



## Gressenhall September 2019

VSSS families recently enjoyed a great couple of days at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse. On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 35 families with children at KS1 or younger, came bringing grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and friends. Gressenhall put on a great range of activities including horse and tractor rides, activities on children's books, dressing up, activities at the farmhouse and there were lots of animals to see.

Similarly, the Key Stage 2 day that followed was well attended with just over 20 families joining us for a day of den building, dissecting owl pellets and river dipping alongside the craft activities that were part of the Gressenhall summer programme. A parent contacted the service by email to say 'Wanted to say a big thank you to you and your team for organising today. The pond dipping was a massive hit with all of our children. They said they "loved it". A view expressed by a number of children that have been seen in school since the beginning of term.

On the Monday, Edith Bilverstone had a marvellous time dressing up in the 1950s room with her Mum and sister. Edith's Mum sent us some wonderful photos and said "We had never been before and thought it was great. So much to experience 'hands-on' is brilliant. The girls got so involved in everything and Edith loved exploring the 1950s room and dressing up! You put on a very warm welcome, and it was lovely to be surrounded by other families we had met before, and have a chat, and see all our children enjoying the day. It was a lovely treat to end the summer holidays, before we get back into the school routine!!"

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## VI student wins the British Showjumping National Championships 2019

Ronnie Robinson, who is supported by staff from VSSS, who has no vision in one eye and severely reduced vision in the other, took a win at the British Showjumping National Championships on a horse he had ridden only once. "I've only ridden in a World of his Own once before, so I couldn't be more chuffed with the result of this class", said Ronnie, 14, who took the junior grade IV para title on 9th August 2019.

Congratulations to Ronnie. What an amazing achievement!



## Goalball dates for Autumn / Winter

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September is the start of the new goalball season.

Further goalball sessions are as follows:

September 26th

October 10th

November 7th and 21st

December 5th

Venue: Norwich City College Sports Hall

Time: 7-9pm

Please contact John Rous Milligan on 01603 704040 for further details.

## NDCS - 6-year study for deaf young people

The National Deaf Children's Society are funding a 6-year study for young deaf people. They are looking for people between the ages of 15 and 18, with any kind of permanent hearing loss, living in England, Scotland or Wales.

The READY project (Recording Emerging Adulthood in Deaf Youth) will follow at least 500 deaf young people to find out the different pathways they take after the age of 16. The results will help NDCS better understand how to support deaf young people to achieve their goals on their way to becoming independent adults.

In order to apply or to find out more, please phone 07979 668178. You can also go onto the following website

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/thereadystudy>