

# ATTFE

In the Community



# Beating Blue Monday



*Takeover Radio 106.9FM, Ashfield's community radio station, tackled negativity by playing the community's feel-good song requests on Blue Monday this year!*

*Founded and supported by ATT FE staff, Takeover Radio 106.9FM is committed to working with young people aged 11-17 to give them free training in radio, media, IT and communications. The station also helps young people in local schools complete the required projects to earn their Duke of Edinburgh Award.*

*Blue Monday, the third Monday in January, is supposedly the most depressing day of the year- but hopefully Takeovers' tunes perked your spirits!*

## Ready, Steady, Cook!

*ATTFE recognises that rising food costs are an issue for families all over the country, and many in our local area. That's why we partnered with Sutton Community Academy and local MPs in November to deliver a Ready, Steady, Cook inspired learning event teaching participants to prepare nutritious and healthy food on a tight budget. In tough times, these skills can be essential to staying fit and healthy whilst managing finances, so we're proud to be facilitating this learning in our local community.*

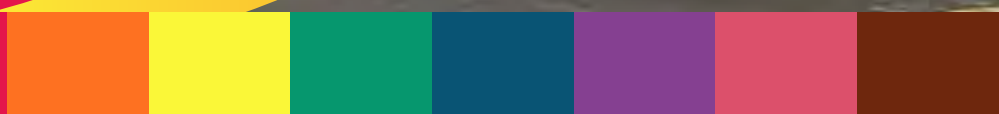


*This year, ATT FE has run a free hospitality and catering course for members of the local community. The course, running at New Cross Church Hall in Sutton, allows learners the option of attending on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays, helping to keep it accessible for busy local people.*

# Meet, Eat & Greet

*As well as learning about the core tenets of food service, presentation and cooking, learners receive a hospitality and catering qualification at the end of their course. This means that learners on the course can attend to improve their employability skills, or just to gain key food preparation skills to support themselves and their households.*

*Learners are also offered a free £5 food parcel with each session attended, helping to keep costs down when practicing their new skills at home.*

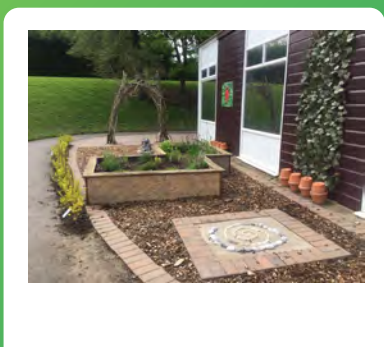


# Green Fingers

*For ATTFE, working in the community means reaching out beyond our Trust's family of schools.*

*Teaching assistant Annette Newton from St Mary's Primary School recently undertook a Horticulture Skills diploma with us and has developed this beautiful Garden of Hope in her school's playground, ready to be enjoyed by St Mary's young pupils.*

*ATTFE were happy to donate planting time and resources to help!*



# Cream Tea for Jubilee



*On 26 May, local primary school, secondary school, college, stakeholders, partners, day centre and care home residents enjoyed 'cream tea for Jubilee with ATTFE', celebrating the Queen's 70th year as monarch but also the opportunity to once again spend time together as a community. Each participant received a cream scone, jam, cream, flag, crown and activity book. It was a magnificent occasion with lots of smiles, red, white and blue and debate around whether it is jam or cream first!*



*Community celebrations allow us to strengthen local bonds, but ATTFE recognises that not everyone has a few quid to spare to chip in for tea and cakes.*

*That's why we threw our own party- a family fun day with free activities for all- in Idlewells shopping centre over the half term. Partygoers had the opportunity to meet a real princess (kindly visiting from Little Princess Parties), participate in Jubilee themed crafts, and decorate their own tasty biscuits. This fun-filled event was supported by Ashfield's Feel Good Families initiative.*



# Santa in Sutton

*Last Christmas, ATT FE learners and colleagues were delighted at the opportunity to help Sutton-in-Ashfield Rotary Club with their annual Santa Sleigh. The sleigh travels around the local area bringing delight to children and adults alike whilst collecting donations for charities and worthy local causes.*

*In March, ATT FE volunteers were awarded certificates from the Rotary Club in recognition of helping the organisation collect a record amount against the adversity of Covid and other conspiring factors.*

*We're glad to have a supportive relationship with the Rotary Club, as building community links is incredibly important to our college.*

*The Rotary Club is a supporter of ATTFE's food bank initiative, Let's All Eat. During the coronavirus pandemic, the Club was kind enough to donate £3000 to our cause!*



# Christmas Mission

*This Christmas, ATTFE embarked on an ambitious mission to spread festive joy and the spirit of giving in our local community. Our mission aimed to deliver Christmas dinners and gifts to local people who otherwise might not have the opportunity to enjoy these traditions this year.*



*We're delighted to have delivered an astonishing 1000 dinners, mince pies and Christmas gifts to Ashfield families in need! We're thankful to all the members of our local community who volunteered their time to help make this happen. Teamwork makes the community dream work!*





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