creativity. To express their creative sides and show how grateful they have been for friendships over the last year, Grafton students signed in Makaton 'You've got a friends in me'. In addition to this, they created friendship bracelets and key rings, and chose which friend they wanted to gift them to.



The Opportunities Programme

Throughout June, the Day Opportunities Programme have been exploring the outdoors, enjoying picnic, visits to the local park, walking on Haughmond Hill and playing outdoor games, such as swing-ball and football. This month, some of Day Opportunities visited Welshpool, where they took a trip on a canal boat and enjoyed a cream tea! Meanwhile, others visited Llangollen, where they saw canal boats and Shire horses! They have also been taking part in lots of arts and crafts, sewing and creating inner-outer portraits and a 'Save the Planet' board. With the weather being very warm, they have also been spending lots of time at the allotment.



Speech & Language Therapists

Laura and Nicky hosted their first communication champions meeting via MS Teams. They talked about the role of a communication champion, practiced Makaton with Nicky and discussed any questions and queries the team had.



Nicky spent some time with Naomi at Kynaston to support her with her understanding of CCL using her photos for marketing purposes.

This month, Nicky caught up with the Learner Voice reps to discuss the results of their questionnaire on Learning Disability Week. Take a look at the results: <https://www.condovercollege.co.uk/learning-disability-week-2021/>



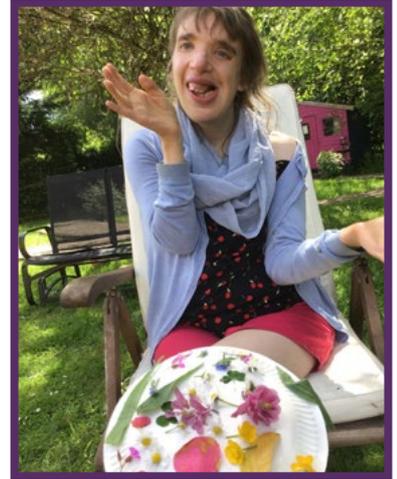
Jade has been carrying out Sensory sessions at Grafton. Billy and Myah enjoyed an Integrated Therapy session. Myah engaged in physiotherapy and Billy in intensive interaction, giving lovely eye contact. Jade has also visited Bethan at Walford to restart therapy.

Within our CCL Speech & Language Therapy team, we are extremely fortunate to have Laura as an in-house Makaton Tutor and Nicky on her journey to becoming one. A couple of weeks ago, Laura and Nicky hosted in-house Makaton training. Training our team in Makaton is an effective way for them to communicate with our learners. Makaton supports a person's understanding, because it encourages the communicator to slow down and use keywords only. Through providing a shared form of communication, it also helps to develop positive relationships. For more information on Makaton, follow the link: <https://www.makaton.org/>

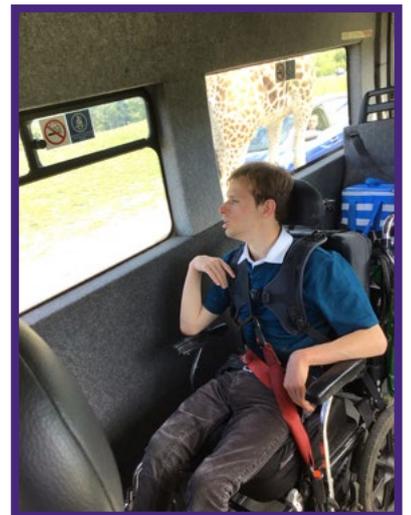


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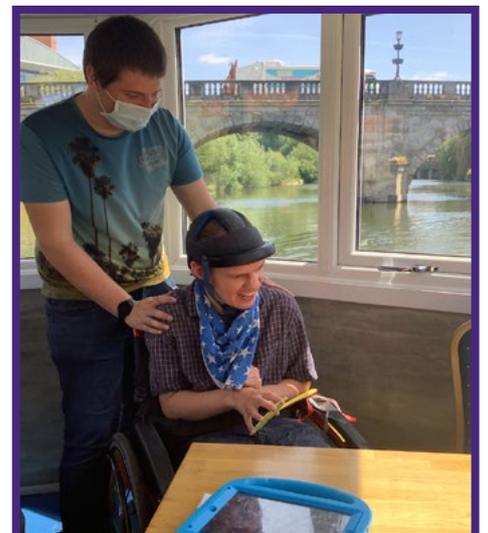
Church View celebrated Pride month in June, by signing pride related Makaton signs: https://youtu.be/myJq_7CbqZY. For Learning Disability Week, they also created a video of them signing 'You've got a friend in me': <https://youtu.be/w3lkQbby-R5U>. They were very grateful to receive flowers from the Wheatlands, delivered by Rob. Church View took part in 30 Days Wild, which involved making bug houses and flower snails, which they named after the maintenance team! Church View also have an interesting story to share about their garden cat this month: <https://www.condovercollege.co.uk/church-views-cat-story/>. To celebrate International Picnic Day, Church View visited Home Farm at Attingham, where they saw some lovely animals and enjoyed a picnic in the courtyard. In addition, Church View completed some arts and crafts activities, making sock puppets from odd socks and messily painted Father's Day cards! With the Euros in full swing, Church View have enjoyed supporting England and painting their faces with England flags!



Harley Road have enjoyed lots of time seeing family in June, which has involved picnics in the sunshine. They now have their Garden Rooms, which are being called 'Man Caves'. Everyone is thinking of things they would like to fill them with – Jonnie T has his beer fridge full and ready! All houses have taken trips to Ynyslas beach, where they have had a paddle, with Sam E enjoying the sand between his toes and James H loving the ice cream! At 25, James C has recreated the beach in the garden. Meanwhile, Chris, Sam & Jonnie have enjoyed the new large swing seat – it's in the shade and keeps them cool and relaxed in this hot weather! 25 also went on a trip to the Safari Park, where they giggled at Giraffes coming close to the bus! 25 had an aquarium day where everyone watched a virtual tour around London Aquarium – everyone found the sharks impressive! 32 and 34 have been gardening this month, with lovely new planters – let's hope Sam T and Alex remember their watering duties! 34 have continued their adventures into the world of Harry Potter with regular story sessions. 32 have all been busy at college, but have taken trips to Ironbridge and Wenlock Edge on the weekends. Of course, they have all taken a keen interest in the Euros and can't wait to see the results!



The Wheatlands have had a June full of adventures! They have been along the River Severn on the Sabrina Boat. They also visited the Monkey Forest, which was very interesting. With the beautiful weather, they have taken trips to the seaside, enjoying some much needed beach days! With restrictions now easing, they have finally been able to enjoy a pub lunch outdoors. June is Pride Month and the Wheatlands love nothing more than dressing up, so of course they celebrated in style with colourful face paints and outfits! For Learning Disability Week, Rob delivered flowers to Kynaston's and Church View's front doors. His friends were very excited to see him from a distance. Throughout June, there have also been some emotional reunions and trips out with family.



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The Orchard celebrated Simon's birthday on the 16th June. Simon went to Lake Vyrnwy where he had a lovely day. To celebrate Father's Day, the Orchard made cards and painted their hands and feet to print onto a canvas, which made a super-hero. For Carers Week, they made a rainbow cake to say thank you to the staff. During June, the Orchard also had a bake off week, which involved making lemon cake. They have enjoyed some much needed pamper sessions and have been following the Euros. Everyone was excited to welcome a guest who is staying at the Orchard for a few weeks. The guys have enjoyed having her to stay and she has settled in very well.



Mayfield have been gardening and filling the bird feeders regularly this month. They have taken long walks in the Sundorne Sport's Village field, followed by a picnic and relax in the sunshine. Andrew, Alex and Dale have been enjoying their weekly physio sessions. Mayfield finally got to go on a trip to the pub for the first time since lockdown.

There has been some interesting football dynamics in the house, with Andrew and Alex supporting Wales and the rest supporting England. During their walks in the countryside, they have discovered different animals and as part of 'Nature Bingo', they have been collecting leaves, feathers and rocks to add to their nature table. Mayfield also hosted a Caribbean taster session day.



High Ridges have had a June filled with activities, starting the month with a walk around the village in the sun and wild-life themed arts and crafts, where they created animals, hid them around the garden and then went on a hunt to find them. Chloe received some tomato plants from her parents, so she put them in pots and is keeping track of their growth. In addition to this, High Ridges have been adding to their garden – putting solar lights and chimes in it, which Chloe's parents also kindly donated! With the warm weather throughout June, High Ridges chose to play outdoor bowling and have mocktails in the sun! To celebrate Learning Disabilities Week, they made friendship bracelets and key rings. Later in the month, High Ridges received a donation from Tesco for their sensory garden – they chose more pretty solar lights. June is Pride month, so the guys and team made Madeira muffins with rainbow lolly sticks and angel delight with bright sprinkles on, created a chain necklace and pride themed decorations, and watched Church View's pride related Makaton signs video.



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Welwyn have had a fun filled June! They have been taking full advantage of restrictions easing and the sunshine being out – taking a visit to Barmouth Beach, which was beautiful! They have also visited their local pub where they enjoyed a drink in the beer garden. Welwyn even went on a trip to the Safari Park – some of the animals came very close! Myah enjoyed a window visit from her family and Laura got to visit home! Meanwhile, Mikey took part in signing 'You've got a friend in me' at college for Learning Disabilities Week: https://youtu.be/Mq-7qRQ_Io



Walford have been completing lots of arts and crafts activities this month, including making Father's Day cards. They have also been gardening and hosting yoga sessions. The guys have received more visits this month which everyone have been very excited about it. Amy particularly enjoyed her visit from her family. They took a trip to Ellesmere Lake, where they enjoyed a picnic and bought magazines. Everyone was very excited for the Hydro to open, with Bethan, Carl and Candice being some of the first to use it. Carl was even practicing swimming whilst he was waiting!



Kynaston have had a great time visiting lots of exciting places in June. They started off with a visit to the beach, where they enjoyed an ice cream and fish & chips. Later in the month, Ruby, Naomi & Kevin were excited to be the first people to use the new Hydro pool. Ruby loved splashing and relaxing in the pool. Next, Yiota, Naomi & Kevin had a lovely picnic at Haughmond Hill. Everyone had a great time at the British Ironworks, looking at the sculptures. They also enjoyed a picnic at lake Vyrnwy. The final day trip of the month was a lovely visit to West Midlands Safari Park. Mathew loved the elephants and Naomi liked the Bengal Tigers. Kevin has been very helpful, watering the plants in the garden and Mathew has been helping with the recycling. We also received the exciting news that David is staying at Kynaston with us next year. Kynaston have thoroughly enjoyed being able to get out and about again this month.



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Torrin have enjoying getting out and about this month. They took a trip to Sleaf Airfield, where they had a picnic and relaxed in the sun. Sam has been getting stuck into his puzzles and keeps getting better and better! Mark is currently at home with his family - he is missed by all at Torrin! Sam is due to go home for two weeks shortly too. Ben continues to meet up with his family in the garden.



The Crescent have been focusing on promoting their independence skills this month. Sam has been helping with house chores, in particular washing up. Meanwhile, Susan has been working on her culinary skills, making pasta for everyone's lunch and Sam, Stephen and Kieron made chocolate mug cakes for everyone, which were delicious! Sam has also been completing some arts and crafts activities, creating watermelon cards. Earlier in the month, the Crescent visited Ponderosa Café near Llangollen. On the way home they went on a sheep hunt and thought they found a cow, but it actually turned out to be a bull!



Hall Bank Mews have been busy in the kitchen this month, making homemade pizzas and cupcakes. They visited Barmouth Beach, which was delightful. They hosted a private taster session with different rums and cocktails. Andrew had his birthday, which he celebrated in style with his friends and a delicious cake. For Father's Day, they used their arts and craft skills to create Father's Day cards. With the Euros in full swing, they decorated one of the houses England themed in preparation for the matches.



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Learning Disability Week 2021

14th-20th June was Learning Disability Week
This year's Learning Disabilities Week is all
around the theme of creativity.
Take a look at what CCL got up to.



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