

West Sussex NAGC Explorers



Newsletter Number 2 : May 2007

Welcome to the second group news letter. For more details on any of the items below please see the group web-site. Many articles will be in the members area – if you need the password please e-mail me.

Programme of events:

The next 5 events are all based on suggestions from the young people themselves. For full and current details on the upcoming events please check the events page of the web-site

30th June 2007	Look and Sea Centre/R.N.L.I. Littlehampton
15th September 2007	The Human Dynamo
24th November 2007	Experimental Electricity
2nd February 2008	Volcanoes/Kitchen Chemistry
26th April 2008	Bignor Roman Villa Visit

NAGC National Events:

To celebrate NAGC's 40th birthday there will be a Family Celebration in Staffordshire over the weekend of 20 and 21 October.

There will also be smaller Regional Activity Days around the country, in particular: Saturday 16 June in Guildford. A flyer and booking form for this is on the Event page of the website.

Contact requests:

We have a member who would like to contact anyone else in the group with experience of dyslexia and giftedness, or any other similar dual exceptionality. To make contact please e-mail me at chair@wsxnagc.org.uk and I will pass your details on.

New Children's Area on the Website:

- Get involved in the club directly – let everyone know what you like, books – games – art – anything you are interested in. We have kicked off with a couple of book reviews but we need your help!

Please let us know how old you are, and for security give yourself a nickname that we can use which doesn't let anyone recognise who you are. Having your nickname against your reviews allows others to decide if they like the same books that you do and then look for more of your reviews in the future.

Recent news -

- Group AGM: We held the group AGM and re-elected the committee for another year. While it would have been great to see new members at the meeting it was good to see that the existing committee is still committed to the group. I would like to thank all the committee members, and others who have helped, for their efforts over the last year. Without them we wouldn't have a group.
- Buckyballs. The buckyballs day was a great success. Jonathan Hare gave a great presentation and the kids really enjoyed both the lecture in the hall and building the giant buckyball outside on the grass. See the members area of the web-site for some pictures of the day.



- Parents Conference in Canterbury on 17 March. One of our DCP's (Designated Child Protection Person) went to the conference and has written up a review of the day. Check the web site for the article.

NAGC Head Office News

- Volunteer Awards. The NAGC wants to recognise the effort put in by its volunteers so has created a Volunteer Award Scheme. Nominations are invited from the membership for both Adults and Children.
- Muse Magazine is having a makeover, and has a new sister magazine who wants to get in on the act too. Zana Bayley is looking to feature Cover Stars for each issue; ideally someone 11-18 and another person under 11. Please send a good digital photograph along with a short biography stating who they are, what they like doing, what they are good at, what it's like where they live etc. If they are talented in art/music/writing they could send something they've produced as well if they want to. If you would like to be involved please contact zanabayley@nagcbritain.org.uk
- Engaging Parents Launch: A launch event was held in the Houses of Parliament on 22nd March. Two of our committee members attended the launch, making the most of the chance to see inside the house.
- The results of the branch discussion document have been published and can be found on our web-site.
- Pack 2 for the membership folder has now been sent out. All members should have received this by now.

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