

This month has all been about celebrations!!

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ACCESS NEWS JUNE 2016



Manager: Clare Stalker

Assistant Manager: Calli Black

NEW STAFF MEMBER!!

We would like to welcome **Clare Stalker and Dave Jones** to the staff team this month. See what they have to say about joining Access later on in the news letter!

NEW STUDENT!!

We have also been joined by **Johnathon Watson** for 1 day a week and he is based with the Growing for Life team, he has been enjoying gardening and looking after the chickens so far!

The Queens 90th Birthday.

Students celebrated the Queens birthday at the beginning of June by baking some amazing cupcakes, they also produced a wonderful display that was in the entrance hall in Access!!





The students had a fantastic afternoon on Thursday 16th June watching England beat Wales, there was a lot of celebrating and cheering at the end of a tense 90 minutes.



Dave started in Access Day Service on Monday the 6th June, here are his comments. "I am pleased to say that I am now a part of the team at Access, I have worked for Essex Care Consortium for 10 years on the residential side and felt that this opportunity would be a way for me to progress while still working for a fantastic organisation. Everyone has been very welcoming and I am proud to be part of such an enthusiastic and motivated team. My favourite sessions so far are the Making Music where everyone gets to sing, play instruments and have a really fun afternoon. I also enjoy the cookery sessions as this is a new area for me when working with the students".



Clare Stalker also joined us on the 6th June this year. Clare previously worked for Essex Care Consortium from 2012 to 2015 as the Quality and Standards Manager and then the Assistant General Manager for Business. Leaving for a year Clare realised that Essex Care Consortium was where she should still be and when the position for Access Manager was advertised she jumped at the chance to apply. Clare has lots of ideas for Access and will be working to develop these ideas in the coming months - you will be kept posted!



Our cookery sessions have been going extremely well with students developing their understanding of healthy eating and mastering the use of different cooking implements!! We have made cheese, leek and onion pasties which Louise took home to her mum. The pasties were served for the evening meal and Ms Shepherd stated that her partner commented "they were some of the nicest pasties he had ever tried, the pastry was lovely and crisp and they tasted amazing" Terri had one of the pasties for lunch with some salad as seen in the picture above right. Louise has also since made carrot and sweet potato soup and we are all positive this will prove to be just as popular.



We have been growing a variety of fruit and vegetables - our strawberries are coming on a treat!!

Heroines and Heroes Family and Friends Day

Taking place in the Sensory garden on the 29th July 2016 from 11am - 4.30pm

There will be live music throughout the day and there will be a selection of stalls. Lunch is included in your ticket price.

There will be an ice cream van and the swimming pool will be open!



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