



# Respect Collaboration of Schools

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## Taking lessons outside of the classroom

We love the great outdoors at Bridge Street School. Pupils recently enjoyed a climate change trip to Darley Park where our students delved deep into the pressing issue of rising water levels.

Meanwhile, here's one of our KS2 students (below) exploring what plants require for life and growth - air, light, water, nutrients from soil and room to grow. He worked hard to plan and set up his investigation independently.



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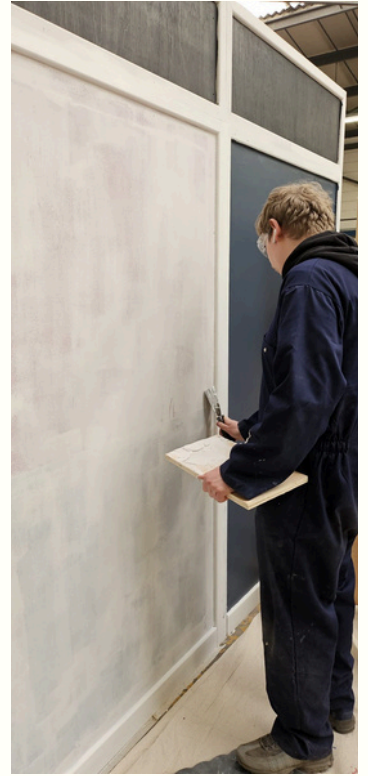
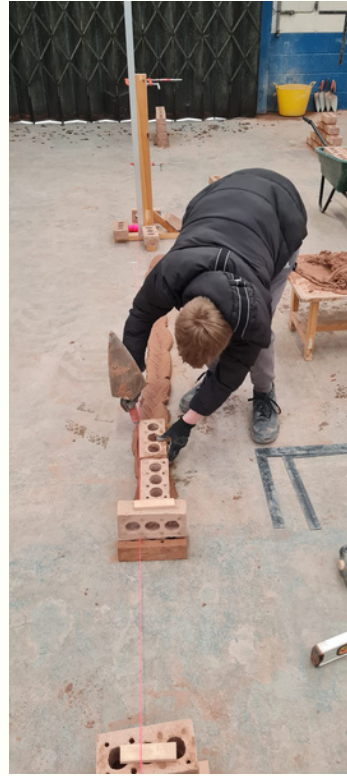
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# Dovedale dash to the top of Thorpe Cloud



KS2 pupils from Bridge Street School ventured into the Dovedale Valley and reached the summit of Thorpe Cloud. Pupils overcame a challenging ascent, successfully traversed a small set of stepping stones (only one wet foot!) and learned about the forming of valleys, caves and reef knolls in the area. They also had time for a spot of mindful yoga.





## Building the future for construction industry

Construction students in Year 11 have recently completed their assessments for the level 2 qualification they have been studying.

They have each chosen three trade options of brickwork, carpentry and joinery, and painting and decorating.

The work produced has been to a high standard and was testament to the progress they have made on the course.



## Pupils are pre-hair-ing for future salon success

Some of our learners have achieved distinction grades in the blow-dry unit. They've been working hard on human heads, showcasing their communication skills as they perfect the art of creating smooth finishes on one-length hair. This unit, designed for Junction 16 Hair and Beauty, focuses on identifying hair conditions, thickness and potential problems.

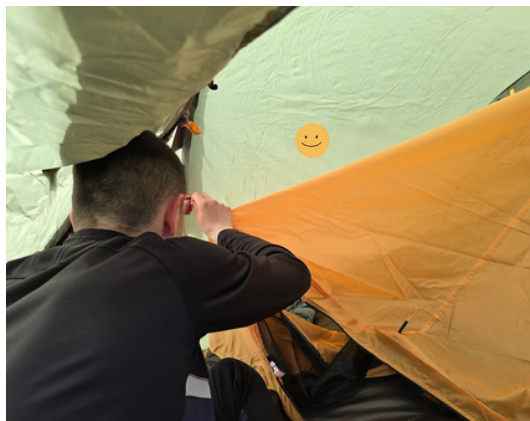




## Weather or not the sun shines, our adventurers keep on walking

In preparation for their DofE Bronze Award expedition, KS3 Bridge Street School pupils spent a wet and windy day navigating the boggy and rough terrain of Curbar and Froggatt Edge.

An arduous walk for all, but extremely useful and rewarding! We are crossing our fingers the weather brings more sunshine when it is time for the final expedition later in the year!



Closer to home, the pupils also learned how to erect their two-person tents and, after enjoying the comfort of a warm sleeping bag and inflatable roll-mat, they efficiently packed them away.

Pupils are realising that if they put in the hard work now, they will be in a much more confident position when the expedition takes place – great to see!



## Best practice in alternative provision shared with others

We are thrilled to share that the recent Junction 16 training session was a fantastic collaboration where we explored and shared best practices in alternative provision. Huge thanks to all participants and to Leicestershire and Rutland SEND & Inclusion Hub for their active involvement and valuable contributions.

## It's a dog's life for our four-legged friend



Wilf has had a busy half term again supporting children in all their lessons. He also waved them off on a trip to East Midlands Airport - what a good boy!



## Blood pressure checks for our staff thanks to health care student

A year 11 pupil at Bridge Street has been preparing for her Health and Social Care exam by learning all about the dangers of high blood pressure. She used her knowledge to check the blood pressure of staff and was able to calculate if they were in the normal range, even giving feedback on how lifestyle can have an effect. We are extremely proud of her communication and maturity.

