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Technology Week

In July 2005 normal lessons were suspended for five days as staff and pupils devoted their time to exploring the wonders of Technology. So who took part and what did they discover?

Building bridges

In Science all Year Nine pupils investigated the theme of structures. Groups were given a budget to build a bridge spanning a gap of 30cm. A variety of interesting and unusual materials were used, including spaghetti, paper and sellotape.

CSI Earlsheaton style

Pupils from Years Seven and Eight found themselves wrapped up in a puzzling 'whodunnit?' mystery. Their task? To use forensic science techniques to solve the puzzle of Mr Plenty's missing prize coffee cup.



Truffle hunters

Design Technology pupils were asked to design and produce chocolate truffles and create the packaging we associate with chocolate treats. The completed boxes were handed over to lucky Year Six students who attended the transition day the following week.

ICT and friends

The Modern Foreign Languages Department joined ICT to see at first hand how the Internet is a quick and easy way to plan holidays abroad. Pupils selected a suitable holiday for a family of four, planned what they would do once they arrived, and produced a handy phrase book.

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Elsewhere, pupils used web cams to produce short animated films using the stop motion animation system and plasticine models; others learnt how computers are used to control security cameras and traffic lights before writing their own programmes via Flowol software; Mr Langford and his groups were introduced to Paintshop Pro, a professional graphics programme they used to design logos; and the ICT and History departments combined to explore the history of cryptology and code breaking and complete a Media Studies project on Baz Luhrman's film version of Romeo and Juliet.

Fame!

The Performing Arts Department ran a series of Hip Hop dance sessions, improvisational drama workshops and digital music recording sessions.

Going for Gold

Pupils from Years Seven and Eight took part in Maths trails, a Maths relay and the '24' game during the Maths Olympics. Years Nine and Ten spent their time acquiring a variety of study skills for Maths. John Bentley, ex-Rugby League



and Union player turned Education Officer with Leeds Tykes, ran some very helpful sessions on motivation and study skills. Year Ten pupils also spent an entire day finding out more about Industry and Enterprise with the Compact Business Team.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable week for everyone. Will we do it again in 2006? Watch this space!

Euro Disney

During the October half term 70 Year Eight and Nine pupils and eight staff set off to Euro Disney...

Arriving

After a 14-hour journey the group arrived in Paris for a whistle stop tour (including The Eiffel Tower) before settling in at their hotel for a well earned rest.

Day 1

The following morning everyone was up early and off for a full day in the Disney Theme park just outside of Paris. After many rides on Thunder Mountain, the Runaway Train and Indiana Jones, and plenty of visits to the Disney shops, it was time to return to the hotel for an evening meal and a hot shower.

Day 2

After breakfast and loading



up, the group took in the sights and sounds of the Disney Studios, including thrills and spills on the Aerosmith Rocking Roller, the amazing stuntmen and women with their black Corsa cars, Armageddon and the studio tour.

Au revoir

Soon it was time to board the coaches with our Disney balloons for the long and sleepy trip back to Dewsbury. A great time was had by all. Bookings are now being taken for 2006.

Security matters

During the next few weeks the school will be installing a state of the art security system both inside and outside of school...

High quality CCTV cameras will be placed on every corridor, staircase and entrance to the school. Cameras with infrared facilities will be placed around the perimeter and playgrounds. All the cameras feed back to TV screens in the Associate Headteacher's office where all activity is monitored and recorded onto a disc. The coverage will provide round the clock security coverage and will also be very useful in combating bullying and monitoring movement around the school.

Young Enterprise Scheme with HSBC

Earlsheaton Technology College has launched its first Young Enterprise initiative...

The scheme is part of a Government initiative to promote more enterprising and independent students who can eventually bring these skills to any company that they may join, or even create themselves in the future. Sixteen students have now formed their own company that will design, produce and sell a teen magazine.

The Wakefield branch of the HSBC bank, with the support of the Young Enterprise Scheme, has provided Ms Natalie Myers who is a professional company consultant. Natalie attends the weekly board meetings offering advice and support for the students. Copies of the new magazine will shortly be on sale around the school. So if you see a copy then please buy one!

Pupil Voices

Listening to what our pupils have to say is an important part of Earlsheaton's tradition...

Apart from the usual questionnaires and surveys, pupils have their say through Year group councils. Each Year has 12 elected members who meet every half term with an Associate Headteacher. Every meeting has its own agenda and minutes are taken, published and distributed to every member of staff as well as to each form tutor for discussion with their form. Improvements to the school uniform, dinner time changes, bullying, better playground facilities and aspects of teaching and learning are issues which have been discussed recently.

Christmas at ASDA



Fundraising at Asda sees pupils packing their bags...

A group of Year Seven and Eight pupils gave up their usual Saturday activities on 3rd December to pack customers' bags at the Dewsbury ASDA superstore. £918 was raised during a long, exhausting but enjoyable day.

Food in schools

Staff and pupils from Earlsheaton Technology College have recently worked with school meals management and consultants for Healthy Schools...



This move is designed to develop a model Whole School Food policy which when agreed will then be issued to all Kirklees schools. A series of meetings and discussions held in the school's new conference room generated ideas and comments and will be combined with an audit of the school's current practices to develop the new policy. Contact Chris Molyneux, Associate Head Teacher, for more details of the Whole School Food policy.

Fifty years old



Earlsheaton Technology College is fifty years old this year...

As part of our celebrations to mark this special event, the Performing Arts Department put on a Christmas show that took the audience through five decades of dance, music and drama. Featuring extracts from Grease and Day Out, songs from Michael Jackson and The Beatles, and bouts of break dancing, this wonderful evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came to see it.



CC4g

Over 60 girls from all Year groups now attend the Computer Clubs for Girls on Tuesday evenings in IT3...

Administered through a dedicated website and offering the chance to compose and mix music, create a celebrity fanzine or arrange a fashion show, CC4g is a fun learning experience in computers. There are opportunities to become interior

designers and create videos and animations.

Each member of the group receives a membership card, free folders, pens, stickers, bags and a blank CD to save their work on. For more on CC4g contact Mrs Fry.



Anti-Bullying Week

During November the school took a full and active part in the national Anti-Bullying week...

Blue anti-bullying wrist bands were sold in the canteen, a series of assemblies on the theme of bullying were held, and the new bully reporting box was officially launched. Situated near reception, the box is a great way for pupils to express their concerns. The box itself is checked on a

daily basis and the forms are passed to the relevant Head of Year for action. All reports and outcomes are then recorded and filed in a central place. For more on the school's anti-bullying policies contact Chris Molyneux, Associate Head Teacher or Helen Cromack, PFC.

World sports tour

A once in a life time school trip is nearer to becoming a reality for 44 students...

Plans are now well underway for a 28-day tour of the US, Australia and New Zealand in the summer of 2007. Forty-four boys and girls have signed up for the opportunity to play football, rugby and netball against teams from some of the best sporting nations. The group will fly to Los Angeles to play football and visit Hollywood and Santa Monica. Then



it is off to Cairns in Australia to visit the Great Barrier Reef and Sydney to play football, rugby and netball. The third leg of the tour takes the group to New Zealand. The group aim to subsidise the cost of the trip by continuing to raise money themselves and by seeking sponsorship from local companies. Can you help? Contact Matt Hodkinson.



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