



Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
16th January	Year 6	9:00am SATs information session
27th January	All Parents and Carers	9:00am-9:30am RSC Open Morning- come and see your child's showcase piece from the Romeo and Juliet unit.
2nd February	All Parents and Carers	Short Reports Out to Parents
3rd February	Year 6	Year 6 Trip to Parliament, London
7th February 9th February	All Parents and Carers	3:30pm -6:30pm Termly Learning Conference (Parent's Evening) Sign up for your slot from Monday Jan 9th at 6pm
10th February	Whole School	School closes for half term
Tuesday 21st February	Whole School	School open for the new term



Dear Parents and Carers,

The new term has definitively started with enthusiasm across school and it has been a jam packed week! We have started 10 week music tuition units on recorders and strings (violins and cellos) in Year 3 and 4. Silhouette drama company have been in school working with Year 5 (and will return next week to continue) on the development of the understanding the characters and the plot within Romeo and Juliet. Clubs have begun each day and it is wonderful for there to still be a buzz around school right up until 4:15pm. All classes have continued to deepen their understanding of Romeo and Juliet and the children are now beginning to plan, prepare and create their final showcase pieces. The engagement within each class is always such a wonderful thing to experience, as the children continue to develop their learning; finding out new things, learning new skills and deepening their knowledge. Our staff and children are amazing and as always, it is a pleasure to be at school each day!

Huge thanks for your continued support in this learning journey. I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes

Mrs Fennelly



Parents Evening / TLCs

Termly Learning Conferences (TLCs) on:

Tuesday February 7th and Thursday February 9th from 3:30pm -6:30pm.
Please note that Dahl class will have their TLCs on Tuesday January 17th and Thursday January 19th from 2:00pm-5:00pm due to Mrs Harris going on maternity leave.

To book your appointment please type the following into your browser:

<https://simondesenisorg.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Reception class September 2023

Closing dates for applications is this Sunday 15th January.

Please note: If your child has a sibling in Simon de Senlis school you must still apply for a place. There is no automatic allocation.

Poster of the Week



In a world where you can be anything, be kind. This is the message we shared today across all classrooms. Kindness is so important from the simple hello in a morning, to a friendly smile to a grand gesture of help. It continues to be important to always to be kind to each other and to ourselves.



Northamptonshire
Police



Far Cotton Community Safety Day Event, 4th
February 2023

Community Safety Day



Saturday, 4 February 2023

11am-2pm


at **Far Cotton Rec Centre**



Come and meet organisations offering advice on all aspects of your home and personal safety. An opportunity to raise concerns, share ideas and hear from those officers working in the area.

Cllr Emma Roberts



 **FAMILY SUPPORT LINK**



Miss Garrard says...

ASD? Parent / Carer Drop In Session... ADHD?

Do You Have a Child or Young Person with Additional Needs...
Do You...

Need Strategies, Ideas,
Support from Staff that
Understand...Or Just a
Friendly Chat and a Cup of
Tea...

Then Come Along To:

Kingsthorpe Children's Centre
St David's Road NN2 7QJ
Mondays 09.30 – 11.30

Blackthorn Children's Centre
Longmead Court NN3 8QD
Friday 1pm – 3pm



Miss Garrard says...

Tea, Toast and Tantrums!! Parent / Carer Support Group In Your Area...

Do you need to let off some steam?

*Sometimes feel
frustrated?*

*Want to gain some
friendly support?*

Or just have a chat with
people who understand..

Then come along to the
Parent / Carer Support Group at:

Kingsthorpe Children's Centre
St Davids Road, NN2 7QJ
Monday – 1pm – 3pm

Blackthorn Children's Centre
Longmead Court, NN3 8QD
Tuesday – 1pm – 3pm

Thorplands Children's Centre
Farmfield Court NN3 8AQ
Friday 9.30 – 11.00

**Children
Welcome...**



Reading

(CHILDREN FALL IN LOVE WITH BOOKS BECAUSE OF THE MEMORIES CREATED WHEN THEY SNUGGLE UP AND READ WITH SOMEONE THEY LOVE.
-RAISING READERS

We know from research that the more a child reads, the easier it is for them to learn. Keep sharing books and reading with your child even when they become a confident reader, it really will make a difference.

IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO BE INTELLIGENT, READ THEM *fairytales*.
IF YOU WANT THEM TO BE MORE INTELLIGENT, READ THEM *more fairytales*.

- ALBERT EINSTEIN

Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.

Jim Rohn

A CHILD WHO READS WILL BE AN ADULT WHO THINKS
PROVERB





Whole School Shakespeare Unit

**Do you want to find out more
about William Shakespeare?**

Follow the link below-

[About Shakespeare | Royal
Shakespeare Company](https://www.rsc.org.uk)
[\(\[rsc.org.uk\]\(https://www.rsc.org.uk\)\)](https://www.rsc.org.uk)



Whole School RSC Showcase

Please come and see your child's writing and art outcomes at the end of our whole school unit on Shakespeare's Rome and Juliet.
Date: Friday January 27th
Time: 9:00am-9:30am



Musician of the Week Errollyn Wallen

Errollyn Wallen is a multi, award-winning Belize-born British composer and performer. Her prolific output includes twenty-two operas and a large catalogue of orchestral, chamber and vocal works which are performed and broadcast throughout the world. She was the first black woman to have a work featured in the Proms. Errollyn composed for the opening ceremony of the Paralympic Games 2012, for the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilees, a specially commissioned song for the climate change conference, COP 26, 2021, and a re-imagining of Jerusalem for BBC's Last Night of the Proms 2020.

Errollyn was awarded an MBE in 2007 in the Queen's Birthday Honours and a CBE in 2020 in the New Year Honours, for services to music.

Errollyn lives and composes in a Scottish lighthouse.

Did you know that one of our rooms in school is named after Errollyn Wallen?



Artist of the Week- Vincent Van Gogh

Vincent Van Gogh was a Dutch artist who lived from 1853-1890. Throughout his life he painted hundreds of paintings, often going back and repeating the same theme or using the same colour. Some of these common themes were self-portraits, the countryside around where he lived and one of his most famous paintings is of a vase of sunflowers. Did you know that he painted 12 different sunflower pictures? He loved to share how he was feeling by the colours he used in his paintings and so many of his works are either blues and purples or yellows and reds. During his lifetime, he only sold one painting, however today, Van Gogh's paintings are some of the most expensive ever sold, selling for millions of pounds.



The Crocodile



Today I saw a crocodile,
It sat and stared at me!
I didn't run, I didn't shriek,
In case I was his tea!

No move I saw the snapper make,
His jaws remained tight shut.
Whilst sweat poured down my forehead,
I heard rumbles from his gut!

I've been in worse predicaments,
But only in my head.
Like wrestling with big brown bears,
And monsters from our shed!

But feeling brave I shuffled close,
To see his scary jaws.
The crocodile was not impressed,
And flexed his giant claws!

The beast prepared to eat me up,
He snapped, he snarled, he blew!
But I just stood and tapped the glass,
'Cause this croc is in the zoo!

Poem of the Week



Inspirational Person of the Week Max Woosey

Max has camped out every night, in his tent, for two years and he has raised £700,000 for charity. He started when he was 10 and he is now 12. Amazing!!

Max's marathon camp began in early 2020 when his mum and dad, Mark Woosey, a Royal Marine, were helping to care for a neighbour, Rick Abbott, who had terminal cancer.

The Woosey family saw first-hand how the support of [North Devon hospice](#) helped their friend remain in his own home. Just before he died, Abbott gave Max his tent and told him to have an adventure with it.

When the first national lockdown was announced in March 2020 and it became clear the hospice would suffer a financial hit, Max decided to do a fundraising camp-out until lockdown was over. He thought it might last a few weeks and he might raise £100. It went on, and on.

Max said he had learned resilience. "There have been lots of nights of horrible weather - times when it's raining or freezing - and you want to go inside but you think, 'No, I'm out here raising money, it's a good cause'. You've got to keep on fighting."



He has survived a record-breaking storm, endured icy mornings when he woke with frost coating his blankets and battled a bout of Covid during a heatwave. But after two years of sleeping under canvas [Max Woosey - the boy in the tent](#) - is on the verge of, if not giving up life under the stars, then at least embarking on a new chapter.

"I'm still going to be in my tent a lot," said Max, who has raised more than £700,000 for charity. "But now I've done two years, if there's a big, dangerous storm coming I may come inside, or if we have a trip to London I may stay in a hotel. I'm not going to have to be outside every night any more."



Contact Details

Please remember to email the school office if, over the holidays, there have been changes to your:

- **Circumstances**
- **Phone number**
 - **Address**
 - **Email**

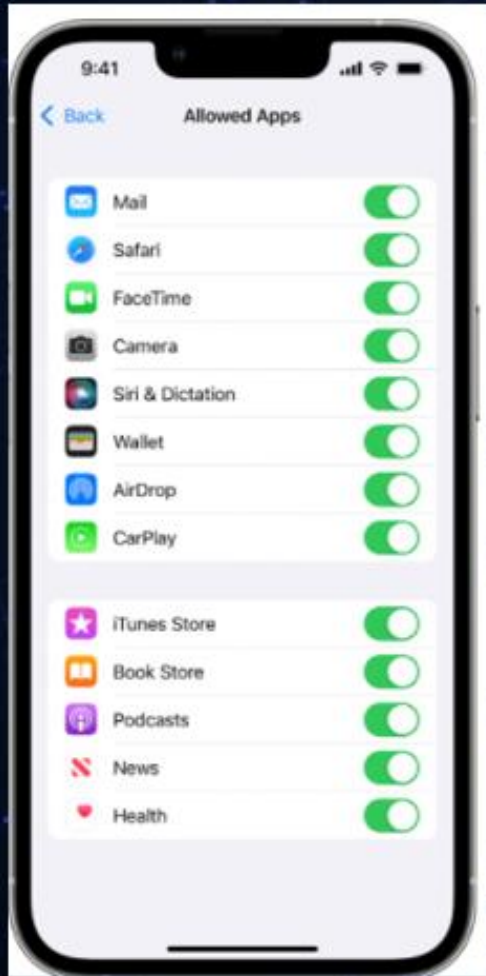
info@simondesenlis.org



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Use parental controls on your child's iPhone, iPad and iPod touch

With Content & Privacy Restrictions in Screen Time, you can block or limit settings, apps, and features on your child's device. You can also restrict the settings on your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch for explicit content, purchases and downloads, and privacy.



Apple devices have a range of features available to support parents in monitoring and restricting what their child is able to do not just online but on an Apple device.

All Apple devices have the ability to set restrictions on purchases, downloads, video content and web access. Additionally, you can set a time limit for a device and prevent certain apps from being accessed or installed.

It is important to be aware of the range of features in place to support parents when their children have an Apple device, so they can keep them safe. If you want to find out more, you can search the link below.

You can find out more here:

Think of the week

A **think** is an **unusual question** that makes you **think**. A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light.



What colour would a zebra be if it lost all its stripes?



IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

This week we reminded ourselves of some of the values that are held dear in Britain. We thought, not only about what the values are, but what they mean and how we see these values in our everyday lives.



DEMOCRACY



THE RULE OF LAW



MUTUAL RESPECT



INDIVIDUAL
LIBERTY



TOLERANCE
OF THOSE WITH DIFFERENT
FAITHS AND BELIEFS

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At Simon de Senlis, we want our children to be competent mathematicians, eager to engage with new concepts and ideas, and able to apply their mathematical skills in a variety of contexts with confidence. In order to achieve this, children need to have a secure understanding of key mathematical concepts and skills. **Mathematical talk** is essential to develop children's understanding of mathematics. Purposeful talk can clarify, refine and extend understanding of important mathematical language and concepts.

Here are our 3 top tips for encouraging fun mathematical talk and play at home...

Tip 1: Invent throwing and scoring games

Inventing throwing and scoring games leaves endless possibilities for mathematical thinking. When first playing games, you might notice that someone wins a lot and younger siblings might be at a disadvantage. This can be sorted out in lots of ways – maybe they get to throw from a shorter distance? Or perhaps they have different balls to throw, are allowed to throw under arm, are allowed to bounce it? Or only have to hit the target?

How does it encourage mathematical talk?

The conversations will involve lots of talk about **fairness**. When talking about fairness, we might be talking about chance, things being **likely, unlikely, 50/50 (even chance) or impossible**. You might also talk about your strategies of keeping score out loud. Sharing your thinking about how you work with numbers helps children develop their own strategies and notice that there are many 'right' ways to work with numbers.



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Tip 2: Create a height chart (This is a classic but still a good idea which can sometimes be forgotten!)



1. Find a wall and some long paper (a roll of lining paper works well)
2. Mark on the height of your children, you, and the family pets (plants and animals included).
3. Do it again after... a day, month, 6 months, a year, 10 years.

How does this get them thinking?

By marking height on the wall, we are using **direct comparison**. There is no need for standard units (metres and centimeters) at this point.

Later, children might want to share their record of heights with a friend or family member. If you try this out together, you might notice during your conversation that a photo doesn't reveal enough information about the heights marked on the wall. Here, we need a standard measure which others can also work with! We introduce **standard measures** (meters and centimeters) when we need to communicate our mathematics with someone.

Once you mark meters and centimeters on your chart, then you might also draw on or mark sports stars (Serena Williams 1.75m, Lionel Messi 1.70m) or even interesting animal sizes (adult ostrich 2.7m, pet rabbit 35cm).

How does it encourage mathematical talk?

There is lots of mathematical language here. The conversation is one about **size**, and about **height**. Your conversation might use language like **taller, shorter, difference, fast, slow, more, less, the same**.

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Tip 3: Enjoy playing board games and maths games!

There are many fun board games that integrate deeper mathematical thinking and mathematical talk into the gameplay. These games help children develop skills such as **multi-step problem-solving, spatial reasoning, pattern recognition, resource management** and much more.

Number Rumbler is a great maths game that we use in school.



Number Rumbler, £7.99

Playing Number Rumbler is a great way to develop your child's number sense, their understanding of how numbers relate to each other. From sorting the cards into number "families" to matching pairs, memory games and even your own games (as devised by your child for your family), this little pack of cards offers loads of possibilities and is a great parental handbag accessory for "I'm bored" moments when you're out and about.

We hope that you have fun!

The Winter Reading Challenge is back!

After the success of the Summer Reading Challenge, the Winter Mini Challenge has arrived.

The challenge runs from: 1 December 2023 – 20 February 2023

The Winter Mini Challenge is an online-only challenge that encourages children to keep up their reading over the winter holidays.

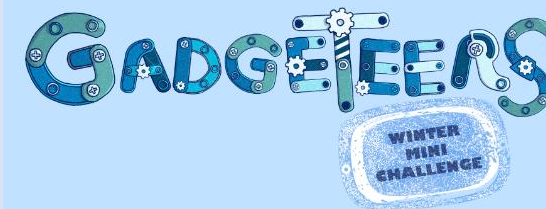
To take part, sign up at www.wintermini.org.uk

Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile.

Read three books to unlock a virtual badge and a special certificate!

You'll find cool do-it-at-home experiments, new reading activities and content from the best children's authors and illustrators, games and other goodies right here on our online platform.

You can also look on Facebook for some fun competitions!



Sports

Date for your diary Northamptonshire Schools County Cross Country Championships are on Saturday 21st January 2023 @ Abington Park, Northampton.

Two of our talented athletes from year 5 & 6 will be competing so why not hop along and see some skilled runners race around the park and give them your support.

If you are interested in joining an athletics club, then why not check out these [websites](#) for details of how to get involved. Miss Bland.

<https://randnac.org/>



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION



Welcome to
Rugby & Northampton
Athletic Club

Information for Year 5 Parents of children with SEND IASS Northants information events

Dear Parents and Carers, IASS Northants will be holding their secondary school transfer seminars for parents of children with SEND (with or without EHC Plans). These are open to families in both North and West Northamptonshire. Please see below for more information. The first sessions are held in January - to book please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4vb728rb>

For more information please contact Ms Holland or Mrs Haigh via the school.

Northamptonshire Information, Advice, and Support Service for SEND (IASS)

Year 5 Seminars 2022-23

Supporting the positive transfer from primary school to secondary school for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This seminar is for you if you're a parent or carer of a child in Year 5 who either has an EHC Plan or receives SEN Support at school.

Dates & Locations:

- Corn Market Hall, Kettering - Thu, 19 Jan 2023 (6pm-8pm)
- Castle Theatre, Wellingborough - Tue, 14 Mar 2023 (10am-12noon)
- NMPAT, Northampton - Thu, 26 Jan 2023 (12:30pm-2.30pm)
 - Daventry Town FC - Wed, 15 Mar 2023 (6pm-8pm)

To book, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4vb728rb>





Abington Museum

Vegan market



Saturday 28 January

11am - 4pm

Free entry

Veggie delights will be in abundance at this vegan market. Whether you are vegan, vegetarian or just v-curious, you will find a wide choice of stalls selling delicious plant-based food and drink produced in the region, along with vegan beauty products and other ethically produced items, including clothing.

Abington Museum

Vintage and craft fair



Saturday 11 March

11am - 4pm

Free

A selection of vintage, reworked and handmade stalls selling fashion, accessories, jewellery, collectibles, homeware and more. Enjoy the delicious hot food and drinks in the courtyard from local food and drink producers.



Delapré wellbeing

Wellbeing Festival

Wellbeing Festival January 2023 – Delapré Wellbeing (delaprewellbeing.co.uk)

Wellbeing Festival

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd January
Spaces limited, pre-booking advised

Relax and unwind at Delapré Abbey with three days of informal talks, classes and activities designed to increase your health and wellbeing. Help banish those January blues and move your body as you soak in the beautiful surroundings of the historic Abbey and its green spaces.

With a varied programme, you can choose which events you'd like to attend to create your own tailored experience.

Introductory classes include pilates, nordic walking, seated yoga, Zumba and more (all levels and abilities welcome).

The programme of talks include tips on managing chronic pain, ways to boost your mood during winter, using creativity and crafting to support your mental health and wellbeing, and tips for improved sleep.

This festival is programmed by Northamptonshire Sport and Delapré Abbey.

FREE
event

could you help a
child feel safe, loved
and supported?

YOU can make a difference

Join us on Saturday 21st January 10am - 12pm at 7 Doolittle Mill, Frogghall Road, Ampthill, MK45 2ND. It's the perfect opportunity to find more about becoming a foster carer and how you can help a child in your area. Enjoy some refreshments while having an informal chat with our carers and team.



special guest safari stu



to reserve your space call

0800 389 0143

or email Rebecca on
rebeccar@nexusfostering.co.uk

can't join us?

enquire at nexusfostering.co.uk/oneday




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groups, day trips and
activities for all the family



Bespoke support packages for our
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made outreach support for children



Consistently rated
'Outstanding' by Ofsted



To find out more, speak to our friendly team on

0800 389 0143

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nexusfostering.co.uk/oneday




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Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

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Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

The Community Fridge is located at the Abbey Centre. This is open Tuesday and Friday 10.30-12 pm and Friday 4-5:30pm. They require a £1 donation.





ELITE FOOTBALL COACHING



GIRLS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



DEVELOPMENT

For players to enhance their skills outside of team coaching.

Open to all players, the emphasis is on our female players improving their fundamental techniques in a competitive environment.



OPPORTUNITIES

Every Friday
Ages U10 - U12
6:30 - 7:30PM

£35 Per Month



SKILLS

Players learn close control, dribbling, 1st touch and other footballing techniques.

Players will be challenged in pressured scenarios to improve the ability to execute in games.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
visit info@elitefootballcoaching.org



SESSION LOCATION
Moulton 3G, Brunting Road

EFC Player Development

Elite Football Coaching brings ELITE level coaching to grassroots players.

At Elite Football Coaching we want to bridge the gap and give players access to quality coaching with experienced coaches.

EFC Player Development program is designed to improve the players overall technical and tactical ability with the ball.

Each player will have a ball at their feet for the majority of the session.



EFC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

EVERY MONDAY

Age U7-U10 | 5-6pm
Age U11-U14 | 6-7pm

EVERY FRIDAY

Age U7-U10 | 5:30-6:30pm

£35 PER MONTH

LOCATION | MOULTON 3G, BRUNTING ROAD, NN3 7QF

BOOK | [INFO@ELITEFOOTBALLCOACHING.ORG](mailto:info@elitefootballcoaching.org)



LIMITED SPACES PER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Email info@elitefootballcoaching.org to SIGN UP



For more information please visit | WWW.ELITEFOOTBALLCOACHING.ORG | 07592299384

Girls Player Development

Girls Player Development returns this February

This program will focus on our female players improving their fundamental techniques in a competitive environment.

In these fast paced sessions, players will be encouraged to be creative and take risks. This program is perfect for all players.

Holiday Fun



February Half Term 2023

Games /Sports 	Atomic Science 
Arts & Crafts 	YOGA and Mindfulness 
Circus Skills 	Music 

Is it for me?

Open to Primary age children from Reception to Age 11

How much?

£15 per day, 9am – 3.30pm each day

How do I book?

To book spaces please visit: www.northamptonesco.co.uk, you can book as many days as you require. Full details can be seen on our website/facebook page.

What do I need?

Packed Lunch and plenty of drinks.

Wear clothes suitable for moving freely and trainers/plimsolls.

Parents/Carers must drop off and pick up children.














Please ensure your child's lunch does not contain any nuts.

Queries?

Email- msmith@northamptonesco.co.uk or 07917 535762

February Half Term 2023

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

Monday 13 th February	Tuesday 14 th February	Wednesday 15 th February	Thursday 16 th February	Friday 17 th February	Venue
Sports 	Yoga 	Yoga 	Yoga 	Circus skills 	Cedar Road Primary School, Broadway East, NN3 2PP (access through pedestrian gate to main hall)
Games 	Science 	POP CHOIR (NEW) 	Arts and Crafts 	POP CHOIR 	
Science 	Arts and Crafts 	Games 	Science 	Music 	

This may be of
interest to you-
Take a look at this
course- English for
Speakers of Other
Languages

ESOL

English for Speaker of Other Languages

Improve your English skills and become more confident in communicating with others.

We have groups at all levels, with a choice of days and times. To find the best group for you, we will ask you to complete an Initial Assessment to find out your level.

You may be eligible for **FREE** classes if your income is below £17, 374.50 per year.

To find out more, contact Emilia Ratcliffe on:

- Email: AdultLearningEssentialSkills@northnorthants.gov.uk or Emilia_ratcliffe@northnorthants.gov.uk
- Mobile: 07912 186944
- Website: [Adult Learning \(northamptonshire.gov.uk\)](http://Adult Learning (northamptonshire.gov.uk)) and enter course code XOA8XR02

Pupil Days

Bank Holidays

School Holidays

Teacher Training Days

NPAT Academic Calendar 23/24

Teacher Training Days
Monday 4 September 2023
Tuesday 5 September 2023
Monday 30 October 2023
Monday 26th February 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024

September 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

October 2023					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27

November 2023					
Mon			6	13	20
Tues			7	14	21
Wed		1	8	15	22
Thu		2	9	16	23
Fri		3	10	17	24

December 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

January 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

February 2024					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tues		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	

March 2024					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

April 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

May 2024					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

June 2024					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28

July 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

August 2024					
Mon			5	12	19
Tues			6	13	20
Wed			7	14	21
Thu		1	8	15	22
Fri		2	9	16	23



SOME NEWS FOR OUR CHILDREN

***13TH JANUARY
2023***

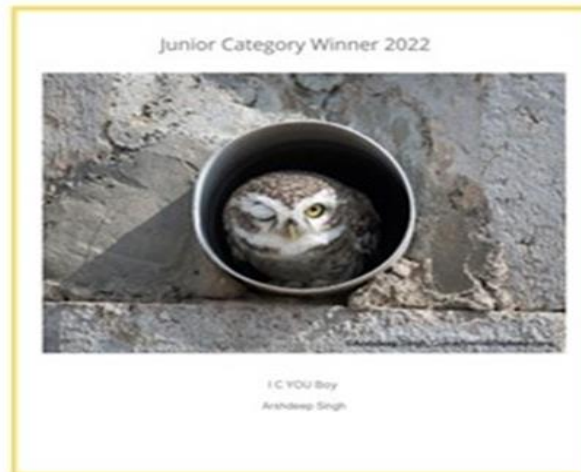
3D printed violins



Pictured: A child playing a violin. Source: Canva

The Acoustical Society of America is 3D-printing violins to make the instrument more affordable for hundreds of children and adults who want to learn how to play. The 3D-printed violins are created in two sections, with the violin's body being made from a plastic polymer material. The neck and fingerboard are printed in smooth ABS plastic, which clips on to the body and gives a comfortable grip for musicians. The violins are much cheaper than a traditional violin, which can cost over £600. The 3D-printed violin cost only

around £30 (with printing costs being around £6 and the assembly at about £24). The instrument produces a different sound, a darker, more mellow sound than traditionally made instruments. 'Our goals were to explore the new sound world created by using new materials, to leverage the new technology being used in other disciplines, and to make music education sustainable and accessible through the printing of more durable instruments,' said the Montreal-based AVIVA Young Artists Program director, Mary Elizabeth Brown.



Junior Category Winner 2022

I C YOU Boy
Arshdeep Singh



Photo 2

People's Choice Winner 2022

Talk to the Fin
Jennifer Hadley

Funny photos

The winners of the Comedy Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2022 have been announced. Amongst the hilarious snaps was a photograph of a winking owl called 'I C You Boy', which won the World Junior Comedy Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2022 award for Arshdeep Singh. Arshdeep is a young wildlife photographer from Jalandhar, India, who was born in 2007. He is passionate about birds, primates and small world (macro) photography. He said, 'I learn everyday, learning helps me become a better photographer every day'. US photographer Jennifer Hadley's 'Talk To The Fin' photograph of two gentoo penguins, who were hanging out on the beach when one shook himself off, giving his mate the snub, was taken in the Falkland Islands. The contest was founded

Pictured: Left - Arshdeep's picture of a winking owl titled 'I C You Boy' won the World Junior Comedy Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2022. Right - Affinity Photo 2 People's Choice Award 2022, Talk to the Fin by Jennifer Hadley. Source: Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards @ComedyWildlife Twitter page

in 2015 by professional photographers and passionate conservationists, Paul Joynson-Hicks and Tom Sullam, who wanted to create a competition that focused on the lighter, humorous side of wildlife photography. They tweeted that the competition is 'The funniest pictures of wildlife near and far, promoting sustainability through positive imagery'. The free competition is open to all, with novice, amateur and professional photographers all welcome to submit entries. It celebrates the hilarity of the natural world while also highlighting what needs to be done to protect it.

Unicorn license



The Department of Animal Care and Control in California (DACC) has issued its first ever Permanent Unicorn License. A girl, called Madeline, wrote a letter to request a license from her state, which said, 'Dear LA County, I would like your approval if I can have a unicorn in my backyard if I can find one.' After reading the letter and assessing the case, DACC Director Marcia Mayeda responded by issuing the license and a plushie unicorn pictured above. There are conditions to the license, which include that Madeline must take great care of the unicorn if she finds one, as they are very rare. The unicorn must be given regular access to sunlight, moonbeams, and rainbows along with

Pictured: The Permanent Unicorn License and the plushie unicorn that accompanied it. **Source:** LA Dpt. of Animal Control Facebook page.

being fed it's favourite snack, which the director states is watermelon, once a week. Madeline must ensure the good health of her unicorn's horn by polishing it with a soft cloth at least once a month. The girl must make sure that any glitter or sparkles used on the unicorn are biodegradable and non-toxic so they are safe for her pet. Marcia Mayeda commended Madeline's thoughtfulness and sense of responsibility in considering what she would need in order to provide a loving and safe home for her unicorn.

Last week's topic:

What would it be like to live on the Moon?

Fun because you would need to bunny hop everywhere, but annoying because wearing a helmet and a suit would interfere with eating and doing normal things.

Venice Class



I think it will be a great experience to live on the moon.

Lenny

I thinking would be good but difficult to live on the moon and a bit scary. That's because it would be difficult to get food and water that you need to live. However, the good thing is you would get to discover lots of new things about the moon and space.

Timo

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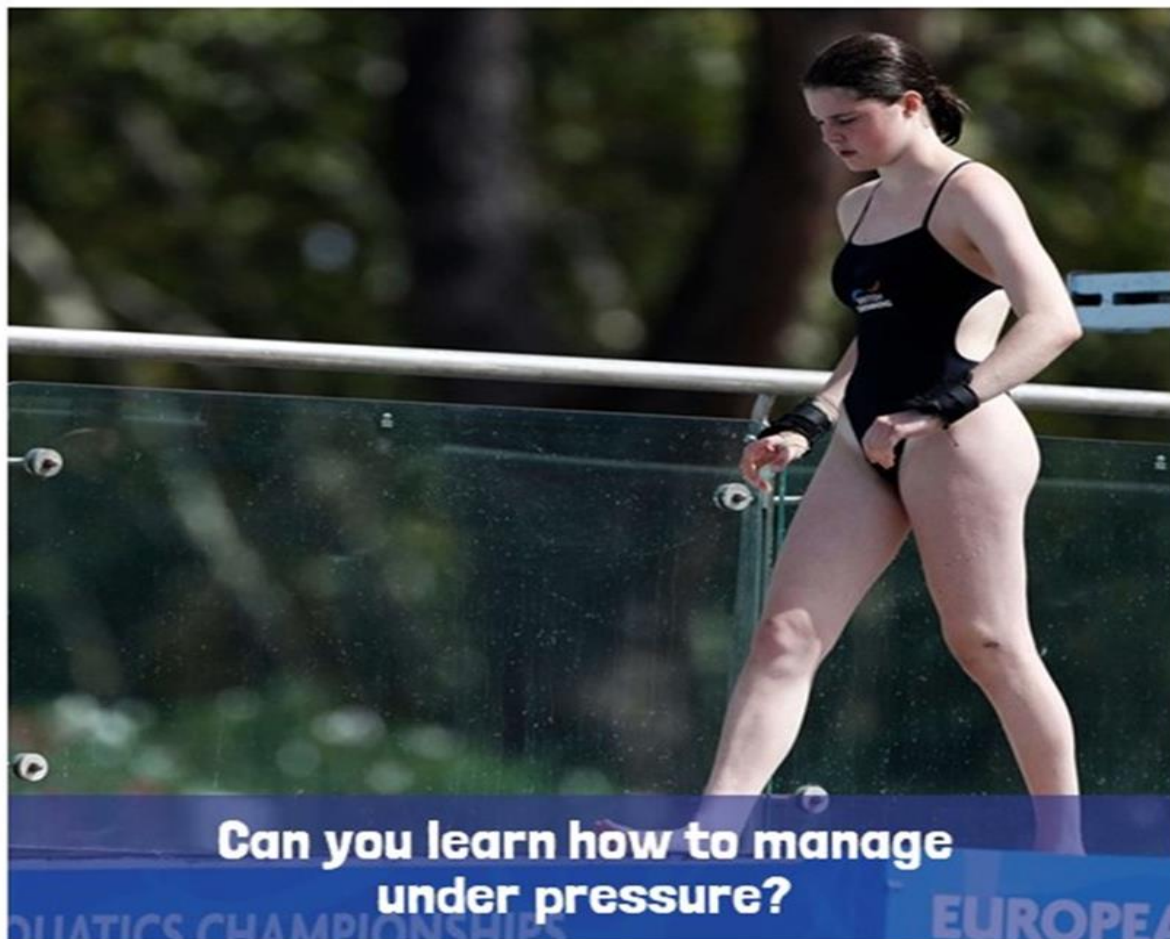
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Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you think Andrea is feeling as she prepares to dive?
- > Can you think of a time when you felt under pressure? What happened and what helped you manage?
- > Do you think some people are better at dealing with pressure than others?

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