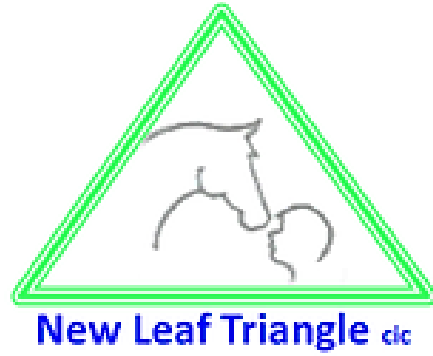
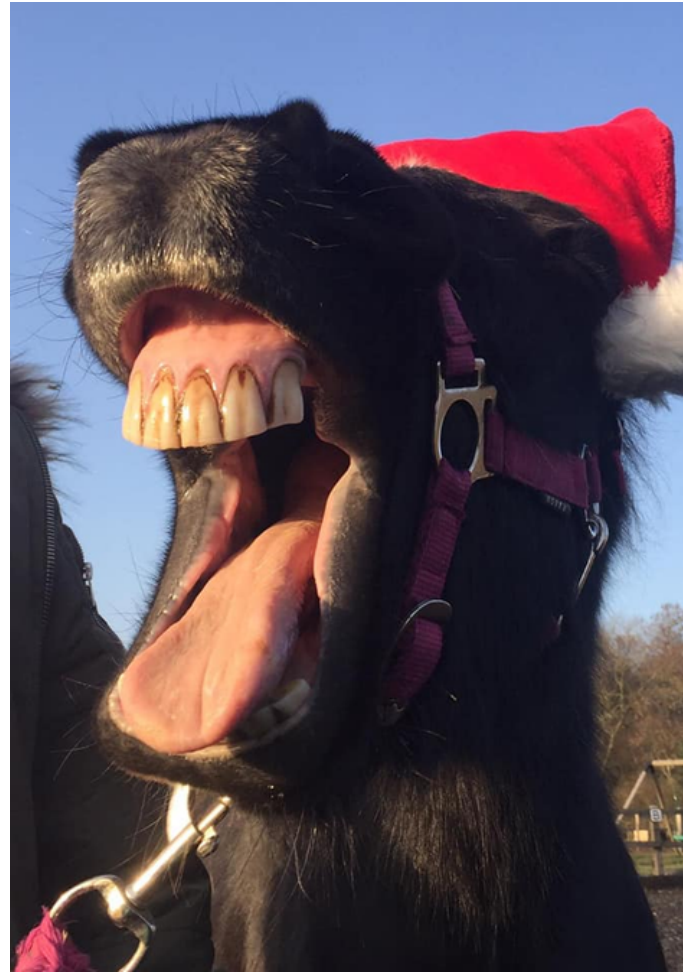




# New Leaf's News



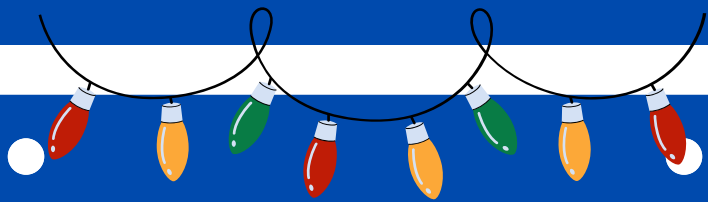
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Christmas issue?*



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**WELCOME TO  
NEW LEAF TRIANGLE'S  
CHRISTMAS 2022  
NEWSLETTER!**



*Update from Lorraine & Troy*



Hello everyone!

We have had a great summer running day camps, playdates, play schemes, respite sessions and family activities, seeing many old faces and welcoming new ones!

The new term has gone very well, although exceptionally busy and we have a waiting list of students looking for alternative education, with a much higher percentage of primary age children this term! We still have students of secondary age and post 16, some of whom are doing qualifications. Two of the students who transitioned on from us in July have successfully started courses at mainstream colleges and many students have had positive transition into school.

Our Coordinators, Laura, Emily, Kath and Bryony have been taking on more responsibility with the daily running of New Leaf and have really stepped up to meet the challenges. One of our staff, Phoebe, is training to be a tutor and has been helping staff embed more maths and English into their sessions and Mike has been developing the green woodworking provision. We have had some great new additions to our team - welcome to Kelly and Sharday who bring different skills with them!

Lauren is making a great job of revamping the website and prospectus and has put together this newsletter along with Phoebe!

# What Have Our Students Been Up To?

# Student Showcase



There have been some incredible projects in Green Woodworking this term! Take a look at this very clever sausage dog!



Many of the students have also been busy making their very own reindeer ready for Christmas!

A number of our students made and decorated Pudsey Bear biscuits for Children In Need. They made their very own Pudsey Bear ears as well as price signs for their biscuits and took them into our local village, Goadby Marwood and sold them to raise money for Children In Need. They raised an amazing £121.41!



There have been some really creative projects taking place since our last newsletter. We got into the Halloween spirit and made some spooky sculptures. The students at New Leaf also produced an amazing Remembrance Day themed display with all sorts of poppy themed creations. One student made a brand new house for our rabbits, Maxey and Mumbles!



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# Student Showcase



Another creative project by one of our students! Such a clever idea!

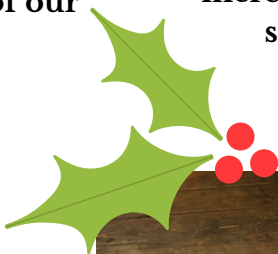


One of our younger students also made their very own picnic bench! They designed it and made it with very little help from staff!

New Leaf now also has their very own handmade Christmas tree thanks to one of our students!



One of our older students made this incredible wood store for the winter!



Lottie was able to join in on the Children In Need fundraising in her very own, one of a kind t-shirt, very kindly and cleverly made by one of our students!



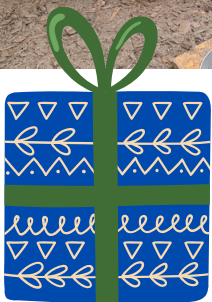
# Animal Updates



Velvet's foal, Marengo, now 9 months old, joined the site 2 horses along with his best bud and minder, Sox. Sox has formed an amazing bond with him, protecting him like he was his Mum! Marengo took just 5 minutes to load and travelled well and has now fully integrated into the herd. What a star!



Velvet has gone off to our Dalby site for a well earned rest after doing such an amazing job raising baby Marengo! She will return to New Leaf in the spring and be brought back into work ready to continue her work with the students.



Our poultry have been back in lockdown due to national restrictions imposed by DEFRA on account of Avian Influenza outbreaks. Our students have been making lots of extra enrichment for them to keep them entertained. We think it is safe to say that they have all been enjoying their tasty treats!

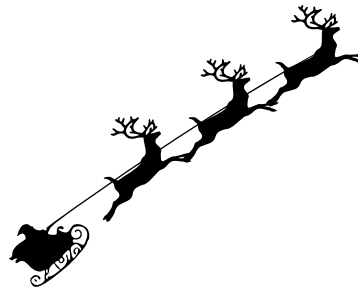


Meet the newest addition to the New Leaf Team - Beau! He is a baby Himalayan rabbit and has become a firm favourite already amongst our students, Beau loves cuddles, exploring and spending time with his new best friend Bellamoon.

# What Have Our Staff Been Up To?

## GREEN WOOD WORKING TRAINING

More staff have received in-house green woodworking training!



## STAFF TRAINING UPDATE!

This term staff have been working hard behind the scenes to complete several courses to further their knowledge on Health and Safety, First Aid and Safeguarding topics. We have completed Level 2 Health and Safety at Work training, as well as Epilepsy Awareness and Equality and Diversity training. During October half term everyone took part in De-escalation and Positive handling training as well as Attachment Disorder and Resilience training and Mental Health Awareness. It's been a busy term!

## MELTON ROUND TABLE SANTA FUNDRAISER

Over the festive period we have taken part in the Melton Round Table Santa Float fundraiser in several local villages, including Asfordby, Waltham and Old Dalby. We had great fun collecting for local charities and getting in the festive spirit with Santa. Thank you to Melton Round Table for allowing us to take part in this fundraising opportunity.





# Awards, Certificates and Rosettes



At New Leaf Triangle, we love to recognise achievements. We make it so that students are able to be commended for their efforts no matter how big or small their achievements.

Our students have been hard at work working towards either their bronze, silver or gold **New Leaf Triangle Challenge Awards**. This term, we have awarded 24 certificates and 2 trophies! In order to attain these certificates and trophies, students have had to complete a variety of challenges including developing confidence, communication, functional maths and English, practical skills, care for your environment and knowing how to keep yourself safe.

We have also revamped our New Leaf Triangle awards this term. Our **New Leaf Triangle Vocational Awards** have been a huge success with our students this term and we have already given out 15 certificates!



Isabel has worked hard over the last year and has completed her City & Guilds Entry Level 3 horse care qualification which includes modules on recognising signs of health in horses, tacking up and catching and handling horses. She completed multiple assessments for each unit, including being questioned on her knowledge as well as practical skills, gathered photographic and video evidence and then spent several hours putting her portfolio together.

Well done Isabel!



Here is one of our younger students very proud of his 5 New Leaf Challenge Award certificates!



# Qualification Update



Over the course of the term a number of students have been working hard towards their Ofqual approved qualifications with awarding body Open Awards. Several students are enrolled on Land-based qualifications, and, with the help of our wonderful animals and horses, are making good progress with the horse and animal care elements of their courses. The wintry weather hasn't deterred the staff or the students and they are persevering, often riding and caring for the animals in all weathers! Students have also had the opportunity to observe farrier, vet and physiotherapy visits which have been informative and insightful in developing their knowledge further. All of our staff have extensive knowledge and experience to deliver these courses.

A few students are also on the Open Awards Functional Skills pathway, and are working hard towards their Functional Maths and English qualifications with support from Phoebe as Maths & English Tutor. In addition to Maths, English and Land-based Studies, next term some of our older students will be beginning their Level 1 Employability and Professional Development qualification in order to prepare them for life beyond New Leaf.

Well Done to all of our students who have worked hard this term towards their qualifications and keep up the good work next year!







# Brand New Green Wood-Working Shed



Troy has worked really hard this term building our BRAND NEW green wood-working shed! This new development means that students have a more substantial area to work in and that we are a lot more sheltered from the elements when participating in green wood-working activities and other DIY projects.

Mike and his students have also worked hard designing and building a tool shed within the green wood-working shed to keep all of the tools neat, tidy and safe!





## Car Park Update



Parking at New Leaf Triangle has been an ongoing issue for a while due to the location of the car park at site 1 and the increase in number of staff due to the growth of New Leaf Triangle.

It has always been a concern that taxis, parents and carers can sometimes park on the side of the road which increases the risk of accidents.

To address this issue, New Leaf have now implemented a new parking system for staff, allowing space for parents, carers and taxis to drive into the car park and have space to drop off and turn around.

In addition to this, New Leaf have also put up 'Slow Down, Children and Animals' signs either side of the site 1 gate. So far, this has brought greater awareness to our location and drivers have been slowing down.

To increase our visibility further, we have also added flashing lights to these signs at the start and end of the day, as well as added staff presence on the roadside in a hi-visibility jacket to ask students lifts to drive into the car park.

These new additions have been proving to be effective. We would like to thank those of you who comply with our attempts to keep our students and the public safe at drop off and pick up times and ask that you continue to help us to help you.

**SLOW  
CHILDREN &  
ANIMALS**

# Feedback



We love hearing what our parents, carers and schools have to say about our provision. It makes our job even more worthwhile. Here are a few of the top quotes we have received this term!



*"Kenzie is the happiest version of himself when he is at New Leaf. He is part of the team, accepted and encouraged to try new things and he actually thrives. Kenzie has so many needs met at New Leaf without even knowing it. Kenzie's parents wish he could attend New Leaf Triangle every day!"*

*"Thank you to everyone at New Leaf Triangle for all the work you do and the patience, hard work and effort you all give."*



*"Thank you so much for all the support you have given over the last few weeks. What she has learnt while being with yourselves will greatly support her to successfully transition into her new school."*



# Coming soon for Easter 2023!

We will have limited spaces for respite during February half term which are weather dependant and not for riding horses as they are away for the winter.



## PLAY DATES!

These two hour fun family sessions run from for around 2 hours on set dates in the summer. Four or five families attend at the same time and move around a full range of activities at their leisure. Each activity is supervised by an experienced member of staff who can help support all members of the family to take part. Bring a picnic rug and snacks! . Email Kath Carter [kath.newleaftriangle@gmail.com](mailto:kath.newleaftriangle@gmail.com)

## RESPITE SESSIONS

Respite Sessions can be booked for a minimum of three hours (or sometimes we can do two hours on request) and allow your child to attend without parents being present. Your child will have dedicated one to one support at all times (or two to one support on request) and will engage in a range of activities according to their interests. Email Kath Carter [kath.newleaftriangle@gmail.com](mailto:kath.newleaftriangle@gmail.com)

## FAMILY SESSIONS

Family Sessions can be booked for 1 or 2 hours. You will have a dedicated member of staff to take you round different activities. Activities include riding and mounted games, time with the animals, forest school, arts, crafts, games. It's relaxed and fun so discuss with your staff what you'd like to do. Parents can join in with the children as much or as little as they like and there is no restriction on the size of the family - the only thing to bear in mind is that each staff member can only work with one horse or one activity at a time. Bigger families can look to book two members of staff instead of one. There's no minimum age to take part, and babies can be brought along as long as they are supervised at all times. There is some play equipment (basket swing, trampoline, sandpit etc) that children can use if they are waiting between activities, but these must be supervised by parents.



## TESTIMONIAL:

"This afternoon we have been to New Leaf Triangle for a family session and it was fabulous! They seem to be experts in autism and really knew what Alex was about."  
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"Thank you to everyone at New Leaf Triangle for an amazing afternoon yesterday! We had such a fantastic time & I think the smile on Holly's face says it all!"  
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"Thank you for the great experience we had at camp, you're all truly amazing!! Made many happy memories for the boys (and us!)."

# Fundraising



We're always on the look-out for creative ideas and practical help for fundraising. The funds we raise over each year enables us to offer family sessions and summer activities at a subsidised rate which all families can then benefit from. Without the subsidies, those that need us the most might not be able to access us. If you can help in any way - whether it's collecting in our name at your local cake sale, or working with us to set up a large-scale fundraising event, please get in touch. The smallest amount still helps and it's all very much appreciated!



A huge thank you to Lily-May for raising £300 for New Leaf Triangle! Lily-May did a sponsored book read and managed to read all 23 Peter rabbit books in the month of August!

Well done Lily-May!  
Thank you from all of the team at  
New Leaf Triangle

**THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO HAS FUNDRAISED OR DONATED TO US THIS YEAR. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR PEOPLE'S GENEROSITY!**

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