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Dear Colleagues,

A day in the life of a Lead Housekeeper

The latest of our [recruitment videos](#) features Lead Housekeeper Linda and her team from Preston Montford. It's another uplifting clip and the sense of teamwork and commitment to delivering a great service really shines through. I'd like to thank Linda and all who have recently volunteered to take part and undergo the weird experience of seeing and hearing yourself on film. I think you'll agree that the resulting clips make it worthwhile.

80th Celebration Photos


For our 80th year celebrations we wanted to ensure that there is a big focus on our staff, our centres and what we do. I know that many centres have waited until what now passes for summer to hold your celebratory events. There are some really good photographs coming into the marketing team and we will find a way to share them. We'd like to have a comprehensive record of the year's events. So please don't forget to take and send in some pictures.

Support for the Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill

Less than 24 hours after contacting all the members of the Welsh Parliament with our centres in their areas, we have heard back from several of them. One has already indicated definite support, another arranged a visit to Dale Fort and a couple of others will give the bill consideration when the final version is published. Compared to the non-existent responses after a similar exercise with the Scottish Parliament this is good news.

Politics and politicians are unpredictable and we never know who will emerge to support us. It's why we keep contacting them all. Last week's catch up has details of how any staff or trustees living in Wales can email their constituency and regional Senedd Members to ask them to support Sam Rowland's bill.

Future Catch Ups

Catch Up editor Joy will shortly be away from work recovering from surgery. After next week, in her absence, please send any content to me directly until the end of September. Joy's written  [a little guide](#) for those of you who would like some pointers about possible content. If there is a member of staff out there who would like to give the role of guest editor a go, then do please contact Joy by Wednesday.

Special Mentions

It's all about strength and stamina this week. Amanda Gisby, Margam's senior tutor and British Powerlifting Champion has maintained her British Title in Manchester and has another new world record to take her total to 14. Helen Robertson, Head of Education and Operations East recently logged into the Onboarding Hub to find that she started at Field Studies Council 8,000 days ago. Congratulations to you both on two very different milestones. There are a number of other long serving members of staff out there so do feel free to nominate them for a mention too.

Welcome to Field Studies Council - new starters and changes

Ellie Seivewright as a Casual Administrative Assistant for Head Office

Ben McGrail-Lock returns to Castle Head as a Casual Hospitality & Catering Assistant

Hans Van der Vliet has joined Millport as a Seasonal Hospitality & Catering Assistant and Martha Van der Vliet has joined as Seasonal Cook. Both were previously at Blencathra.

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