



Cadet Chronicle



2020 - Quarter 2

The presence of Covid-19 in recent months has stopped the action of the Cadet units in our tracks. We needed to balance our response to Covid-19 against keeping structure for the young people that we serve. Unfortunately we had to cancel our annual residential trip, which was a disappointment felt throughout the cadet family, however next year's trip will no doubt be the best yet.

As lockdown was announced in March this year, our Cadet leader team worked to understand how we could still support the cadets through this period, especially those with vulnerabilities. Whilst the leaders were looking at plans to support the cadets through these testing times, the cadets themselves started making posters of support for the NHS and key workers.



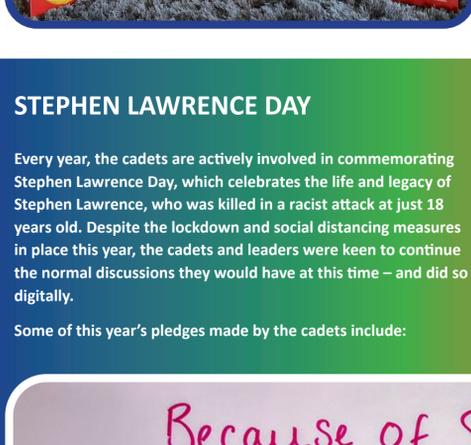
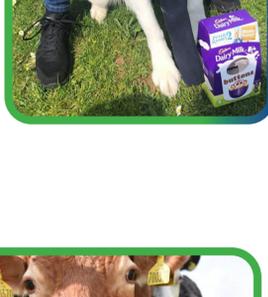
DIY FIRE ENGINE CHALLENGE

We have been engaging daily with our cadets and volunteers. We asked cadets to create their own representation of a fire engine, and these were some of the standout entries:



EASTER CHALLENGE

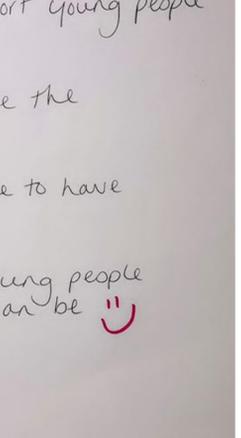
At Easter, we challenged the cadets to post an image of their pets or nature alongside chocolate and a cadet item. Here are some of the images that we received:



STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

Every year, the cadets are actively involved in commemorating Stephen Lawrence Day, which celebrates the life and legacy of Stephen Lawrence, who was killed in a racist attack at just 18 years old. Despite the lockdown and social distancing measures in place this year, the cadets and leaders were keen to continue the normal discussions they would have at this time – and did so digitally.

Some of this year's pledges made by the cadets include:



Because of Stephen

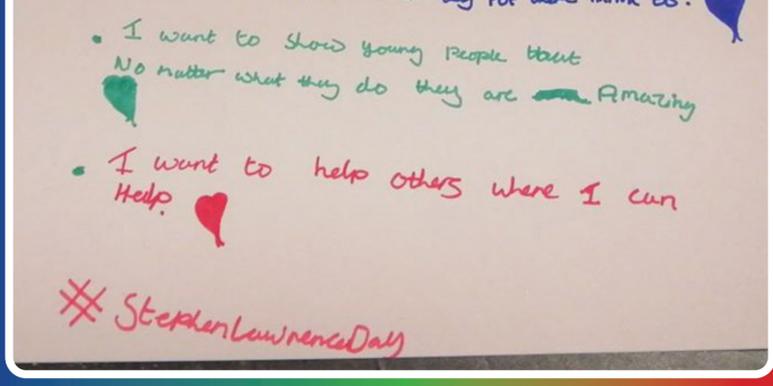
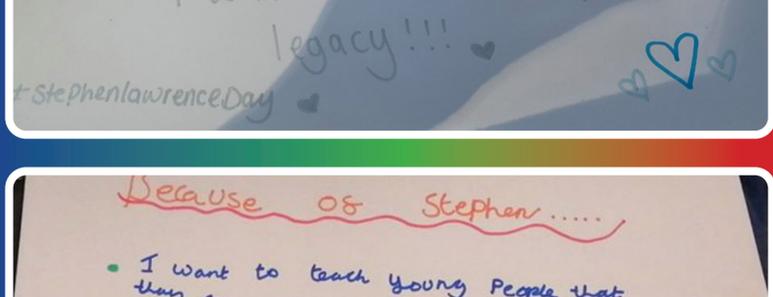
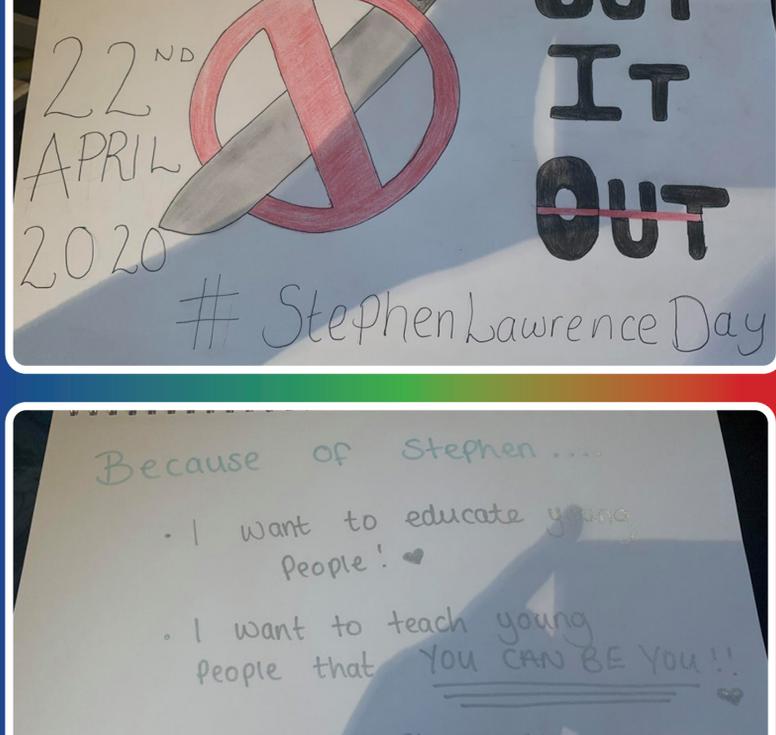
* I will endeavour to help & support young people at the earliest opportunity.

* I want to help young people to be the Best version of themselves

* I want to encourage young people to have goals & aspirations.

* I want to inspire & empower young people by being the Best role model I can be 😊

#stephenlawrenceday

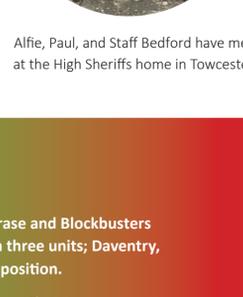
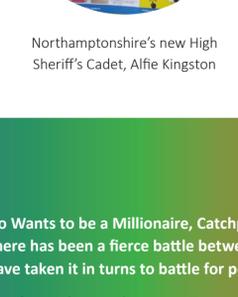


HIGH SHERIFF

In April we saw the role of Northamptonshire's High Sheriff pass over from Nico Robertson to Paul Parsons. Nico has previously spent this year travelling around the county, alongside his dedicated cadet, Alix Kemp, to conduct numerous visits and understand in more depth the county that they served.

Special thanks are given to Nico for being such a wonderful advocate for young people and for the support he has given to NES. And of course to his cadet Alix Kemp from Kettering Unit who hold the role of High Sheriffs cadet from April 2019-April 2020. Alix is an exemplar cadet and very bubbly character. We look forward to being a part of her future journey.

This year's High Sheriffs Cadet is Alfie Kingston from Northampton Unit. He has already been working with the High Sheriff to make plans for the year.



Previous Northamptonshire's High Sheriff Nicolas Robertson and his cadet Alix Kemp

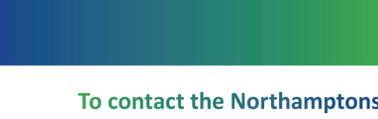
Northamptonshire's new High Sheriff's Cadet, Alfie Kingston

Alfie, Paul, and Staff Bedford have met at the High Sheriffs home in Towcester

ON-LINE LESSONS

We have held quizzes, film clubs, Who Wants to be a Millionaire, Catchphrase and Blockbusters with cadets throughout lockdown. There has been a fierce battle between three units; Daventry, Northampton and Wellingborough have taken it in turns to battle for poll position.

The Northampton team have been running online sessions over Zoom. In an effort to keep cadet involved, engaged and entertained at times. Cadets have heard from many staff through question and answers sessions including CID, Neighbourhoods teams and East Midland Ambulance teams.



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