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Dear Colleagues,

Happy Election Day

Whether you are weary of the whole thing or are planning an Election Watch Party through the night I hope that you have managed to get out and vote, with or without a dog to photograph. For those that are interested in the possible changes to centre constituencies, there's a handy predictions spreadsheet [here](#), using just one of the many models available.

Almost all of the constituencies have a new name and new boundaries, and we are expecting significant churn in the MPs who we hope will champion our work in the next parliament. Not all the candidates are listed here by any means (don't write in, we are not the BBC), but some of the main contenders and those that had managed to get sorted with proper contact details when the election was called.

Westfield Rewards

If your thoughts are tending more towards the summer holidays and a well-earned break, don't forget that the [Westfield Rewards](#) scheme has special offers, cashback or discounts including on summer holidays, airport parking and days out, as well as the slightly more mundane reloadable store cards for everyday grocery shopping.

Field Studies Council in the Media

The British Association of Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People magazine has featured us across three pages 26-28. You can access it [here](#) and thank you to both Charlotte Pringle and Lorna Harvey who made it possible. Our Election Ask press work has been picked up too, which is no mean feat when party politics tends to dominate the media cycle. You can see similar articles in [Charity Today](#) or [FE News](#).

"No-one expects the Spanish Inquisition"

Two of our centres have recently undergone unannounced inspections from Environmental Health Officers and both centres emerged with the top 5* rating for the Food Standards Agency's Food Hygiene Rating Scheme which is great news and reflects the top quality of the work done by the teams. We'll celebrate one this week and another next week. So first up, very well done to Dale Fort.



From left to right alongside the Environmental Health Officer are Lead Cook Jonks Pope, Chef David Benbow, Hospitality & Catering Assistant (HCA) Tish Pope, Lead Housekeeper Michael Camm and HCA Susan Cuddihy. Missing from the photo but an important member of the team is HCA Danny McCrory.

Updated Comms Policy and Guidance

It's been a year since we set out our  [Communications Policy and Guidance](#) so it has been checked and updated. There have been no major changes, but we have added in the new arrangements for the weekly Managers' Briefing and updated the appendix with tips for good cascade briefings.

Special Mention

Bishops Wood Tutor Gregory Jenkins completed the [Rotary Across Wales Walk](#) over the weekend of 22nd June. Starting at 3am in the morning he completed 46 miles in one day. Walking from Machynlleth to Montgomery. Either side of his walk he has had 2 full weeks of teaching. It has involved lots of training over the last few months. I'm sure we'd all join everyone at Bishops Wood to say a huge Well Done!

Pictured is Greg at 20 miles in with 26 to go



Welcome/welcome back to Field Studies Council

Jenni Duffell has returned to Preston Montford as a casual minibus driver.

Caio Jones has joined Rhyd-y-Creiau as a Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Previous Catch Ups can be found here on the [staff news page of the intranet](#).

Best regards

Mark