

New River College News

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Welcome to the third edition of New River College News.

Despite being a very short term, everyone has been really busy with learning new skills and taking part in a wide range of activities at school. We've been joined this term by a drama group, who are helping students develop their confidence. Lego Therapy has been a real hit with some of our younger students and the off site programme has also had visits to the Imperial War and Science Museums.

We hope you enjoy this packed edition of NRC News!



It's All Drama and Big News at Elthorne



A group of our students has been exploring creativity in Drama workshops delivered by the award winning company 'The Big House'.

The Big House's aim is to work with young people who have challenging behaviour and complex needs and they are said to "have a reputation of working wonders with young people".

So far the students have been playing a range of drama games to develop their confidence in interacting with others and focus their energy. Each week students work on new skills including improvisation and freeze-frames. The interactive sessions are part of the Bronze Arts Award, which students are working towards this term. This also requires some independent work, a visit the theatre and participation in the BBC News School Report project. Lucy, who is running this project, says, "I am really proud of the work our students have done so far towards this award. We have some gifted actors and journalists among the students and I am really excited to see the end products they are creating."

Kai told NRC News, "I played director in one session. I enjoyed it because I could tell everyone what to do. I have never done Drama before, so I'm learning something new."

Callum added, "The guy who comes is really fun."

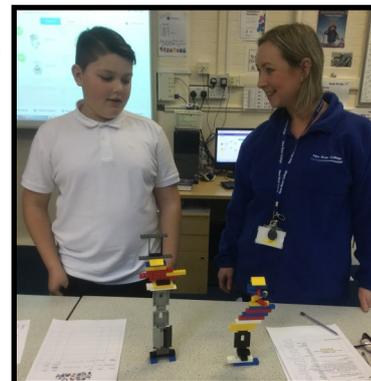
The project finishes after half term, followed by our visit to the Globe Theatre to see 'Much Ado About Nothing'. The BBC News School Report with reports from our students will be live on our website by 15th March.

"Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again." Nelson Mandela



Building Confidence with Lego Therapy

Kai and Callum have been involved in Lego Therapy sessions this term to develop their communication and language skills. Both boys have learnt a range of terms to describe objects, communicated politely and effectively and have created some interesting Lego structures. Well done boys!



Kai wins the challenge!



Sonny and Kai exploring power and conflict with Mitchelle as part of their Drama lessons.



Extra Curricular News

Agar.io Club runs every Friday break and lunchtime. Students can become members and play during their free time and compete to get the most points.



Elthorne Gardens - Club will start again after February half term each Monday lunchtime. We look forward to a great harvest and plenty of summer colour with your amazing help.

English Club - runs every Monday lunchtime. Students are working on a writing project at the moment and can earn Dojo points for participating, as well as improving their skills.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 9th February - End of half term!

Monday 19th February - School resumes at 8.40am

Friday 23rd February - Visit to Shakespeare's Globe. Depart 12.00. 17.00 return to school.

Attendance Matters - Have you reached your target?

