

# Newsletter



## July 2024

### Things kids say

We love spending time with such an interesting range of young people of all ages and they do make us laugh with the things they say. I thought I'd share some of the best comments from this half term with you.

Whilst doing the Scavenger Hunt in the Rose Garden using a crayon and rubbings to create a picture. As the picture appeared the year 4 pupil exclaimed "Wow! That's sick!" I think that's a good thing!

When on the tractor with the young carers. We spot some birds of prey.

Me: "Oh look children, I think they might be kites"

Child: "No Miss, I think they're birds!"

I have since looked it up, they were marsh harriers!

The feedback from the visitors has continued to be really encouraging and we love hearing the comments such as "This is the best school trip ever" and "This is the best day of my life".

### Shorefields school

The students from Shorefields School had such a great time when they visited in May that some of the pupils came back in July for a nature based day. The tractor trailer picked them up from the Darcy House and took them to Seal Pond where they did fishing, pond dipping and meadow sweeping: exploring the different habitats the Parkland provides.



### Work Experience

For the first week in July we had 2 year 10 students join our staff team as part of their work experience. They helped us create some resources for schools to use. They helped direct people on our public guided tours and even had a go at leading some of the commentary on the tour. The museum curator spent time with them explaining the different jobs involved in that sector, the teenagers then selected an item from the museum to research and created interpretation signs to be displayed in the museum. An excellent glimpse into the heritage sector and a benefit to us to have extra hands on deck for a week.

### Carnival Queen

The Clacton Carnival is fast approaching and the Queen and Princesses have been crowned. With the kind permission of St. Osyth Priory Estate, the Royals were invited into the beautiful grounds for a photoshoot. Walking in the footsteps of Elizabeth I, George II and George III who all visited the Priory during their lifetimes. The Education Centre has entered the Tractor Trailer as a float in the Carnival to be decorated by the children at our Summer Holiday Club.

### Volunteers

As we expand our opening of the Priory to include a more diverse range of people and groups we are looking for volunteers to help ensure the experience we offer is always to the highest standard. We need:

people who would feel confident learning the History of the Priory and leading a walking tour for about an hour around the buildings. Tours are for a max of 25 adults.

People who could accompany the walking tours to keep groups together and ensure we don't lose any body!

People who would provide the commentary on the Tractor Trailer Tour.

People who would be happy to learn how to drive the tractor towing a 31 seater trailer.

Full training given. DBS checks and references will be required.

If any of the roles interest you please get in touch. Call Sonia 01255 820648.

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