

# Russell House Newsletter

## Summer 2023

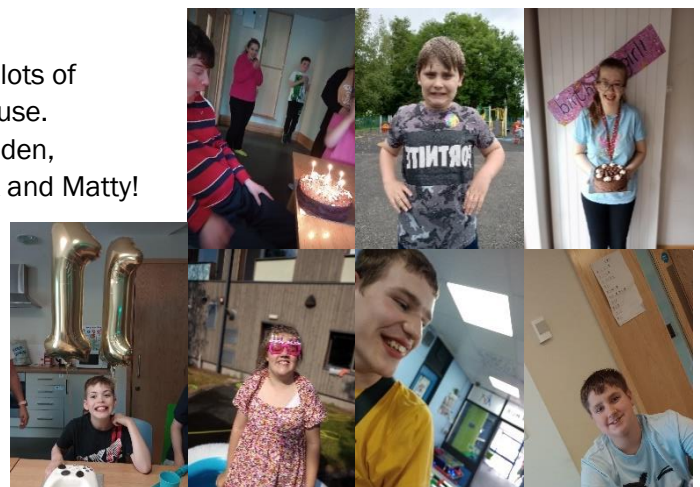
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We've had a very busy and sunny term here in Russell House and we've done lots of different and exciting activities!

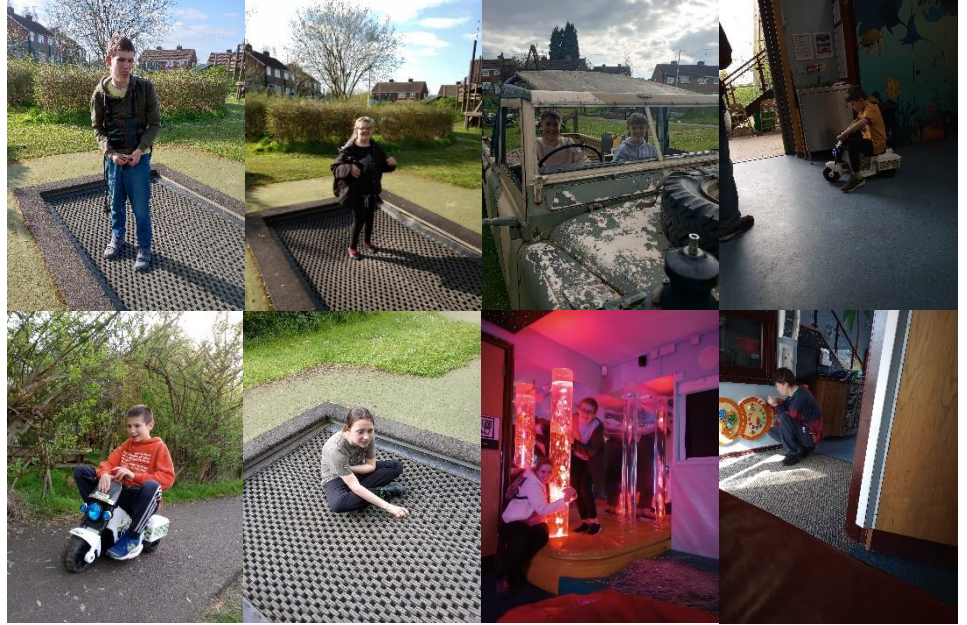
### Birthdays

This term we have had lots of birthdays in Russell House. We celebrated Tom, Jaiden, Lily, Caitlyn, Owen, Alex and Matty!



## Sycamore Adventure

Now the weather is warmer we have enjoyed the facilities on offer at Sycamore Adventure in Dudley. It is a wonderful facility that provides our students with a safe space to play and enjoy a whole range of play activities. It is suitable for all the students in Russell House as there is something for all ages and it's lovely to watch them having fun and interacting with new friends.



## Quiz Night

We held a quiz night for our students, and they were asked a range of general knowledge questions and questions about children's character's. Finn had a great time being our Quiz Master and the student's loved putting their knowledge to the test!





## King Charles III Coronation

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III we had a party in Russell House with a few different activities. We played a game of Royal Bingo, had a visit from the Ice Cream Van, designed our own crowns, did coronation word searches, played pin the diamond on the crown, played musical statues and as it was such a lovely day, we did a penalty shootout in the garden! The students all had a wonderful time!



## Disco

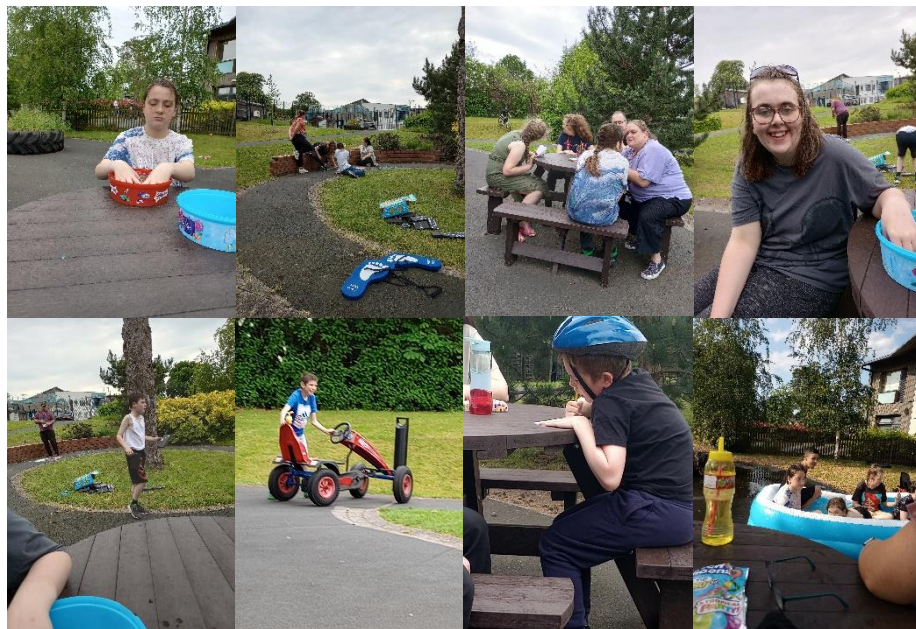
On the second Thursday of the month PODS (People Out Doing Stuff) hold a disco for individuals with SEND and their families. It's held at St Ambrose Hall in Kidderminster. The students have been three times this term and each time they go they love it. It's great to see them interacting with other people out in the community and enjoying themselves in a safe environment. After we attended the June disco Abby received an email from Clare who helps run the disco and she had some wonderful words to say about the students here at Russell House: 'It's such a pleasure to have the young adults coming to our discos, each month we are waiting to see if you come. They are an absolute delight and welcome to any events we are running!'





## Garden Games

Due to the weather being so hot this term we have spent lots of time in the garden here at Russell House. We've even had the paddling pools out, which is always a big hit with the students. It's great that we have such a big garden facility here as it allows the students to get much needed fresh air and play lots of different games in the sunshine. With the addition of our new benches the students even eat their tea outside sometimes.



## Habberley Park

We're so lucky to have several different parks we can visit locally and this term we visited Habberley Park for the first time. The students loved visiting somewhere new, and



their favourite piece of equipment was definitely the zip wire.

## Splash Pad

This term we have taken advantage of the Splash Pad at Brinton Park, it's a brilliant facility for the students to have fun and cool off in the sunshine. The students have interacted with lots of other children during their visits to the Splash Pad and have enjoyed making new friends.



## Theme Night

Our Theme Night this half term was Italian. Students went to the shop to buy ingredients to make a Spaghetti Bolognese and Ice Cream. After dinner we opened the Russell House Ice Cream Parlour, and the students all made their own ice creams for pudding. It was a great way to experience a bit of Italian culture.





## Strawberry Picking

Some students went on a visit to Bell's Farm Shop to do some strawberry picking. It was a great opportunity for the students to learn a bit about farming, get some exercise and of course pick and eat some delicious strawberries! They all managed to refrain from eating them all and brought some back to Russell House where we enjoyed strawberries and cream for pudding after tea!



## Vale of Evesham Visit

We're very lucky here at Russell House to have regular contact with another residential school in Evesham. We operate a Pen Pals scheme with them and occasionally will go bowling together. However, the last visit involved students and staff from the Vale of Evesham coming to Russell House for a garden party and tea visit. Our students had lots of fun playing garden games and engaging with our visitors. It was a brilliant social opportunity for everyone, and we hope to do it more often!



## Circus

This term most of our students have visited Circus Ginnett which has been travelling around the local area. Some students first saw the performance at Brinton Park and the other students saw it at Stourport Park. It was a spectacular show and a great evening for the students, they all had great fun and can't wait to go again!



## St Mary's Church

This term we were lucky enough to be able to visit the bell tower at St Mary's Church. We had to climb 750-year-old stairs to get inside the belfry. Once inside we had a brilliant talk from David who told us all about the bells and showed us how they work. We then got to climb more steps to explore the clock tower and then further up to the bell tower and a few even went all the way to the top and got to see some incredible views. Rio, Michael, and Lily were chosen to have a go at bell ringing, they were fantastic.





## Garden Party

Thank you to everybody who came to our garden party and leaver's party for Tom. It was a huge success and such a pleasure to see so many families come and join us in celebrating a lovely year here at Russell House. We hope you had a great time!



## Goodbye Tom

This week we say goodbye to Tom who has been at Russell House for 7 years! He will be embarking on a new adventure in September and will be going to college! Goodbye and good luck Tom, we will miss you!



**We hope you have a wonderful  
Summer, and we look forward to  
welcoming you all back on September  
11<sup>th</sup>!**





















