

KISIMUL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SWINDERBY

The focal point for July was the students' Leavers Ball which proved a huge success with the students and their families. This was enabled from detailed planning and a lot of hard work with particular thanks to Rebecca Simpson, Jamie Lee Trimble and Kimberley Blades who helped coordinate the day and help dress the marquee. Also thanks to the schools catering department who pulled out all the stops and provided the students with a spread that any family would be proud of! All the students decked themselves out in their Sunday best, the boys looked very handsome and the girls looked very pretty. The students enjoyed a live band and disco and it didn't take them long to hit the dance floor and dance the night away!

The gardening club has continued to reap the benefits of student's labours who have enjoyed picking and eating the products grown in the garden. The students regularly pick strawberries and raspberries for their supper and have provided the school kitchens with courgettes and cucumbers to be used in their lunches.

The cultural themed night (very loosely linked to a North American themed topic) brought Hollywood's tinsel town to Swinderby with our own student showbiz themed night, the village hall was dressed and the students produced a variety of art work and had a themed lunch time menu produced for the students by the kitchen department.

We have welcomed the arrival of three new students who have generally settled well into their new living environment and are adapting and learning the Kisimul School approach.

WOODSTOCK

In July we celebrated our second Graduation Assembly acknowledging all our young people's achievements but at the same time having to say goodbye to our 19 year olds, some of whom have been at Woodstock House since the very beginning. The Drama Club put on a very special performance entitled Celebration, and the Kisimul Song rang out as staff and pupils sang along to the accompaniment of the Kisimul Staff Band. Parents and children completed their afternoon with special party teas in School, giving parents the opportunity to see their children's classes and to chat with staff. The evening rounded off with the Graduation Disco in the Marquee, a highlight for all our pupils.

With another School year coming to an end, Summer School took over with five weeks of fun and learning activities.

ACACIA HALL

Anam Cara has opened and the seven young people have transitioned really well into the new home. They seemingly are enjoying developing their independence skills and when visiting it exudes a homely atmosphere for young people to grow in. The staff team have embraced the changes and are encouraging all elements of promoting independence.

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It continues to be a really busy time at Acacia Hall. Transitions are going well at Acacia Hall and students are already starting to build some positive relationships with both staff and peers alike.

Ofsted have been to do their full key inspection. Judith Longdon spent two days at Acacia Hall observing the practice and the staff team. She enjoyed spending time in the lounges with the young people and has been enthused at what she saw. She said she thought it was "absolutely fantastic" she feels that home is 'Outstanding' and continues to strive to develop its practice in order to promote better outcomes for young people. She also said that Anam Cara had only been open a few days; however, already you could see independence developing and evolving for those young people. She said that all the parents and professionals had commented on how the service provides a consistent structure for their child and one IRO said it is like reviewing a different child!



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SUMMER FAYRE

The Summer Fayre this year took place at our school in Swinderby on Sunday 30 June and was a huge success raising £3,561.10 for our children and adults. On the day there were lots of interesting and exciting stalls for all to enjoy such as a craft stall (handmade items from the young adults at Acacia), pick and mix, jams and pickles, cakes and biscuits (made by the adult homes and children), school recipe book (with recipes donated by staff and parents), face painting and tattoos, DVDs and books, toy tombola and, the ever popular, tombola. Everybody enjoyed the refreshments, especially, the Pimms and strawberries, BBQ, tea and coffee and ice cream cones.

There were games where guests could win prizes on hook a duck and penalty shoot-out. Then everyone could have fun on the inflatables and watch two shows with Punch and Judy. And the extra special treat of Andre and his jazz band which everybody really enjoyed with an exclusive guest appearance on guitar from one of our adult residents.

At the end of the day we held our raffle which always has impressive prizes which are kindly donated by companies we use through Kisimul and also by our parents and staff.

This day could not have happened without the help and kindness of the staff who use their own time to make sure the children and adults have a wonderful time with their parents and families. A big thanks to everybody for making this happen.

Here is a list of the most recent items that the donations have helped to achieve for our children and adults – a polytunnel for the students gardening club, tent and camping equipment, a bike, an iPad, trip to Alton Towers, trampoline, two tricycles and items for a Games Room.

See you at the Christmas Fayre in December!

ADULTS SUILLEAN HOUSE/TIGH NAVEEN

The residents of Suillean and Tigh Naveen both enjoyed rock climbing and sailing and we are now sourcing this as a regular activity for them. Four residents received certificates for their completed college courses in July.

Suillean House residents will be spending their holiday in Scarborough in October and are busy planning their activities.

CALA SONA

The residents of Cala Sona have been to Skegness for the day where they enjoyed a picnic, they have been to Skellingthorpe Park and a trip to Daisy Maid. There was a special Hollywood themed club night which everyone enjoyed and a special Leavers Ball at Kisimul. Residents also enjoyed a garden party in the village with one resident sitting in a vintage car. The month was finished with a big trip to Magna!



TIGH BRUADAIR

Our residents have been developing their skills, such as horse riding and trampolining. We have celebrated a birthday with a barbeque and another at Sherwood Forest. Another resident has enjoyed a trip to Meadow Hall on the train.

AN DARACH

Everyone is still enjoying the new Games Room as well as trips to the seaside, parks and the cinema. The trampoline and paddling pool have also been enjoyed on hot days. Residents also enjoyed the Summer Fete next door and enjoyed the live music from the garden along with a barbeque. Two residents have enjoyed sailing at Apex Lakes and another resident climbed to the top of a climbing wall!

TIGH ALLENE

Residents are interacting and mixing well as a peer group at our new home Tigh Allene and some residents seem like they have lived together for years.

AN CALADH

An Caladh welcomed its tenth resident at the end of July and is settling in very well indeed and appears to be flourishing in their new home and environment.

BLYTHE HOUSE

Over the summer the residents have enjoyed spending time in the garden as well as several trips to the beaches, parks and shops. We have celebrated birthdays including two 21st birthdays and many residents have spent time over the summer with their families.

TIGH GRIANAN

The residents at Tigh Grianan have been to Chessington World of Adventure, Brighton beach, London Zoo, Sea Life Centre, cycling and swimming with hydrotherapy on most Fridays. They continue to enjoy house activities such as cooking, baking, arts and crafts and have their own pool to cool down in in the hot weather. They are all doing really well following their ASDAN units.