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SHIP SHAPE FOR ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

A group of students from Alderman Peel High School took part in an adventure of a lifetime sailing the tall ship Excelsior from Grimsby to Scotland.

Ten students were selected from 100 applicants to sail the traditional 19th Century fishing smack owned by the educational Excelsior Trust of Lowestoft.

Joined by two teachers, they spent a week living on board, working and learning sailing skills.

During the trip, which was sponsored by Holkham Hall and Neil Thompson Boats, the students spotted wildlife and even got to experience the Northern Lights.



BURNHAM MARKET PRIMARY CELEBRATES OFSTED SUCCESS

Burnham Market Primary School is celebrating a 'Good' Ofsted inspection, which has also highlighted outstanding pupil development for its children.

Inspectors visited the school in April and found the school's overall effectiveness to be 'Good', whilst the school was also rated Good for its Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, and Leadership and Management.

However, the school was found to be Outstanding when it comes to pupil development with staff who 'have a strong commitment to ensuring that pupils have an enriched curriculum'.

The report said pupils' wider development is the strength of the school and opportunities to engage in additional arts, music, sports, drama and movie making are vast. It highlights that the children get extensive opportunities to work alongside adults with a national reputation, such as West End performers and published authors.

Rachel Stroulger, headteacher, said there are many reasons to be proud of the latest report: "I am thrilled that inspectors found our school welcoming and friendly, where pupils are happy, and that they could see we are committed to our vision of 'local memories and broadening horizons'.

"Furthermore, I am delighted that the report recognises the outstanding personal development for our pupils. It is testament to the commitment and dedication of all our teachers and staff who work every day, building positive relationships, to provide exceptional levels of care and support to meet the needs of all of our pupils."



LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

A New Hub for Future Innovators!

Alderman Peel High School has celebrated a significant milestone with the grand opening of its new STEM centre, aptly named the 'STEM SHED' by students.

The repurposed groundsman's hut is designed to serve as a central hub for pupils to engage in hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) projects, with a particular focus on building electric kit cars.

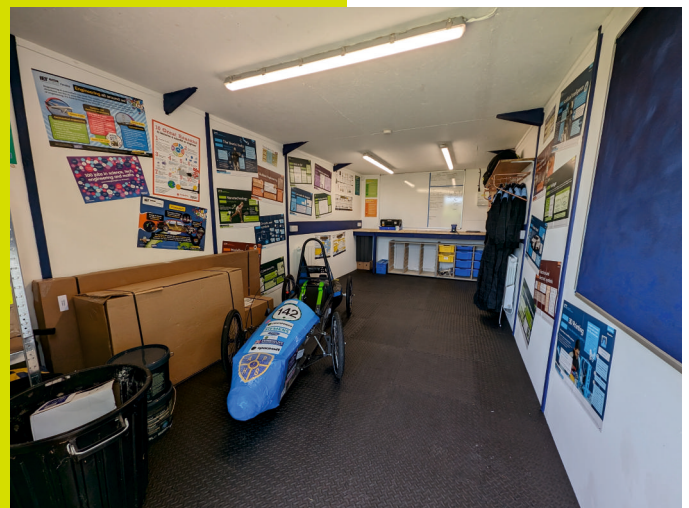
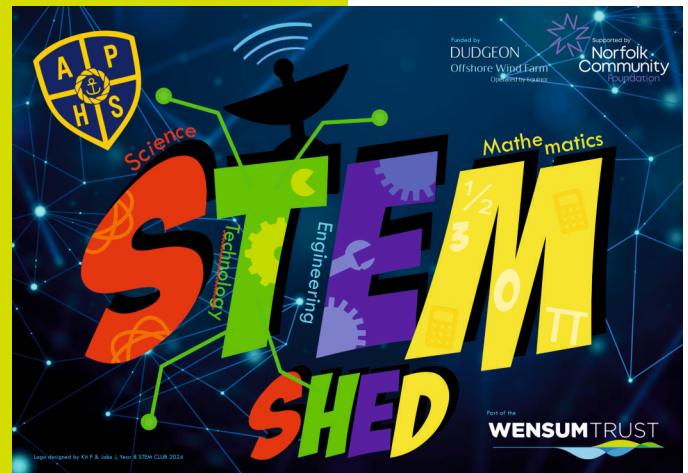
Amanda Moffat, Design and Technology Teacher, and STEM Coordinator, at Alderman Peel High School, thanked all those who helped to make her vision a reality: "Especially Tom Sutton and the school's site team, who have worked extremely hard to transform the old shed into our new STEM centre, just in time to welcome our first Primary STEM Club students!" She also expressed a massive thanks to Keiron Scillitoe and Gavin Bilby from Scillitoe Bros Garage for their ongoing support and weekly mentorship, without whom the STEM club would not be the success that it is.

The Year 5 and 6 students visiting from Burnham Market and Wells Primary Schools, were also very excited to be attending their first STEM Club at the school and to be first into the new STEM centre.

The centre is equipped with a variety of tools and materials for constructing electric vehicles. And thanks to the two solar panels, oil filled eco-electric heating, LED lighting, insulation and cushioned flooring, it is a sustainable space that will be functional all year round. Students will have the opportunity to learn about renewable energy, sustainable engineering practices, and advanced manufacturing techniques, all while working on practical projects.

Mrs Moffat showcased one of the electric kit cars the students have been working on: "This is where theory meets practice. By building these cars, students will understand the principles of design and engineering in a very tangible way. It's about making learning exciting and relevant."

The launch of the 'STEM SHED' was made possible through the generous support of local businesses including, Scillitoe Bros Garage, community links with Holkham Estate and Wells Carnival, and funding secured via the Norfolk Community Foundation, from the JP Blanch Fund and Dudgeon Community Funds. Several industry partners have also provided ongoing support, including Lotus Cars Limited, who have provided work experience and factory tours to enhance the learning experience of our STEM club students.



Teacher Wins National Excellence Award

There have been more celebrations at Alderman Peel High School after Amanda Moffat won a national teaching award for Outstanding Industry Engagement from the Design and Technology Association.

Amanda was nominated by the school's Assistant Principal Bal Tawana who said: "High-quality teaching is key to developing the next generation of STEM professionals but it requires the whole community to support this endeavour and I nominated Amanda for this award because it recognises the educators that go above and beyond to support students pursuing STEM subjects. I have been staggered, not only by the number of STEM events offered to the students, but the quality of the learning that takes place.

"This award reflects Alderman Peel High Schools' ongoing commitment to providing high quality STEM opportunities that enable young people to be successful in whatever area they move into after they leave school."

On receiving the award, Amanda said: "I feel incredibly proud and privileged to have received this award in recognition of the work I have done linking with local businesses and our wider community. It was so great to attend the awards evening at the British Motor Museum and meet with fellow D&T teachers passionate about our subject."



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

A group of visually impaired and blind students from Wensum Trust schools recently enjoyed an immersive experience aimed at breaking down barriers to aviation. The students, who face significant challenges in accessing air travel, were welcomed at KLM UK Engineering for a unique, hands-on opportunity to explore the world of aviation in a safe and supportive environment.

Students were introduced to the fundamentals of air travel in KLM UK Engineering's Emulation Zone, a world class training centre designed to train the next generation of aviation professionals. The students were able to explore the aircraft at their own pace, experiencing the scale and layout while familiarising themselves with in-flight music and announcements.

Helping them build confidence in their surroundings and the concept of air travel, students also had the opportunity to explore key safety features, including life jackets and oxygen masks.

The event was met with enthusiastic feedback from the students' support workers, highlighting the profound impact of the visit:

John Milligan, Team Leader for Vision and Multi-Sensory Impaired Children at Norfolk County Council, said: "The young people were absolutely buzzing, and the things they learned from the team at KLM UK Engineering, as well as the opportunity to spend time with blind peers, was absolutely invaluable. I heard one student ask, 'As a blind person, do you feel...?'—something they would have never expressed aloud since losing their sight."

Wayne Easlea, Managing Director at KLM UK Engineering, said: "We're thrilled to have had the opportunity to use our expertise and facilities to share our industry with these students. An experience like this could truly open the world to them, showing that air travel is not only possible but can also be empowering."

Tom Rolfe, Principal of Hellesdon High School, said: "What a fantastic opportunity for our young people to experience the concept of air travel, which many of us take for granted in a safe and welcoming environment. I would like to thank John and Wayne for making this happen for our students.'



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



Reading's now even more pleasurable at Garrick Green Infant School

Children at Garrick Green Infant School now have more opportunities to explore their love of reading and books.

Staff at the school have been working hard to create a culture of reading for pleasure as well as focusing on the skills of learning to read.

Thanks to a generous charitable donation from the Alderman Norman Foundation, and additional money from Friends of Garrick Green, the school has purchased new books and some outdoor reading areas.

The outdoor reading wagon and book barge houses cushions so that the children have somewhere comfortable to read at breaktimes and lunchtime.

Headteacher, Beccy Dewing, said: "We have always loved books, stories and reading at Garrick Green but we want our children to be able to explore more wonderful books and have spaces outside to enjoy them. We are hoping to add more outdoor reading nooks over the next year, as well as developing the indoor reading areas which we're all really looking forward to."



Taking Poll Position

Students from Alderman Peel High School made an impression when they took their kit car to the Greenpower Education Trust International Final.

The school's Stem Club Kit Car Team got to race the famous Goodwood Motor Circuit and won the award for Best Team Portfolio in The World.

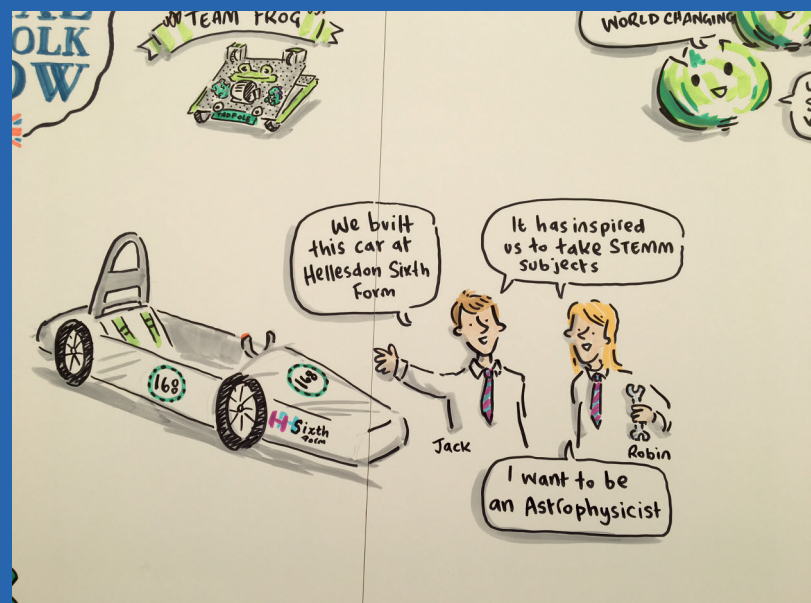
Amanda Moffat, STEM Coordinator, said: "Our students have made us all incredibly proud whilst demonstrating Ambition, Pride and Success. I would like to thank our STEM sponsors; Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm via Norfolk Community Foundation, Scillitoe Bros Garage, Holkham Estate and Wells Carnival, for their continued support."



Hellesdon Sixth Form showcased its work when it joined KLM UK Engineering at this year's Royal Norfolk Show.

Students were invited by KLM UK Engineering to provide an insight to sixth form life in the STEM Village, contributing to a number of exhibits aimed at educating and inspiring visitors.

They even had their ambitions immortalised in artwork created by Rebecca Osborne.



Treading the Bards!

Acle Academy's 10 Royal Shakespeare Ambassador students have performed their version of Macbeth at Norwich Playhouse as part of the Royal Shakespeare Company's Playmaking Festival.

Students had been working with Mrs. Barber, Mr. Frost and RSC Associate Director, Sophie, on an abridged version of Shakespeare's famous Scottish Play for a couple of months, and were responsible for two sections of the play, with other schools responsible for the rest of the play.

Principle Helen Watts said: "The performance was a wonderful culmination of all the students' efforts, and it was a truly fantastic show. Our students looked extremely confident and performed to the best of their ability in front of a live, paying audience. We are extremely proud of their achievements, and are already looking forward to next year's Playmaking Festival."



Teachers give up time to support zoo partnership

Staff from Kinsale Junior School spent a day volunteering at Banham Zoo during the summer break.

As part of the school's partnership and commitment to ZSEA, they helped clean and clear areas ready for a special event. Staff were also lucky enough to feed the giraffes.

Sara Goatcher from ZSEA said: "We would like to say a massive thank you to the staff at Kinsale Juniors who did an incredible job at Banham Zoo during their day with us this September. By donating their time and manpower and working together as a team they were able to complete a large, important task in readiness for our ZOO DO fundraising event. The day provided the opportunity for the school staff to enjoy their time together, away from the pressures of the classroom, building relationships and benefitting from time in the great outdoors.



"The partnership between Banham Zoo and Kinsale Juniors has gone from strength to strength and I look forward to another exciting year of Zoo School sessions at Kinsale in 2024/2025."

Children at Kinsale Junior will enjoy visits to either Banham Zoo or Africa Alive during the school year.

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

The children at Arden Grove enjoyed watching their tadpoles become froglets.



Year 2 at Garrick Green starred in their show Rock Pool.



Samba lessons at Lodge Lane Infant School.



Young cricketers from Burnham Market Primary School win the NNSSP cricket festival.



The children at Kinsale Junior School have been designing and creating their own tote bags.



Celebrating exam results at Alderman Peel.



Exam success at Acle Academy



Students at Hellesdon High celebrate their GCSE results



Staff from Alderman Peel won the annual raft race at Wells Carnival.



Ms Coleman and Miss Lilley from Heather Avenue took part in the MacMillan Mighty Norfolk Hike along the North Norfolk Coast.



Do you run a group or club?

Are you looking for somewhere to meet regularly? Or somewhere to host a one-off event?

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Alternatively you can visit our website www.wensumtrust.org.uk to look at all the facilities we have on offer across the Trust.



"We are delighted to have access to the great facilities at the Wensum Trust. As a grassroots football club, they have been able to support us in providing good quality facilities at each of the formats we need; 5, 7, 9 & 11 a side, at prices that mean we can make football accessible for the children of our community.

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