

Cooler than College

The official newsletter for Rise Space Aylesbury

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Welcome to the first edition of "Cooler than College"; a monthly (bi-weekly? Annual? We'll see) newsletter (magazine? Epic novel?) created by and for the people of Rise Space. Actually, on reflection since Rise Space itself is cooler than college perhaps this should be called Cooler than Cooler than College. Too much? Probably. Anyway, we hope to bring you news of exciting events taking place at 3 Cromwell Court as well as other entertainment. If you have something you wish to contribute to future editions then contact a member of the production team.

Harry Potter Preview

Everyone is looking forward to our trip to the Harry Potter Studios tour.

On the 4th of December, we'll be setting off in the minibus with Becky or Steve behind the wheel, so wish us luck!

In preparation for the trip, we've been looking at pictures Becky and Gina took on their pre-trip and making a social story to share with everyone attending. We identified sensory issues like loud noises or bright lights. And also worked out a plan for the day, including our McDonald's stop



and what we'll do before beginning the drive back to college.

More on this story to come! In our follow up special edition.

Stop Motion Project

Rise Space Animators and artists under the provision and wisdom of Steve and Adrian have been working tirelessly storyboarding and filming their first scenes in their stop motion animation short "Be Movie" centred around two time travelling aliens who stumble across a new dimension filled with fresh grass and talking cows.

"Be Movie" is the first ever Rise Space production, the short film is even going to have it's own soundtrack with the animation style inspired by the likes of Hollywood and animation legends Tim Burton and Ray Harryhausen.

Production has moved quickly as Rise Space animators work hard to bring their vision to life.

Staff Interview

This week's special interest interview it's Gina! With glitter!

When did you first discover your love for glitter and how?

When I was about three. I was an only child at that point and i used to spend a lot of time by myself and I just liked all things pretty and I used to have stand up arguments with my mum when we would go shoe shopping and she wanted to buy me sensible shoes and I refused point blank to wear them. I wanted pretty shoes preferably with a heel and sparkles.

What's your favourite colour and type of glitter?

Pink. Very fine glitter because I like the way it feels when you touch it.

What is glitter best used for?

Making anything and everything pretty. Which do you prefer, glitter or edible glitter?

Edible glitter because its not bad for the environment

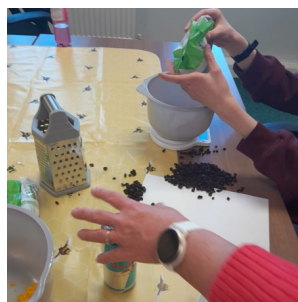
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Christmas cake with Friday group

On Friday the 22nd of November, RISE IGNITE made Christmas cake mix! They all got stuck in, mixing eggs and flour, weighing different dried fruits and washing up afterwards! A few brave people even tried a small amount of the raw mix and were pleasantly surprised when it tasted quite nice.

When asked by our star reporter about how much they enjoyed the experience they commented: "It was an enjoyable experience" and "It was tough but pretty fun" so all in all a big thumbs up for everyone involved.





Is glitter better packaged in tubes or packets? *Tubes, with packets then you tend to waste it.*

Your opinion on glitters negative effect on the environment?

I have concerns about glitters negative effect on the environment and i really feel somebody should put some effort into making environmentally friendly glitter.

How can we get more people into glitter?

I feel like we should break down their barriers to glitter so people have sensory barriers around glitter and make it easier to clean up that would be a start.



Confessions of a notice board

I saw everything. I heard everything. Nothing happened in this building that I didn't know about. I was the eyes and ears of RiseSpace. Until, that is, people covered me with pictures, stories and photographs.

Now I'm silenced, muffled, I can see or hear nothing....

But ...

I have fulfilled my destiny

Snow Day—Joy

On Tuesday the 19th of November 2024 it snowed for the first time in November for a while. Since this is unusual for England i interviewed some people in Rise Space, students and staff alike, and asked about how they felt about the snow. Here are some of my favourite answers.

Did you go out in the snow?

Yes I did. Uhhh... I ran around.

Yes I did. Well, I made a snowman.

I took a video of my garden because it looked really pretty.



What's your favourite thing about the snow?

I guess just the fact it makes it feel Christmas-ey

I love the snow in theory, i love like sledging and all of that but in reality it's usually just sludge and really inconvenient.

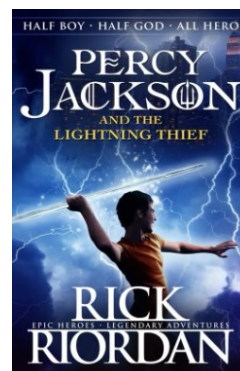
*I love snow i wish it would come more (says the person who didn't even go out to enjoy the snow *sighs*)*

I enjoy it but it can be a bit of a hassle getting into work.

Book recommendation

This edition our recommendation is "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" by Rick Riordan. It follows

a young boy called Percy coming to terms with learning he is a demigod and everything that comes with it. He gets to meet other young demigods at Camp Half Blood and sets out to save the world from the gods going to war.



The book is both funny and endearing, featuring great ADHD and dyslexia representation along with portraying great friendships and breath taking action. And the best of all: it's part of a series!

Stop Press

After many weeks of pain and agony people being late for work and school the roadwork on New Street is finally gone and just in time for the Harry Potter trip too as the trip now promises to be smooth and uninterrupted now that the traffic has seemingly magically disappeared overnight.



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