

This week at



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We are delighted to share with parents the feedback from a successful SEND review that was carried out last week. Completed by the Specialist Advisor for SEND provision from Durham County Council, some of the report's highlights include that our newly appointed SENDCo leads a department that **"are passionate about students with SEND and have high expectations for all."**

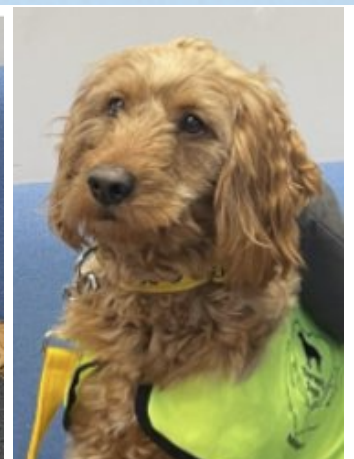
There is a "strong sense of inclusion" throughout the Academy and a **"calm, settled environment throughout the academy that is conducive to learning for all students."**

In the lessons that were observed, they were **"focused, purposeful... and all were modelling inclusive teaching."**

The SEND Base provides "focused support for individual students with a range of needs." The Base is led by a **"highly passionate and competent member of the support team... [she] is calm and supportive with students"** and ultimately prepares them to access the mainstream curriculum.

It is pleasing that the support and high quality of education that staff provide for our SEND students has been recognised. We will continue to provide the very best quality of teaching for all of our students. If you have any queries about our SEND provision, please contact our SENDCo - Lucy Brierley - by email at LBrierley@consettacademy.org.uk

Some you may remember the therapy dog that used to visit Consett Academy before the Covid pandemic. This week sees the welcome return of a therapy dog to the Academy. Ben comes into school every Wednesday between 8:30 and 10:30 to see our students in the SEND base and any students around the school who need a calming intervention.



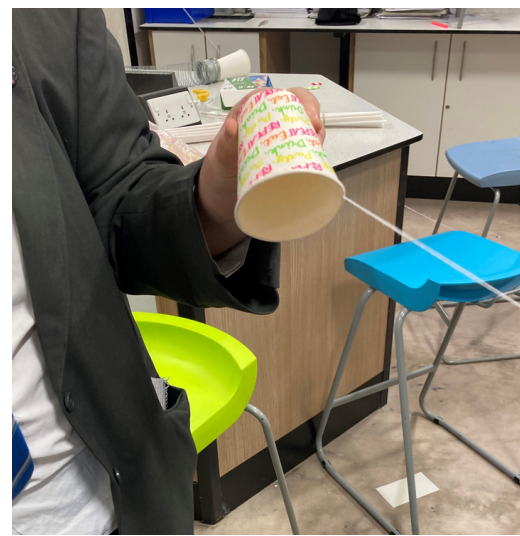
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This week we have launched our paired reading scheme. During Aspire, the atrium was full of students listening, discussing and supporting each other with their reading. Reading is such an important life skill for all young people to develop and one we are prioritising at the Academy. To have students as reading mentors, promoting and enjoying reading, alongside their peers is fantastic.



Also, this week, a range of students have been experiencing extra-curricular STEM activities. Our Beyond 25 STEM club have been learning about exothermic reactions in handwarmers and exploring the world of sound by making kazoos and pan flutes, considering pitch and amplitude. Next week, STEM club are making fossils – just like a Consett version of Jurassic Park! Earlier in the week, some of our Year 12 students were at a Newcastle University residential, working on an engineering project for their Industrial Cadets Gold Award.



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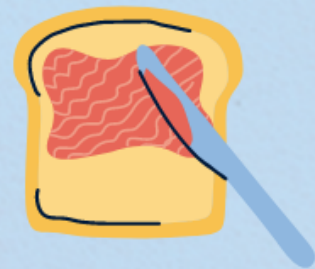
Finally, preparations for our summer production of Grease have started with auditions being held this week. Watch out for Consett's own Danny and Sandy coming your way soon!



Breakfast Club

**Everyday
8.00**

Consett Academy have partnered with Chartwells and the National School Breakfast Programme to provide a free breakfast for students



Students wishing to attend breakfast club can arrive from 8am at the main entrance.

Breakfast will be available from the main servery with a range of cereal, porridge and bagels provided free of charge!

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