

Meet the team!

The newsletter was produced by year 11s Rejoice, left, and Melissa, below from the Marsh Academy. Melissa said: 'We enjoyed the reporting day be-



cause I got to gain a better understanding about careers.' Rejoice said: 'I found the reporting quite fun.'

Also helping were three students from Five Acre Woods School in Aylesford. Sam said: 'I took pictures of a quad bike. It was easy.' Lottie said: 'I liked seeing the owls (to whit to whoo!!, she laughed).' Rhian said: 'I took a picture of quad bikes.'



Views and news



The pictures here were taken by pupils from Five Acre Wood School pupils

By Rejoice and Melissa

Our time at the event has been inspirational. When we arrived we didn't know what to expect but we both have parents who work with people with learning difficulties so it didn't take long for us to adapt. Throughout the day we have gained a much better understanding on what it's about. This day allows children with special needs to wander freely around the centre enquiring about any life style choices/career options they have. We spoke to Natasha, one of the students,

who was beaming with delight 'I've had fun today. I've made a purple plant and I want to be a nurse when I finish college.' Lots of stalls were helping people talk through what they want and how to go about it. All in all we were extremely impressed at how greatly this event caters for all different people with different needs. Rejoice added: 'I was surprised to see they had the same hopes and dreams as all of us.'

Difference

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inspiration for the nation

a HUGE success at Rare Breeds Centre

By Rejoice Misi and Melissa Brown

Special Choices is an exciting event for children who have special needs.

The event, which took place at the Rare Breeds Centre in Woodchurch, is organised by EBP Kent, and is the second event of its type.

It is a day for children with special needs to give them a chance to experience independence with workshops about life skills and career choices.

Anne McNulty, the executive director of EBP Kent says that "This is a unique event in a unique place."

She was very proud with the fact that it supports 800 special needs/handicapped students from 36 schools across Kent.

Other schools and colleges have pulled together to support the event and lend a hand including, South Kent Colleges,

The Marsh Academy and Hadlow and Thanet College.

Students could take part in a wide range of activities such as making fruit kebabs, art, business administration,



Photo by Sam

Five Acre Wood students Lottie and Rhian

paramedic talk, music and construction, to name a few.

Two reporters from Marsh Academy said: 'We think it's a great opportunity for people to gain a understanding on options they have. It allows them to make new friends outside of school.'

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Dreams and hopes come to life!



The visitors took part in lots of activities, like stroking animals, having fun, tackling the rock, making, cooking and building bugs!

There were many different activities for the children partaking in the Special Choices day. They took a direct approach in the activities and catered for a wide range of pupils. There was rock climbing for the able-bodied and animal grooming for those less able. We spoke to a few of the exhibitors, one of which was the British Heart Foundation. They told us: 'We have come to educate about

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basic life support.' They used videos and also allowed the students to take part in the more practical side of medicine administration on life-sized plastic bodies. Michael, a team member, said: 'They love it because it's not like maths or English.' The Connexions advisor told us how the stu-



dents have a "keen approach to what they want from life in the future. We discuss their options with them and what courses are available for them. They tend to recognise us because we visit schools so they don't hesitate to come and ask". One pupil at the art workshop said: "I really like red. Today's been fun. I liked the drawing and making fruit sticks." The enthusiasm from the pupils and staff made the day better.