

# Holmewood House School Shop

empowering disadvantaged children

## Dandelion Time

funding the training of care workers and 'Dandelion Time' in Kent

**Dandelion Time offers help to children with very challenging emotional issues, often resulting from trauma, violence or serious health difficulties in the family.**

**We are all a product of our own life experiences.**

Often the children who go to Dandelion Time have never known happiness and react with fear or violence towards outsiders - it's all they know. Children and their families spend time with **trained helpers**, and with **nature**, helping look after animals, cooking their own food from crops in the garden and learning new crafts.

### Our second hand shop has:

- funded the training of 2 social workers
- helped fund 2 families through 12 weeks of 'Dandelion Time'

Year 8 Holmewood House Children visit Dandelion Time and are put to work! They help in the garden and make small treasures for the children who attend 'Dandelion Time' to discover.



**George (aged 6) & Amy (aged 8)** lived with violence in their family home. Amy felt too anxious to go to school; George couldn't sleep and became aggressive and violent with others. Since their Dandelion Time programme George is much calmer and Amy is attending school full time.

**Phoebe (aged 11)** Phoebe's mother was ill, so Phoebe moved in with her grandmother who couldn't cope, so Phoebe move again, this time into foster care. Phoebe would be tearful one moment and angry the next. Her experiences at Dandelion Time helped her control her emotions and build her self-confidence.

 **Dandelion Time**  
*Restoring hope to young lives*  
[www.dandeliontime.org.uk](http://www.dandeliontime.org.uk)

Please see the newsletters over the coming weeks to read more details on the work we are supporting and how we hope Holmewood pupils will benefit.

Located in 'the studio' opposite Jubilee Theatre  
Normal term time opening: Mondays 8.00 – 9.00am