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Dear Colleagues,

Latest Recruitment Videos

The marketing team have been out and about filming some more video clips to show what it's like to work for the charity. The latest explores the role of a Trainee Tutor with Louisa, and the role of Higher Education Placement with Fernando. You can [see it here](#) and thank you to all who took part.

We are also making a 'Primary Parents Welcome' film so that parents can see what a visit to one of our centres, be inspired and reassured. This will be available in August, but we did capture some great feedback along the way and I'm pleased to share just some of what we heard below:

- *All staff that we met during our time at Preston were helpful and friendly. The children loved our main instructor, Pip! They were warm, welcoming and made such an effort to get to know the children during our short stay. Pip was incredibly knowledgeable, sharing lots of interesting facts, and was endlessly patient too! A real highlight of our time at Preston.*
- *The canteen facilities were fantastic and timings worked perfectly. We loved the option of children making their lunches and this added to our target of building independence during our stay.*
- *The accommodation worked perfectly for us; it was clean and roomy*

The marketing team wanted to thank all at Preston Montford and Rhyd-y-creuau who were incredibly accommodating and helpful throughout the filming sessions.

Next Week's Board of Trustees

The papers for the meeting will be circulated shortly so this is just to remind you that if you would like to raise an issue, please make good use of the staff reps. Their details will be in the papers.

Trustee Resignation

Lottie Smith has stepped down from her role as a trustee. I'd like to thank her for her work and commitment to this charity and wish her well in the future.

Resources for the new Curriculum for Wales

With a new Curriculum for Wales comes a dedicated arm's length organisation responsible for developing all the educational resources to support it. There will be a demand for new bilingual and Welsh language materials too. Organisations involved in producing education materials, the third sector and charities have been invited to get involved with the process and we'll be attending a meeting next week.

Special mention

A colleague's absence from the Hospitality and Catering Team at Castle Head has seen Tom O'Boyle really step up and shown great commitment to the centre, our guests and his colleagues. He rearranged his personal commitments in order to cover the catering gaps and has taken on some difficult shifts. This has included battling with the dreaded local trains which, due to service cancellations, meant travelling to the centre the night before in order to be there in the morning for breakfast. Thanks Tom.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Nikki Leonard is our new Administrative Assistant at Blencathra.

Esme Mackey has joined Head Office as HR Administrator.

As the start of the school summer holidays is near for many, I'd like to thank you all for your hard work during the last school term. For those about to go on leave, I hope that you enjoy your very well-deserved break.

Mark