

BOOKSHOP DAY



14th October. Bookshop Day

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
2nd October until 20th October	Whole School	Donations for The Hope Centre- dried foods and toiletries
13th October	Whole School	Short Reports to all parents and carers
17th & 19th October	Whole School	Parents Evening. Booking opened 5th October. The Book Fair and Jules at Home will be in school.
18th October 2:30pm	Year 3 Harvest Assembly	Year 3 parents invited to attend
19th October	Year – Reception only	Parents information session 08:45am – 09:30am

Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
9th November	Year 4	Rainforest Roadshow
13th December	Year 5	National Space Centre
16th November	Prospective Parents September 2024	Open evening for prospective Parents for September 2024 at 6pm.
17th November	Assembly for Year 4 parents KS1 – 10:45 to 11:15 KS2 – 9:30 to 10:30	Assembly NMPAT Woodwind Quintet
5th December	Prospective Parents September 2024	Open Morning for prospective Parents for September 2024 at 9:30



Dear Parents and Carers,

We all know how wonderful our school is, and I know we're all so proud to be a part of our amazing family. It has been especially lovely, over the past few weeks, to have positive comments given to me by members of the public who are not part of our school. Firstly, on our Reception tour, the parents were full of praise for the opportunities our children have at SdS, plus the fabulous teaching and learning that they saw across all classes. Secondly, a member of the public gave high praise to SdS, commenting on what role models the children always are when they're out and about in the community- polite, well behaved and engaged. Thirdly, at a trust event recently, it was a pleasure for other professionals to comment on the great things taking place at SdS.

SdS is a GREAT school, with wonderful children, families and staff and we are all so lucky to be part of this wonderful family and community.

Please take care, have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Fennelly



HALLOWEEN 2023

CREATE / DECORATE A PUMPKIN



CRAFT!

COLOUR!

DRAW!

CARVE!

CREATE!

**BRING YOUR
PUMPKIN CREATION
TO SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY 17TH
OCTOBER**

**£2 DONATION TO FRIENDS OF SDS FOR EACH ENTRY
STICKER FOR EVERY ENTRY AND ONE
SPECIAL PRIZE PER CLASS FOR THE WINNER!**

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTMAIL - £3 EACH
WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE OR BRIGHTEST COLOURS!

C O L L O U R

D i S c

RECEPTION * YRS 1+2 - 3:30 TO 4:30
YRS 3+4 - 4:45 TO 5:45
YRS 5+6 - 6:00 TO 7:00





Thursday November 2nd

3:30-4:30- Rec, Y1, Y2 and Wiggins

4:45-5:45- Y3, Y4 and Robinson

6:00-7:00- Y5 and 6



Parents Evening / TLCs

We will be holding our Termly Learning Conferences (TLCs) on:

Tuesday October 17th

Thursday October 19th

Appointments are available between 3:40pm - 6:20pm.

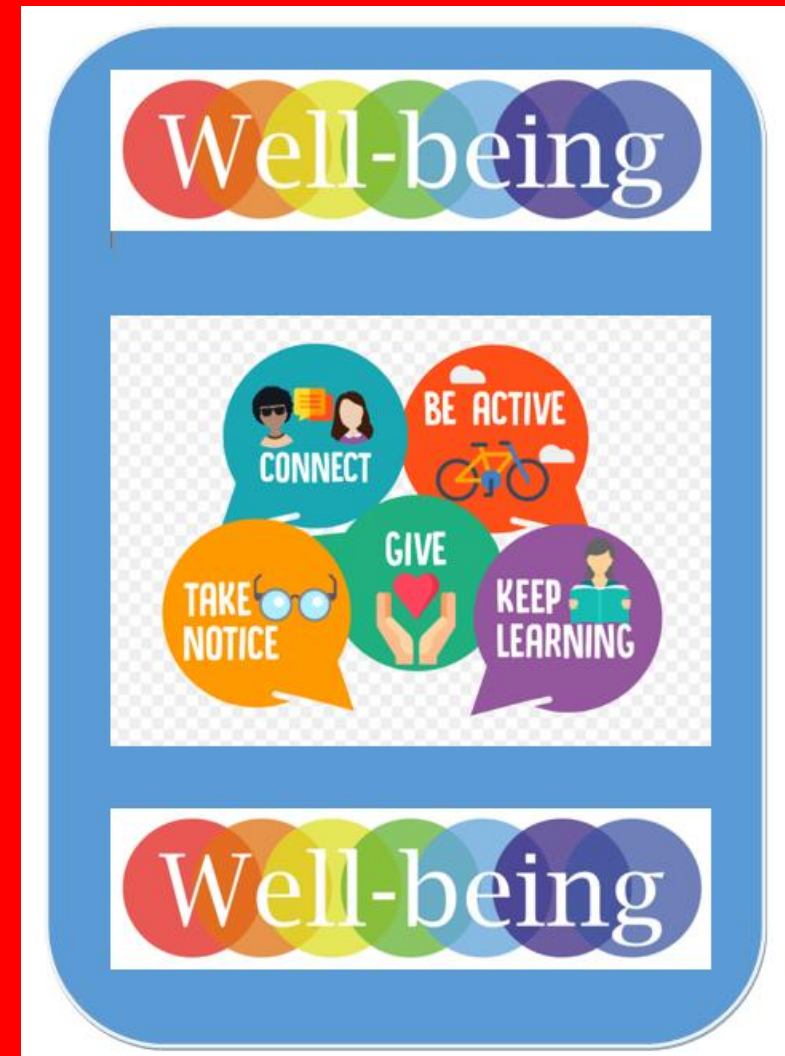
You will have received, via ParentMail, instructions on how to book.

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

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

This week we talked about supporting our positive wellbeing and we shared strategies that can help us to do this. They include staying connected to friends and family, keeping active, looking at the world around us, giving kindness and positivity to others and learning new things.

POSTER OF THE WEEK

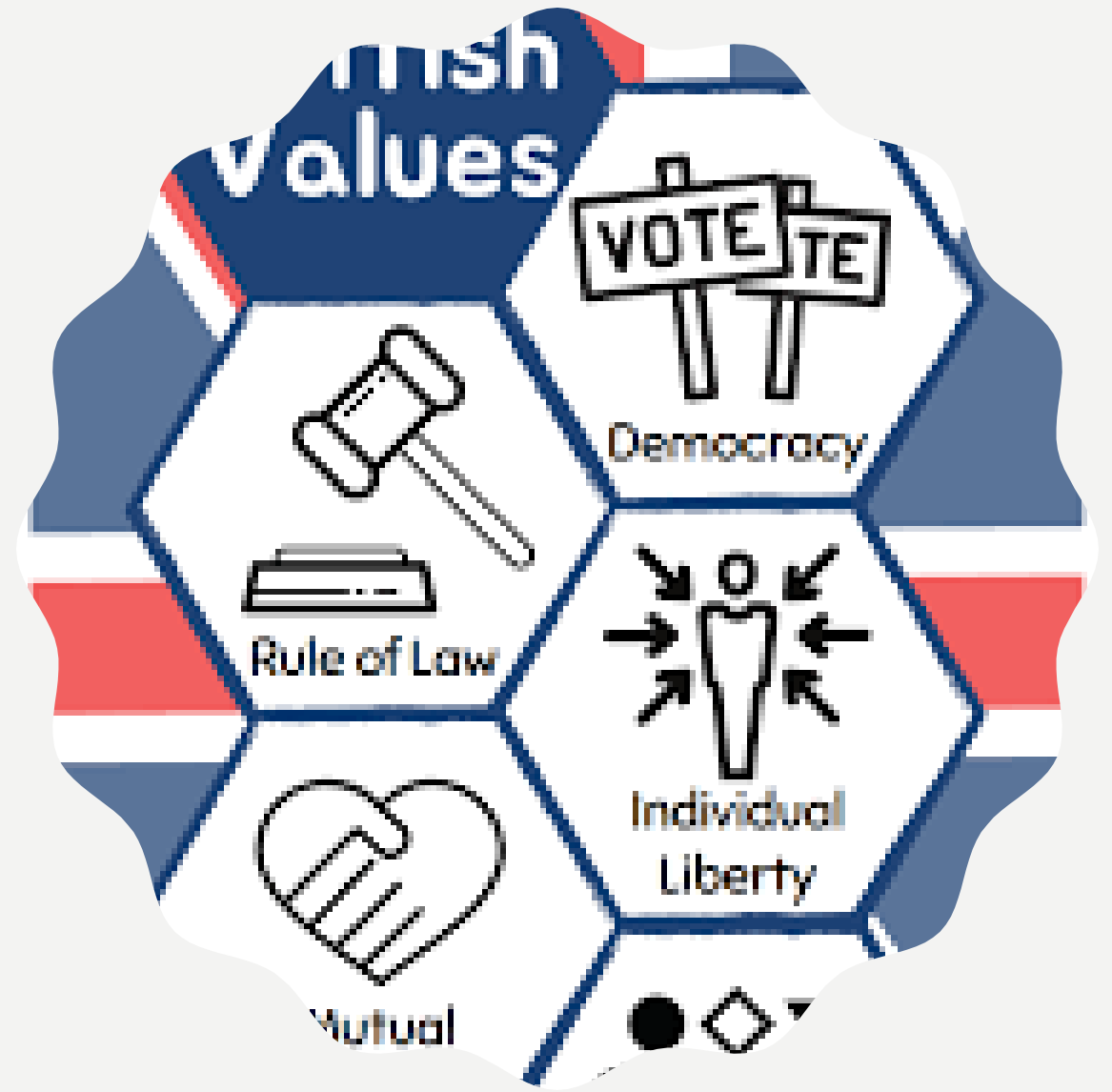


THIS WEEK IN ASSEMBLY

This week in assembly, we linked the British values of Individual Liberty and The Rule of Law to our playground times.

The reception children listened to the story of Elmer and talked about how it feels to play with our friends.

In ks1 and ks2, we talked about bullying and what happens at our school if someone is being bullied. The anti-bullying ambassadors said hello and helped us to remember that we must tell an adult if we think we are being bullied. We were told of the actions adults at school do take to keep us safe.



The book fair will be at school during the TLCs on Tuesday and Thursday. Please come along and see if there is a book that you like.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

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COME To the BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

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NEW SPEAK UP! £7.99

NEW THE MAYA GODS! MAZ EVANS £7.99

NEW TOM GATES STAR STORIES LIEKE PLETON £12.99 £7.99 Hardback only

NEW The Baddies JULIA DANFORTH WILL SIMPSON £7.99

NEW BLUEY BARKY GOATS £6.99

Date: 17th & 19th October 2023

Scan the QR code to pay online!

Jules at Home



Roadie

Uniform will be sold in a pop-up shop during the TLCs on Tuesday and Thursday.

Simon de Senlis Primary School



Reception Places Sept 2024

We invite you to visit our amazing school, to hear about our ethos and see our wonderful staff and children in our engaging learning environment.

September 28th 2023 at 6:00pm | October 9th 2023 at 9:30am
November 16th 2023 at 6:00pm | December 5th 2023 at 9:30am
January 8th 2024 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org



Blue Peter Badges

Blue Peter badges are FREE and take 5 minutes to complete the application form. Did you know that having a badge gives you free entry to many family attractions? It's great to see the children in school starting to wear their badges. Follow the link here-

[How to get a Blue Peter Badge | Different types of badge | Apply for free | Free sunflower seeds with Blue Peter badges - CBBC -](#)

[BB](#)



Library Poem

by Julia Donaldson

Everyone is welcome to walk through the door.
It really doesn't matter if you're rich or poor.
There are books in boxes and books on shelves
They're free for you to borrow, so help yourself

Come and meet your heroes, old and new,
From William the Conqueror to Winnie the Pooh.
You can look into the mirror or read The Times,
Or bring along a toddler to chant some rhymes.

The librarian's a friend who loves to lend,
So see if there's a book that she can recommend.

Read that book, and if you're bitten
You can borrow all the other ones the author's written.



Are you into battles or biography?
Are you keen on gerbils or geography?
Are you into dragons or ghosts? Sharks or science fiction?
There's something here for everyone, whatever your addiction.

There are students revising, deep in concentration,
And school kids doing projects, finding inspiration.
Over in the corner there's a table with seating,
So come along and join in the Book Club meeting.

Yes, come to the library! Browse and borrow,
And help make sure it'll still be here tomorrow.

Did you know that using your Library is good for the planet?

...and your wallet!

Libraries have been around for hundreds of years! Borrowing and sharing books is one of the earliest ways to reduce waste and reuse materials

What could you save by borrowing from your library?
(Children's Paperback books for one year)

- 1  a week - £415.48
 - 4  a week - £1661.92
 - 10  a week - £4154.80!
- *Based on average book prices 2023

Joining the library is completely free!

Digital, Business & Technology



Children's Activities & Learning



Social, Learning & Wellbeing



Libraries are so much more than just books!

Go Green at the library this Libraries Week!



This week in assembly we listened to music by Kakatsitsi a master drumming group from Ghana. If you'd like to watchg them play, click here-

[Kakatsitsi, Live @ The Eden Project - 'Sweet' - Bing video](#)



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Rt Hon Dame Andrea Leadsom DBE MP Christmas Card Competition

As I have done for the last eight years, I will be holding my annual Christmas card competition amongst all the primary schools in South Northamptonshire and would be delighted if any of your students would like to participate.

The deadline for the submissions will be Monday 6th November to give us sufficient time to judge the winner and runners-up and then in time to get the cards printed. The cards, with the winner and two runners up printed on the front and back, are then used by me as my Christmas card to all my friends and colleagues, including the Prime Minister!

Please let me know if your school will be taking part and please send all entries to my constituency office at:

The Rt Hon. Dame Andrea Leadsom DBE MP
Victoria House,
138 Watling Street East
Towcester
NN12 6BT

On the back of each entry please clearly write the name of the school, the artist/student's full name and their age.

I always hold a special presentation tea party with games and a presentation of certificates for all the runners up and finalists, including their parent/guardian or schoolteacher, and I look forward to seeing all the entries and choosing the design for my 2021 Christmas card.

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.



If you were
given five
wishes, what
would you
wish for?



HARVEST COLLECTION



Thank you to everyone who has donated food for the Hope Centre, our collection is growing day by day! Don't worry if you haven't donated yet, there is still time next week.

Your donation will really make a difference.

School Mental Health Leads

Ms Cunningham and Miss Garrard are the Mental Health Leads at Simon de Senlis

If you have any worries or concerns about any aspect of your child's mental wellbeing please speak to your child's class teacher or contact us in school.



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Mental Health First Aider



Hannah Garrard

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider

Optimistic October 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

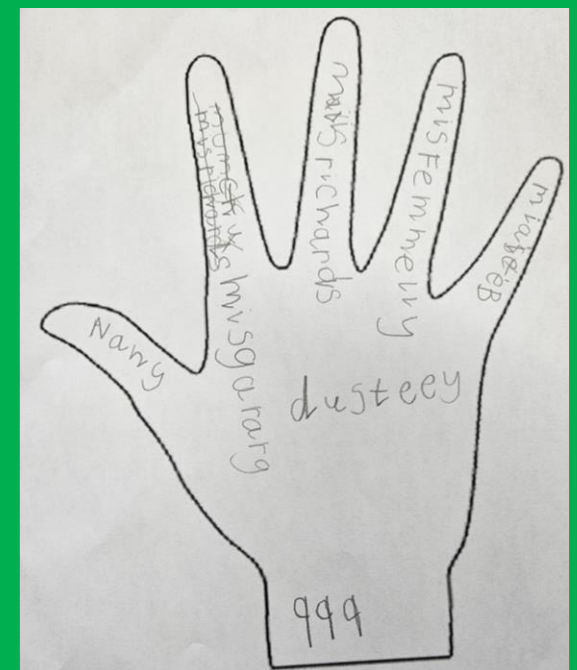
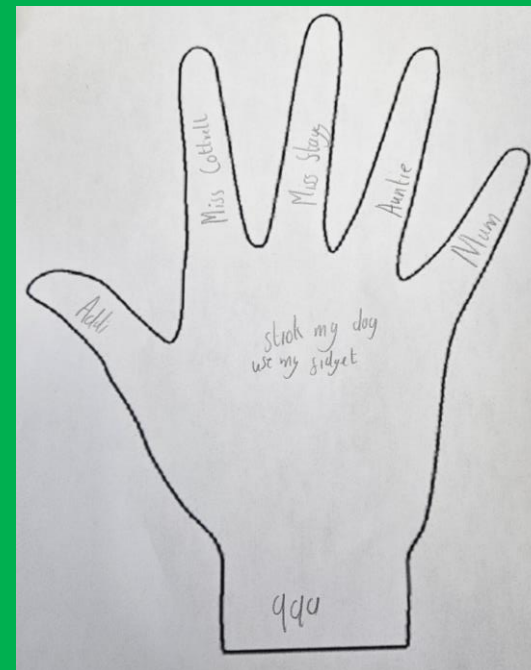
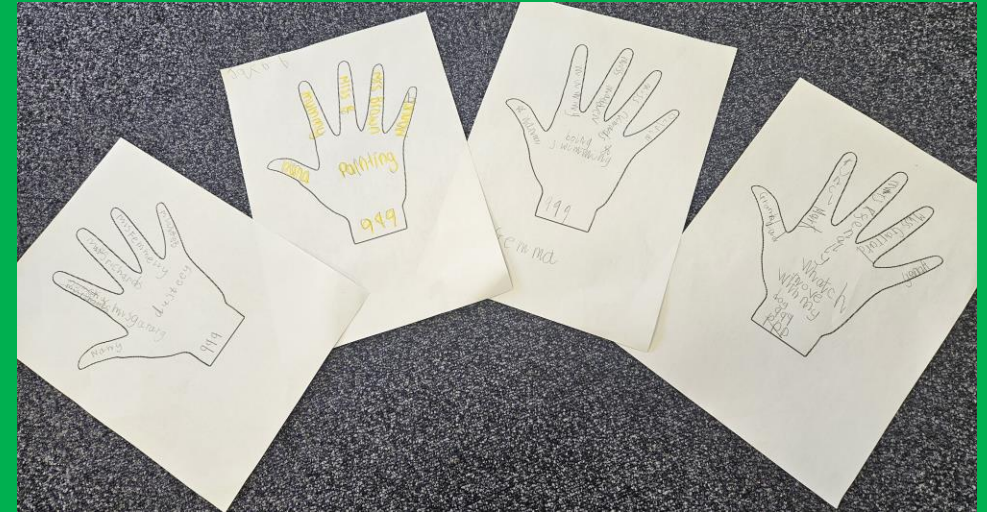
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Miss Garrard says....

Over the next few weeks, I will be going into every class in school to complete a 'Protective Behaviour' lesson. I will be talking to every single child about what to do if they feel worried, and who they can speak to when they feel this way.

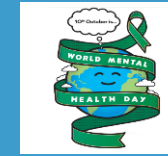
I will be sharing the message 'everyone has the right to feel safe at all times' and we will look at what are safe situations and unsafe situations. With some of the older children, we will also look at situations that are 'fun to feel scared', such as a roller coaster or water slide. All children will complete their 'helping hand', which will help them to identify the adults they trust and can speak to if they need support. We will also look at our 'palm pals' which are things we can do to help us feel relaxed or positive. Finally, we will make sure we all know what to do in an emergency and the number to call if we need help. This is 999 and is something we 'keep up our sleeve'.



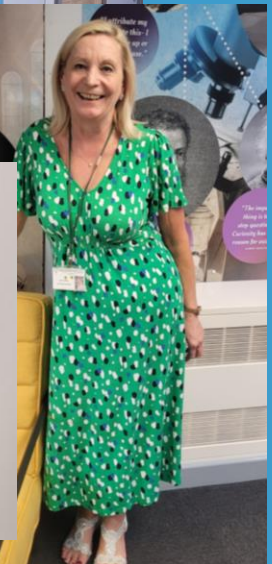
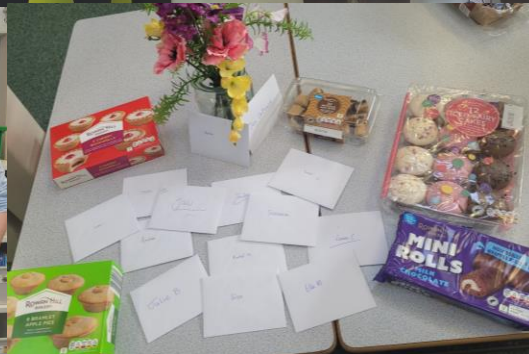
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World Mental Health Day 2023



On Tuesday, it was World Mental Health day and at school the staff wore green to celebrate this important day and sent each other 'compliment cards' to share positive messages about each other.



World Mental Health Day: Britain Get Talking!

A different kind of homework

Mental Health has declined in almost 40% of school children (NHS Survey). That's why 'Britain Get Talking' is setting the nation a different kind of homework. It's designed to help ease our stress and reduce our anxiety by asking what's on our minds. Have a chat tonight or take part in ITV's national homework exercise. You don't need a pen or paper, but if you're unsure where to start, download the task and try writing or drawing your worries on the front cover.



Click the link below to access the homework online:

What's on our minds can be the hardest subject. So what's on yours? Sometimes, the world can feel like a scary place. That's why this World Mental Health Day, we've set the nation a different kind of homework. Because talking about the hardest subjects on our mind can help ease our stress, and reduce our anxiety. And working on a shared task like this one is a brilliant way to start a proper chat if you need a hand.

Get talking

1 Ask your parent, carer, or an adult you trust if they'll help you with your homework. Tell them not to worry - nothing will be marked, and they won't even need a calculator!

2 If you're not sure where to start, try writing or drawing your worries or fears on the front cover of this envelope. You can use the box or go outside the lines. Remember there are no right or wrong answers.

3 Now, spend time together talking through any worries one by one. Discuss questions such as: How does it make you feel? What are you most afraid might happen? Would it help if you had more information?

Get listening

Even if we're used to talking together, it can be hard to open up about our worries or fears, particularly the more serious or scary ones. Perhaps you're afraid that talking about them might make you both worry more.

but the reality is the opposite is more likely to be true. When we talk about the hardest subjects, we don't have to have all the answers. The important thing is to listen without judgment, and try not to rush to resolve the problems.

https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI0Nj_wvPogQMVGuztCh0VkwPGEAAYASAAEgIFBPD_BwE&scrllybrkr=07752e01

If you have any worries or concerns about any aspect of your child's mental health or wellbeing please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Ms Cunningham or Miss Garrard in school

Sports- The Zig –Zag Challenge

Do you want to improve your speed and agility?

Then why not try the Zig-Zag challenge.

First place out some markers in a zig-zag pattern(make this as big as you like). Run in a zig-zag pattern and touch each cone or spot with the closest hand.

Coaching points

1. Bend knees
 2. Touch spot with the closest hand
 3. Push off with your foot to change direction
 4. Sprint in an upright body position
- If you practice this every day, you will improve your agility skills and this will help you to play football, rugby, basketball and many other games. Why not set a time for this challenge.



We are pleased to announce Rhino Sports Academy Camps will be held at Blisworth Primary School.

Here is some more information on what each activity will include on the day. We encourage children to try out new experiences and if on the day your child wants to swap over and do something different that is no problem at all.

MULTISPORTS

At a Rhino multisport camp, every child spends a portion of their day participating in each of the sports on offer. They will learn the rules of the game plus new skills and new techniques for the first part before moving on to match play and games for the latter part.

Our Multisport Camps are a great way for children to enjoy some sporting variety and encourage participation in new sports for those still looking to find out which sport they enjoy the most.

Our coaches are all passionate about healthy competition and about exploring the fun and excitement that playing sport can bring. Prizes will be awarded for effort and excellence shown throughout the day.



SCIENCE

At Rhino Science we want to inspire natural curiosity by providing fun scientific and STEM experiences for all children. We aim to provide a fun environment that inspires children to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave and analyse the causes. Science can be exciting and engaging and we will provide the tools and instruments needed to help the children achieve this. The cost of this club is inclusive of all materials that will be used for experiments.



PERFORMING ARTS

Rhino Dramatics and Rhino Dance are coming together to offer something special to those who love to explore their expression and will learn new ways of using voice and body and naturally build up their confidence whilst having heaps of fun in the process.

Every child will spend their day learning, devising and performing different areas of Dance & Drama with experienced and passionate coaches. We will focus on learning new techniques, creating new work and promoting confidence in performance. Making our performing arts camp fun and engaging for all involved.

Prizes will be awarded for effort and excellence shown throughout the day.



ARTS & CRAFTS

Our brand new Arts & Crafts Camp will be a great opportunity for children who love to be creative and get a bit messy. We will help your children discover their unique abilities and find their artistic talents. They will have lots of fun doing lots of different activities from colouring to painting, making things out of different materials and exploring new ways of learning. With the option to do some baking and decorating.



BLISWORTH CAMP

23rd-27th October
9am-4pm Full day
9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm Half day

Blisworth Primary School, Courteenhall Road, Northampton NN7 3DD

Multisports Camp

Full Week -£110
Full Day- £25
Half Day- £15

Performing Arts Camp

Full Week -£110
Full Day- £25
Half Day- £15

Arts & Crafts Camp

Full Week -£110
Full Day- £25
Half Day- £15

Science Camp

Full Week -£110
Full Day- £25
Half Day- £15

THE RHINO SHOP

Order your Rhino clothing from our online store



visit: rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/shop



We are proud to announce that we are now fully OFSTED Registered and as a result of this, we are able to accept all types of childcare vouchers and the government tax-free scheme as payment for our services.

This is something we have been working on for some time that will hopefully allow even more people to join us at our amazing Holiday Camps.



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Phone: 07894 713006
Email: enquiries.rhinosportsacademy@gmail.com

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for any of our Camps throughout the year, please head to our website.

Rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/camps

Select the camp activity and dates you desire and your good to go.

NEED SOME HELP REGISTERING?

If you are experiencing any difficulties registering your child for one of our clubs or camps please don't hesitate to get in contact with one of the team who will be more than happy to help.



SCIENCE

MULTISPORTS

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PERFORMING ARTS

RHINOSPORTSACADEMY.CO.UK/CAMPS



Northamptonshire
Police



Cuppa with a Copper - Hunsbury Library

Officers from the local Neighborhood policing team will be holding a community surgery on:

- Wed 22nd November
- Wed 20th December

Sessions run between 10am and 12pm at Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, Northampton NN4 0RZ.

Also: A community surgery on **Monday 16th October 2023** , from **12pm to 1:30pm**, at Northampton General Hospital, South Entrance desk.

We will be on hand to listen to any concerns you have in your local community and to offer crime prevention advice.

Please come along to speak to your local officers about any issues of concern in your local community.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

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Online Safety Newsletter October 2023

Parental Controls

Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set up age-appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>

Xbox

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/apps/family-settings-app>

Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-o-Switch-Family/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

Does your child watch livestreams?

What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

Who is watching livestreaming?

Research from Ofcom reported that 57% of 3 – 17 year olds have watched live streams and the most used platforms to watch live streams were YouTube and TikTok. The research also showed that the percentage watching content on livestreaming app/sites increased by age. A third of 3-4 year olds were watching live content with this number growing to eight in ten of 16-17 year olds. This is reported in [Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022 \(ofcom.org.uk\)](https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/consult/condocs/childrenandparents/childrenandparents_media_use_and_attitudes_report_2022/childrenandparents_media_use_and_attitudes_report_2022.pdf).

What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them



Playing games online

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some points that you may wish to consider to try and create a safer experience for your child.



Have you set up parental controls?

As well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's setting, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on. For example, many consoles allow you to restrict the games accessed by age.

Chatting to strangers

Some games will allow communication, for example (FIFA and Fortnite). Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play.

It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players who make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns. It can also be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face.

Is the game age appropriate?

Before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store /Google Play. UK Safer Internet Centre have published a blog, which shares tips on what to do if your child asks about playing a new game:

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/help-my-child-wants-to-play-games-that-are-too-old-for-them-2>

In app purchases

In addition to the above, you should be aware of in app purchases as lots of games include the option to purchase additional items/subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/pin code

Skill-building app suggestions from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have curated a list of apps that will help your child to develop skills and new interests in different areas, for example Game Builder Garage (7+), which helps children to create their own games and Tayasui Sketches to develop art skills. You can find the full list here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/skill-building-apps-guide-for-kids/>

Scary Teacher 3D

Scary Teacher 3D is a game rated as 12+ by the App store (due to Mild Realistic Violence) or as 'Teen' on Google Play (due to violence). The game does include in-app purchases as well. Players must scare their teacher by completing different activities. There are lots of videos of this game on YouTube as well.

As with all games your child is asking to play, please take note of the age rating and play the game first to see if you think it is appropriate for your child.

Teaching children about money

Lloyds bank have published information and resources to help us help our children develop good financial habits. The information is

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Research from Ofcom reported that 57% of 3 – 17 year olds have watched live streams and the most used platforms to watch live streams were YouTube and TikTok. The research also showed that the percentage watching content on livestreaming app/sites increased by age. A third of 3-4 year olds were watching live content with this number growing to eight in ten of 16-17 year olds. This is reported in [Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022 \(ofcom.org.uk\)](https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/consult/condocs/childrenandparents/childrenandparents_media_use_and_attitudes_report_2022/childrenandparents_media_use_and_attitudes_report_2022.pdf).

What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them



Playing games online

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some points that you may wish to consider to try and create a safer experience for your child.



Have you set up parental controls?

As well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's setting, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on. For example, many consoles allow you to restrict the games accessed by age.

Chatting to strangers

Some games will allow communication, for example (FIFA and Fortnite). Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play.

It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players who make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns. It can also be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face.

Is the game age appropriate?

Before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store /Google Play. UK Safer Internet Centre have published a blog, which shares tips on what to do if your child asks about playing a new game:

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/help-my-child-wants-to-play-games-that-are-too-old-for-them-2>

In app purchases

In addition to the above, you should be aware of in app purchases as lots of games include the option to purchase additional items/subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/pin code

Skill-building app suggestions from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have curated a list of apps that will help your child to develop skills and new interests in different areas, for example Game Builder Garage (7+), which helps children to create their own games and Tayasui Sketches to develop art skills. You can find the full list here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/skill-building-apps-guide-for-kids/>

Scary Teacher 3D

Scary Teacher 3D is a game rated as 12+ by the App store (due to Mild Realistic Violence) or as 'Teen' on Google Play (due to violence). The game does include in-app purchases as well. Players must scare their teacher by completing different activities. There are lots of videos of this game on YouTube as well.

As with all games your child is asking to play, please take note of the age rating and play the game first to see if you think it is appropriate for your child.

Teaching children about money

Lloyds bank have published information and resources to help us help our children develop good financial habits. The information is



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Secondary School Places 2024

The application portal is now live for parents/carers to submit their school preferences for a secondary school place at www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions

Parents have until 31st October 2023 to apply.



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MUSIC BUG AUTUMN FUN:

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St Thomas Centre, 1 Semilong Rd, Semilong,
Northampton NN2 6AG (ages 3 - 7)



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Monday, 30th October 1pm - 3pm, Deco Theatre,
Abington Square, Northampton NN1 4AE (ages 3-15)



to book your space please email
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Beavers is for ages 6 - 8 who want lots of fun and adventures.

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9-3:30pm

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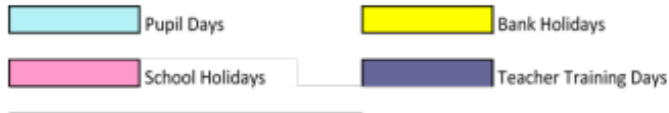
Parents and visitors are reminded that Danes Camp and Tesco supermarket kindly offer free parking for dropping off and picking up your children.

**The car park at school is for staff parking,
unless you have a Blue badge**



**Please leave our disabled bays for our disabled staff and visitors,
access is required at all times.**

Many thanks



NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

Teacher Training Days
 Monday 2 September 2024
 Tuesday 3 September 2024
 Monday 4 November 2024
 Monday 24 February 2025
 Monday 2 June 2025

September 2024					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri	30	6	13	20	27

October 2024					
Mon	30	7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	

November 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

December 2024					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

January 2025					
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

February 2025					
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	

March 2025					
Mon		3	10	17	24 31
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28

April 2025					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	

May 2025					
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	30

June 2025					
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

July 2025					
Mon	30	7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	

August 2025					
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Wed			6	13	20 style="background-color: pink;">27
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Fri		1	8	15	22 style="background-color: pink;">29

Are you the parent or carer of an 8-16 year old?

Discover  adventure in Milton Keynes this autumn!

Holiday Adventure Clubs

23rd - 27th October 2023*

8.45am - 5.00pm

Suitable for young people aged 8 - 16 years old

They'll discover a mixture of land and water-based activities from sailing, caving, archery, high ropes, climbing, zorbing and more!

*Specific dates apply. Charges apply. Activities vary. Places available on a first-come, first-served basis. Book online at www.action4youth.org/adventureclubs



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**NEWS
FOR OUR
CHILDREN**





How does change happen?

Breeze Yoko



Let's look at this week's story

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Robotic Surgeon



Picture: Da Vinci surgical robot and surgical team celebrating with cake.
Source: Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Facebook page.

A robotic surgeon celebrates its 10,000th procedure by cutting into a special cake. The robot surgical team at Guy's and St Thomas' hospital has celebrated completing 10,000 operations with the Intuitive da Vinci robot. The robot has been helping patients at the London hospital for over two decades. Surgeons control the machine's four thin arms to conduct operations with higher precision and greater flexibility than can be achieved by the human hand. Ben Challacombe, Head of Robotics at the NHS trust said, 'Da Vinci helps surgeons perform operations and it

improves outcomes for patients.' He also previously said, 'The benefits of robotic surgery include increased operative precision, leading to less pain, smaller scars and less time in hospital so patients can recover quicker.' Prokar Dasgupta, consultant urological surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas' said, 'When we started robotic surgery 20 years ago, we didn't really know how big the service was going to grow. From one early robotic system to the largest programme in the UK, we have come such a long way and helped so many of our patients.'

Largest Asteroid Sample on Earth

NASA has announced that the OSIRIS-REx has completed its mission to collect and transport to Earth its largest asteroid sample ever, and that the specimen has landed in the Utah desert! OSIRIS-REx spacecraft, which stands for Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer, has been on a 7-year mission to explore and sample an ancient asteroid named Benu. Scientists believe that this near-Earth asteroid sample could help them understand how planets formed, life began, and improve our knowledge of asteroids that could come into contact with our planet. An asteroid is a small rocky body that orbits the Sun. After travelling for over two billion kilometres, OSIRIS-REx landed on Benu for a few seconds and used a robotic arm to collect a sample of dust and rocks. The sample was then transported to Earth in a capsule that was released from the spacecraft. It glowed red hot as temperatures inside increased to 2,800°C, when it hit the upper atmosphere. The sample landed safely in the desert, using parachutes deployed at the very end of its journey. Scientists then retrieved the capsule and took it to a clean lab for analysis. The event was described on

NASA Astromaterials X page as, 'A scientific treasure box'. They also stated that 'Scientists gasped as the lid was lifted from the OSIRIS-REx asteroid sample return canister, showing dark powder and sand-sized particles on the inside of the lid and base.'



Picture: The OSIRIS-REx asteroid sample return canister.
Source: NASA Astromaterials @Astromaterials X page.

Missing Poster Prompts Return of Lost Lego Man

When 10-year-old Jack Steel from Ulverston in Cumbria realised that he had lost his beloved Lego figure, he wasted no time in starting the search. He produced a 'missing person' poster and asked his mum to spread the word. She posted it on her Facebook page along with an appeal for the Lego man to be returned. The poster (shown above) described the missing toy and how much he meant to Jack, stating, 'Lost: has anyone seen this Lego man? He is very special to me.' The poster also contained an accurate drawing of the minifigure, also named Jack, as Jack created him to look like himself. The poster included a detailed description of what Lego Jack looked like, 'Light brown

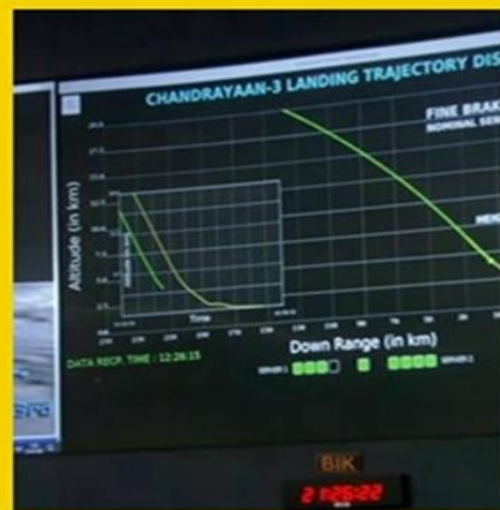


Pictured: The 'missing person' poster made by Jack that helped him to find his missing Lego man.
Source: Lorna Walker's Facebook page.

quiff with matching eyebrows. Hawaiian Shirt (blue with palm trees and an orange stripe on the bottom). Dark green pants.' Jack knew that the Lego figure had gone missing whilst he was on his way to school so the search could be narrowed down to a certain route. Joy ensued when the poster Jack had created prompted another mum to contact Jack's when her daughter had found Lego Jack on her way to school, and he could be returned to his owner! The girl received a lovely box of chocolates as a thank-you gift!

Last week's topic:

How important is space exploration?



Yes, I think it is important because it is good to know what is going on outside of our planet. Without this we would not know about the weather.

William

I think it is very important to explore space and other planets. There is so much that we can learn from the universe that can help us today.

AI

It is important to learn about our universe, but it is very expensive, and it takes a long time. I think we should think about what else we could spend the time and money on if we didn't explore space as much.

Bashira

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you already know and understand about Black History Month in the UK.
- > This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'. What are some of the ways that you think we could do this?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Reflection



Olive Morris understood the unfairness of how some Black people were being treated in the 1960s and 70s in the UK and felt that someone had to act. We can learn from Olive's actions, remembering that if we see or experience injustice, we have a choice to do something about it.

