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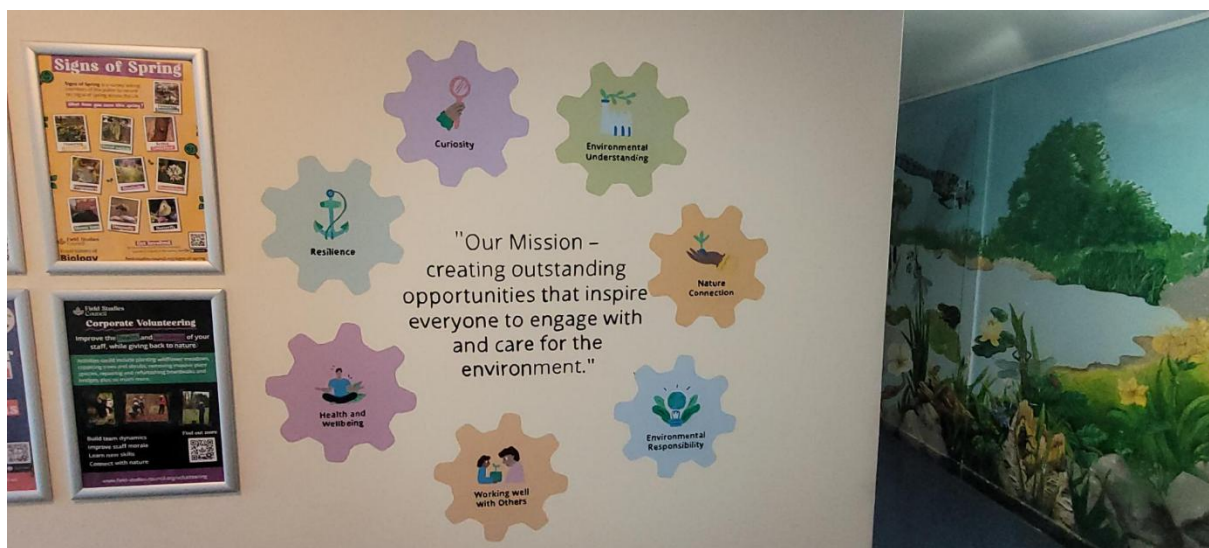
Dear Colleagues,

Royal Visit to Millport

It's a beautiful day here at Millport and we are glad that HRH The Princess Royal will be seeing our centre at its best. Thanks to everyone who has been and will be involved in today's events. We will share photos after the event.

Castle Head Wall Art

A recent Education Team Leader meeting heard lots of creative ways in which our [Theory of Change model](#) is being used in our teaching and at centres to demonstrate how we create meaningful learning outcomes. Senior Tutor Sarah Coates has taken this a step further by recreating the model on the wall at Castle Head.



Middle East Crisis OPT

The group have met and will continue to meet regularly so that any change or disruption can be anticipated and, as much as is possible, planned for in these uncertain times.

Virtual 100th Birthday Card for Sir David Attenborough

Those involved in Social Media across the organisation came up with the idea of creating a video birthday card featuring videos of staff from across the organisation wishing Sir David a Happy Birthday. Staff could do this in groups, individually, whilst carrying out fieldwork or daily tasks at their centre. Please feel free to be creative!

Please film in portrait not landscape on mobile phones and send it to marketing@field-studies-council.org by the end of the day on Friday 1st May.

More fundraising action this week

Another week, another marathon for Sam. After completing last week's race in 4h 5m 47s, he's heading south to run the London Marathon on Sunday, the UK's biggest. You can follow his progress live and send messages of encouragement through the TCS London Marathon 2026 app. Download here: <https://onelink.to/k66y83> and search for bib number 33347.

Our Fundraising Officer David Plant is also preparing for a charity challenge. He'll be hiking the West Highland Way over a week from 6th May, travelling solo, carrying all his gear and camping all the way. To support his fundraising, he's selling a few outdoor items on eBay, kindly donated by Harrier and Keela. <https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/mr-dj-plant>

The auctions close on Sunday 26th April and all proceeds will be donated to his fundraising page: <https://fieldstudiescouncil.enthuse.com/pf/davids-hike-to-the-highlands>

Reminder: New Wellbeing nature retreat at Blencathra – 22nd to 24th May 2026

We've had a lot of interest in the retreat but with many working we are now opening up the opportunity to 'bring a friend or family member' for the same price and purpose.

It's first come, first served so don't miss out on the opportunity to boost your wellbeing and have some fun with a purpose. You can book on the intranet [here](#).

Special Mention

Dale Fort's Caroline Hewson is retiring shortly after over 10 years with the Field Studies Council. Caroline started with the organisation in February 2016 and was Lead Housekeeper for 8 years before changing roles to become a Hospitality and Catering Assistant. Her last working day at Dale Fort is today. The team at Dale have organised an evening out of bowling and a meal for all the staff here to say thank you for all she has done, but I'd like to add my thanks to theirs for her long service and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her a very long and happy retirement.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

There are no new starters this week. But Ross Page has an additional role as Estate & Conservation Assistant at Preston Montford.

Best regards

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