
November has been a busy month at Options Barton. We have had 4 new students join us. I know you will join me in giving them and their families a very warm welcome. Albus the school therapy dog has been supporting students across the school. He is often a key part of student transitions and is always happy to have visitors, go for walks, play games and show off his tricks to the students.



Reading Club

This term Callum has started a weekly reading club. Callum visits the local library to choose a book and reads to the other students in the library. The students all enjoy listening to the stories and the fun voices and sound effects Callum uses to bring the story to life.

Children in Need

On Friday 22nd November the staff and students took part in a wide range of fundraising for Children in Need. Students took part in a sponsored swim, bake sale, raffle and guess the sweets in the jar. 2 students from Elm group ran a coffee shop and made to order bacon or sausage butties. Everyone worked together and had a wonderful day. We raised a whopping £200. Thank you to everyone who participated in the events.



Remembrance Day

In our History lessons we have been learning about WW2. When out shopping one of our students met some veterans and enjoyed asking them some questions about their experiences. Next month some students will be visiting a WW2 bunker in our local area.

New Developments

Over the half term break our team of work men have worked nonstop to create out new reception area, 2 new meeting rooms and to create 4 new toilet cubicles for students. Our new science room is almost completed, we are awaiting a delivery of furniture and resources in preparation for opening next term.

What are we working on now?

- 5 new classrooms are being created on the first floor for our Key Stage 4 & 5 students. We hope to be able to transition the students into their new learning environments before Christmas. In addition to the classrooms there will also be a kitchen, common room and quiet area.*
- The carpark near reception continues to be blocked off to allow the builders safe access to the site. Staff continue to be outside in the carpark at the beginning and end of the day to support student transitions.*

We thank you for your support during the transformation of the site.



Key Dates

11th December, 1.30pm: Christmas Market at Options Barton School & Christmas Jumper Day

18th December: Christmas dinner

19th December: Father Christmas visit to Options Barton

*We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Market
Hannah, Headteacher*