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Norfolk Children's University- November 2014 Newsletter

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The Countdown to Graduation

We are now less than a month away from our first winter Graduation Day. Our team has been kept very busy collecting all the names and preparing hundreds of certificates to award students. We are extremely proud to see so many children who have pushed themselves to take part in a wide range of activities to reach the targets. We are looking forward to seeing lots of new and

Latest News



Tots2Teens

Broadland District Council

Tots2Teens holiday scheme has become a Learning Destination. During the school holidays, Tots2Teens offer a wide range of workshops for children to learn new skills, meet new friends and have fun. For more information about activities they offer, please [click here](#)



Swim with Julie Bird

NCU welcomes our newest Learning Destination, Learn to Swim with Julie Bird. The swim school offers a variety of ways which children can earn stamps, including swimming lessons for all abilities and ages, diving, water polo

returning students on the day.

The day will take place on 17th December at the University of East Anglia. As before, there will be a morning and an afternoon ceremony and graduates will also take part in special UEA themed activities. We hope that everyone who is coming has a wonderful day.

The NCU team is already planning for the new year and we can now confirm the summer graduation ceremonies will take place on the 17th and 18th June.



Dragons Den

We had a great time meeting students and parents at our

half-term *Dragons Den* merchandise testing workshop. Our dragons evaluated a selection of products, from sports bags to badges, and shared their ideas and opinions about each one.

Although it was a tough decision, the majority of the students' favourite item was the water bottle because they liked the bright colours and the hand grip!

We want to say thank you to everyone involved for the extremely positive response. To see more pictures from the session, please [click here](#), and to watch our special Flipagram, please [click here](#).

November's Star Student

The Star Student this month is Bradley, who competed in his first karate competition, at our Learning Destination, TSKR. He has only been training for 2 months but has come a long way in a short time to win Bronze.

His teacher, Terry, stated that "Bradley was courageous and showed emotional strength competing against others".

We are proud that by becoming a student, Bradley was encouraged to try new activities. His mum Amanda, told us that he gets to learn something new each visit and all the while having fun.

We would like to congratulate Bradley for all his hard work and his enthusiasm to try new activities to earn more stamps.



and synchronised swimming. The sessions take place at Taverham Hall Prep School and Mermaid River Pools, Aylsham. For more information then please contact Julie julie@swimwithjuliebird.co.uk



Norfolk Snow Sports will be holding a range of activities over the winter period for students to earn stamps. This includes tubing and ski sessions. If you want to try something different then go along to the open event on New Years Days for non-skiers taster sessions and open practice. This is suitable for ages 6 to adults and costing just £6pp. All sessions except the open day need to be booked and paid for in advance. For more information visit www.norfolksnowsports.com



The Forestry Commission has launched a new Gruffalo's Child trail for 5-7 year olds. Spend the day exploring and learning about nature and for each trail you complete is another stamp for your passport. For more information please visit www.forestry.gov.uk/england-learning.



Heacham Infants Art Club

Students at Heacham Infants have been busy earning stamps at s art club ran by a community artist, Sally Parkinson. They have been designing and creating different artwork. Pupil Madison said: "it's really fun and I like the way we have a special teacher called Sally. We do different art every week" and Leuan stated, "I like art club and I love drawing fish with pencils and

Autumn Activity Sheet



The autumn Activity Sheet has been another big success. With lots of different activities to complete (including writing poems and carving pumpkins) it's great that so many children got involved and earned extra stamps.

Jessica and Bradley loved the autumn walk collecting leaves and creating crowns; Katie enjoyed designing a fireworks safety poster and Oliver created a leaf poster. Isla, from Necton VA Primary School told us that she loves doing the activities because "it's like school in the holidays and you never stop learning" and her favourite activities included baking and "the long walk (which I did on my pony) because I love cakes and I love horses!" Her parents and teacher, Mr Steel, are very proud of all her hard work.



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Out and about with the Dragons

During the half-term holiday our NCU dragons were spotted across the county visiting Learning Destinations with their favourite CU product. Louis & Finlay enjoyed a day out exploring Castle Acre Priory and Elizabeth and Sreelakshmi learnt all about bike safety at a Halfords bike workshop.

To view details of these new destinations, and all of the approved activities in Norfolk, please visit:

www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/maps

If you would like to recommend a Learning Destination to NCU, then please contact us and we can send them joining information.

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