

# DESC

## "Be the best you can be"

Summer Term 1, 2023

KS3

Another half-term has come to an end and we have achieved so much as you can see from the pictures below.

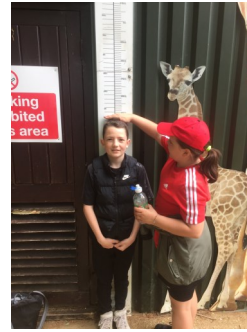
The weather is now beginning to improve and we are able to spend a lot more time outdoors. Ms Helsey has been helping the afternoon learners to tidy up and decorate the outside area with new plant pots and colourful flower displays.

Snowdon Hub continue to make fantastic progress toward reintegrating back to school and we welcome new learners after half term.

Have a restful break,

The KS3 Team

### Summer Term Photos



**Learning Outside the Classroom** On Fridays KS3 disappear off to learn outdoors. They visited Hudnall Park to take part in a Forest Schools programme called 'Go Wild'. This is student-led, the organiser follows the interests of the learners and adapt the activities to meet interests. The learners have renamed this Fun Friday and Freedom Friday! We have really seen the HUB work together, support each other and compromise. They have really enjoyed using the Kelly Kettle to heat water for their pot noodles and Max is chief chef when it comes to cooking the hot dogs—though had to problem solve to use the tin opener! Tili has been fantastic at making dens, James is the master of the bread making and Cody is our resident fire starter!



## Coffee Morning

KS3 have been busy baking, making breakfast bars and muffins for our first coffee morning. We invited our links in from schools, to visit us in Centre and have time for a chat and breakfast. It was lovely to see the learners sharing and talking about their experiences at DESC with their school. It was such a lovely positive experience; the HUB learners are becoming fantastic hosts.



**HUB Learning** All of our learners have been working towards next steps.

Our 12-week HUB have started successful reintegration back to school. They have been working on themes such as: Communication, Peer Pressure, Managing Emotions and Conflict Resolution. They are finding strategies that they can use to help them be successful back at school. They should be really proud of the progress they are making.

**Whipsnade Zoo** To celebrate the end of the 12 week HUB, we visited the zoo as a treat. All staff and learners had a great time. We managed to get around the whole of the park, meet lots of the animals and take lots of selfies. Fortunately we managed to bring all the learners back, Max did not get eaten by the Hippo! Again, we could see the great progress made by the learners and how well they can engage together and behave appropriately off site.

