

# The Key Education Centre



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Dear all

We have now arrived at the end of what has been a very eventful year for The Key Education Centre. We moved into our new building in October and were then inspected by Ofsted, four days later. We were judged 'Good' overall and we have been working hard to make further progress. It now seems as if we have been in this building for a long time and we have got used to the wonderful facilities that are on offer. Our pupils have benefitted enormously from the specialist classrooms and they have produced some impressive work in their practical lessons.

We said goodbye to our Year 11s and we are very glad that they all have firm plans in place to continue their education in September. We wish them all the very best. We are also saying goodbye to some members of staff who are leaving us to take up promoted posts in other schools. We will miss them and hope that they all enjoy their new challenges.

I would like to say a particular thank you to our Management Committee who give so much of their time to The Key. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive body governing the Centre.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mrs. L. Alavi

Head Teacher

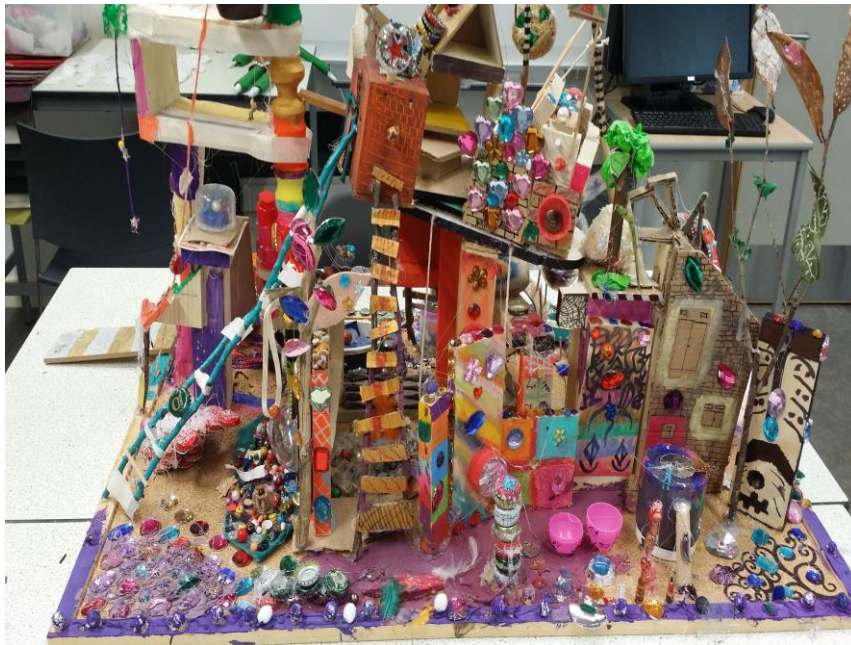


Art & Design  
at...

The Key



Boot Makeover



Mini Worlds (Cities made from recycled rubbish)

## Expressive Arts Summer Term 2014

This term has seen pupils put all they have learnt into some spectacular final pieces...



## Food Education at... The Key

This term in Food Tech we have continued to learn how to make good value wholesome and healthy meals for 1 or 2 persons. We have cooked dishes from all over the world and gradually the pupils are becoming a bit braver with the flavours and foods they will try. Below are just three examples of the delicious dishes we have created, Chicken Tikka Masala, Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake and Mini Pizzas with a choice of toppings.

I have to apologise for the fact that very few parents/carers are getting to see or taste the final creations, but this is because they are usually eaten as soon as they are ready and some pupils have also chosen to sell their creations to raise funds for Cancer Charities.

Next year we will offer the opportunity for Year 11 pupils to achieve accreditation for their work.



Anne Hounam

Food Education Teacher & SENCo



# London Science Museum

## By H and J

We got the train from Fareham at 9.30am on Thursday. We sat on the train for a really long time, taking selfies and listening to music.

We arrived at Waterloo and walked to 'Enough to Feed an Elephant' and ordered lunch. Whilst waiting for our food we went to the shop next door that sold loads of souvenirs of London. We ate our pizzas and burgers and breakfasts and then walked to the underground station. It was really busy and really hot, H nearly passed out!

At the museum we went on the red arrows simulator 360° flight. It was banging! C and Miss Spice were heard screaming from outside. We then went into Launchpad, the interactive section, and tricked Miss Shrubb with a hologram watch. H nearly passed out again when walking over a glass bridge that was very high up. We looked around the museum at all the artefacts, including a piece of the moon.

After the museum we had a look around the shop and then went for ice cream 😊. We all had a 99.

Trips at...

## The Key

On the way back C, J and H were skipping and dancing down the tunnel to the music.

After going down the long escalators, into a very hot and stuffy Underground, we travelled back to Waterloo and were nearly late for the train because C wanted a drink.

We got back home about 6pm, very tired and quite grumpy from all the travelling.



## Going, Going, Gone...

On Thursday 17th of July Mrs Gidney and C went to watch the demolition of the former Quayside Education Centre, situated in the grounds of St Vincent College.

On returning the following day the building had been completely demolished!

**Mrs Gidney**



PSHE at...

# The Key



Education Business Partnership (EBP) is an established social enterprise and registered charity that helps prepare young people for the world of work through a range of activities including enterprise experiences, work experience placements and advice and guidance about careers.

In the Spring and Summer terms Julia Jennings, Project Manager and Careers Adviser at the EBP, spent time at The Key Education Centre, working on a small group and 1:1 basis with year 10 and 11 pupils to support them with their post 16 career decisions. The experience of writing a CV and devising a career plan with a careers specialist supported pupils in identifying their strengths, skills and experiences and in raising their aspirations.

In the summer term Julia also worked with small groups of KS3 pupils to get them thinking about the importance of gaining information before making a decision and how they can make effective use of careers information to identify jobs they may be suited to as well as introducing them to jobs they may not have known existed.

Pupils really valued the work they undertook with Julia and we are looking forward to welcoming her back to the Centre in early 2015.

**Ms Whyte – PSHE Teacher**



## Meet the Management Committee...

The Management Committee are the body that govern The Key Education Centre. The Management Committee consists of a number of people who have a wide range of skills and interests that are of a real value to our pupils. In this Newsletter, we would like to introduce you to our Management Committee Member, Donna Clarke.

I have been working with young people between the ages of 13 and 19 for over 10 years and am currently a member of the Wheat Sheaf Trust's team who work with 14-19 year olds in the Gosport, Fareham and Southampton areas, supporting their positive engagement within school and their progression into education, employment and training.

As a Management Committee Member I am keen to ensure opportunity is given to the Key Education Centre's pupils to participate and succeed.

In this role, I am also keen to support staff in their aims to provide a unique and effective learning experience for all pupils.

**Donna Clarke**

**Management Committee Member**





## Design & Technology at... The Key

There has been some great making this term in Design and Technology. A lot of pupils have grown in confidence and are now attempting projects that previously would have found too daunting. Chairs, stools and tables are being made with quite complex joint cutting. There has also been some very accomplished woodturning and overall the accuracy shown has improved.

Again, some funky clocks have been produced and a garden trolley that looks like it should have come from a shop.

Well done everyone and thank you for making my second term more enjoyable than the first. Have a great holiday!

**Mr Hiscock - Design and Technology Teacher**



**Tyler's Garden Trolley**



**Bonnie Mae's Gift Box**

## Graduate Training Opportunities at...

# The Key



My name is Tanya Baker and I am a second year Social Work student at Portsmouth University. This academic year I have undertaken my statutory placement at The Key Education Centre.

During my time on placement at The Key I have engaged in a wide range of tasks and activities. These tasks and activities have included working with pupils on a one to one and group basis. In these sessions we have explored topics such as human growth and development, self-identity, self-esteem and feelings and emotions and have acknowledged how these affect pupils on a daily basis.

I have also been able to support both children and their families holistically by offering support, advice and advocacy and by positively supporting pupils in accessing and maintaining their engagement in education.

I feel I have learnt a great deal whilst I have been at The Key and would like to thank all staff and pupils and their families for the warm hospitality that they have shown me whilst I have been on placement. I would also like to wish everyone the best for the future.

**Tanya Baker - Portsmouth University Social Work Degree Student, 2013-14**

## Further Information and Useful Contacts...

### Mobile Phones and I-pods

Carers/Parents, please can you remind your children that mobile phones and I-pods etc. must be placed in lockers on their arrival at The Key.

### Reminder to Carers/Parents

If your child is not going to be attending The Key for any reason, please can you ensure you inform us by phoning: 02392 528653 before 8.15am.

### Emergency Contact Details

In the case of an emergency, it is important that we have your most recent contact details. Please notify us of any changes of address and telephone numbers.

**Thank you**

### Parentline Plus

Tel: 0808 800 2222

[www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk)

### Childline

Tel: 0800 1111

[www.childline.org](http://www.childline.org)

### Motiv8

Tel: 02392 834027

[www.motiv8south.org.uk](http://www.motiv8south.org.uk)

### Italk

Tel: 02380 383920

Have a Great Summer,  
from everyone at...

**The Key**