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WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO WRITE ARTICLES TO FEATURE IN OUR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.....

Articles are welcome from everyone, they can be written by you, by your staff, or you can write one together.

WHAT COULD YOU WRITE ABOUT?

Your article could be about a current affairs topic that is important to you, an interest you want to share, a book review, a recipe you have found, a short story, a poem, some photography or artwork, a thank you or a shout out! The list is endless.

WHO DO I SEND MY ARTICLE TO?

Please email your article to faye@gs-socialcare.co.uk

GS Social Care Solutions welcomed Rohan earlier this year. Rohan has settled really well into his new home and is enjoying being supported by a wonderful team. Rohan has enjoyed numerous days out, including the one pictured above in Southport.



Covid-19 Pandemic -

We want to say a massive thank you and well done to our amazing staff team who have pulled together and worked hard throughout this difficult time.

We recently held a Lockdown competition for all our staff, asking them to send in photos of their newly found hobbies and skills. Here are some of the fabulous entries.....



On her day off Rowena decided to convert an old folding table into a laptop table, she sawed off the base, sanded it down, gave it a lick of paint and added some decoupage before putting a plastic coating on to act as a mouse mat - very talented indeed!



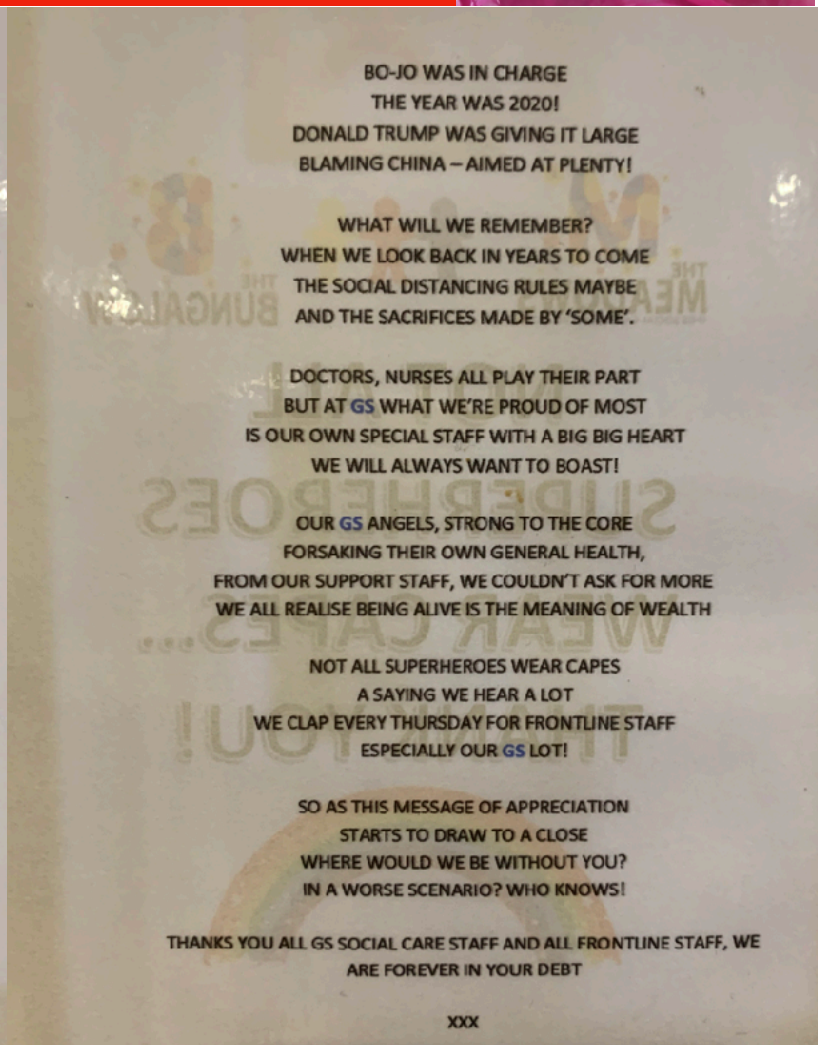
Janette made a special VE Day crown for Kristina!! Kristina wore it with pride.



Laura's first attempt at chocolate orange brownies - they look soooooo yummy!



Drum roll
please..... the
winner is JANE
DRINKWATER!! Jane
showed off her
creative skills by
making a twig heart
inspired by Mrs
Hinch! And here is a
picture of her prize.



A Thank You Poem written by the very talented Faye Mellor
and sent to all our amazing staff members!



We will soon be launching our Carers Awards on Facebook and want to encourage you all to submit entries. Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page for more details. The categories will include....

**MOST
CREATIVE
CARER**

**CARER WHO
GOES
OVER AND ABOVE**

**CARER WITH
THE BEST
SENSE OF HUMOUR**

**LEARNER
OF THE
YEAR**

**CARER WHO
HAS THE
BIGGEST HEART**

**TEAM
OF THE
YEAR**

**CARER
AWARDS**

8TH-14TH JUNE

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Staff team and office updates.....

Following Government Guidance the decision was made to close the main office temporally, the office has been closed since the start of lockdown in March. We are slowly putting together a plan to safely reopen the office and we intend to keep all staff updated. We want to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst office staff have been working elsewhere or from home.

Changes to Staffing

We are extremely happy to welcome Faye Mellor back to her role as Responsible Individual for both The Meadows and GS Social Care Solutions (Homecare and Bungalow).

Rebecca Heyes will finish mid June to go on maternity leave.

The Meadows has recently welcomed a new Registered Manager, Rowena Hawcroft.

Training and Recruitment Updates.....

Since January 2020 we have employed 10 new staff. A number of staff have completed Level 2 qualifications in a variety of subjects including Mental Health, Diabetes and Autism.

Our in house trainers have delivered 11 in house and 4 external courses since January 2020!

Since January 2020 we have taken on 8 new packages of support, which have been referred by Lancashire County Council, Blackburn with Daren County Council and Continuing Health Care.

Service User Achievements and Good News Stories..... (there's always far more than we can include in our newsletters.)



During lockdown Arnold has managed to stay active with the encouragement of his staff.



Our new service user Tony has enjoyed taking part in lots of activities with his new staff, he has helped with the cooking and baking, gardening and shopping.



Steven doesn't look best pleased with his new lockdown hair cut. We think it looks fab Steven!!



Tehmina has enjoyed baking at home with her support workers whilst the clubs she usually attends have been shut.



Junaid is still managing to have lots of fun whilst staying in, especially when Yvonne brings her exciting bag of tricks.



Updates from The Meadows.....



Home Schooling

Staff have been home schooling the young people since the beginning of lock down, they have kept it fresh and exciting and very interactive, the young people have reported that they would rather stay at Meadows School than return to normal as its



We had a big VE day celebration where the staff got fully into character with one staff member even wearing a relatives uniform!

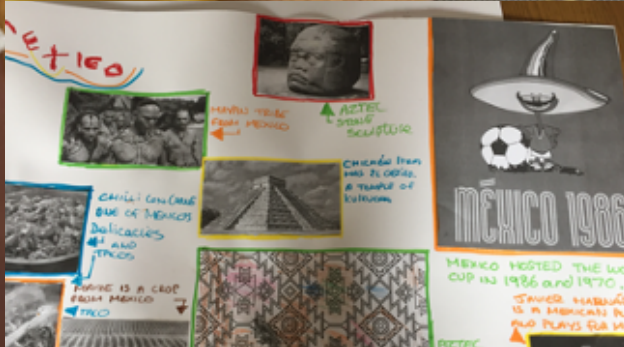
The young people took part in a 2 minute silence, dressed as soldiers and had homity and Lord Woolton pie, lots of fun and laughter had by all!



NEW HOUSE MATES!

This week we have adopted the GS office fish, the young people love them already and have renamed them all.....





Week commencing 18/05 we started a Culture Week, this included creating mood boards about each country, trying traditional foods and also taking part in activities.

Some of this included :

- Learning how to use chop sticks
- Trying olives....which did not go down well with some!
- The big British drive out
- Jamaican band jam
- Making homemade pizzas and learning Italian phrases

We ended the celebrations with an Eid party, lots of food dancing and laughter!



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reading our
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