

STRIVING

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Venture for the Education of Railway Staff and Shed 52C



Joshua has carried 41 times his own weight in logs this summer! (Fact!!)

It's been a busy and rewarding summer. The new structure of STRIVERS (14-16) and Shed 52C (9-13) has proved successful. We have several new Shed 52Cers under the age of ten. They're all good and we'd have missed them if they'd had to wait until 11! At the older end, there has been some really useful "work shadowing" on the footplate. They're not there just for a ride. Crews have welcomed their assistance, particularly with bag slitting and log stacking. As a result we will have some very capable new firemen to look forwards to in the not too distant future. Shed 52Cers, meanwhile, have been developing some really interesting work on forces and gradients, so much so that the Chief Striver is now dreaming of building a dynamometer car! (see pic below for a start). We plan a vlog on this topic for the October half term.



These two are so easy to please. Just say "engine" or "train" and they're happy!



Dad and Lad pair Chris and Joel will be proud of Naklo's red wheels. They painted them!

On the miniature loco front, 55468 hasn't exactly been a brilliant performer. First the regulator rod parted company with the valve, necessitating removal of the dome and quite a lot of fiddling about. Then, that sorted, the blower mysteriously stopped. Out came the ring and a new nozzle was manufactured. To no avail! The trouble was eventually traced to cylinder oil in the manifold finding its way through the system. Many thanks to Philip for his assistance. So, how did oil get into the manifold!? On the bigger loco front, we've done our best to hasten Naklo into traffic. Joel and his father, Chris, have painted the wheels, whilst Julian performed the most unenviable task of coating the inside of the tender with primer. The latest news is that it's now been decided to reprofile the wheels which, you've guessed it, means no Naklo until 2020. Ah well, steam engines!

NEXT COHORT DAYS

Half term for most of us is w/b 21st October and the following dates are available for COHORT days: 21st, 22nd and 24th. There will be one further day the following week for "stragglers". Planned activities are a vlog on gradients (complete with further dynamometer trials), the commissioning of the new Haydon Bridge block instruments (with Yapton Crossing contest) and maybe painting and finishing touches to that wagon! The weekend of 12th/13th October is also earmarked for something.

Book now!

Look at the website for the very latest. It's had quite a few updates. There are more coming, including announcements about any forthcoming YDS excursions.



Early dynamometer experiments!



Shunting the new (still under construction) wagon. That's a close-up signal you can see!