

Fri Jun 24th, 2022

National Upcycling Day

Dig out those unused clothes, accessories, even furniture and "upcycle" them into something new with a bit of creativity and tender loving care.



Your Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Fennelly

If you have a worry you can talk to your teacher or an adult you trust.

We also have other important people in school who know what to do if you have a serious worry – their pictures are below:



Mrs Fennelly
Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs De Board
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Richards
Gruffalo Class Teacher



Mrs Holland
Inclusion Leader



Miss Garrard
Nurture Lead

NSPCC
HELPLINE
0800 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk



Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
27th June – 1st July	Year 6	West Runton Residential
2nd July	Whole School	School Fete 11:30am-2:30pm
4th and 5th July	Whole School	Transfer Days to new classes and year groups
6th July	Year 5	National Space Centre
6th July	Year 2	Hatton Country World
11th July	Children across school	Performing Arts Evening (more information to come) for children in choirs and taking music lessons.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
13th July 1:30pm	All parents	The Players Drama Club present 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'
14th July	KS2 only. 3,4,5 and 6 9:30-11:30	Sports Day
15th July 6:00pm	All parents and families	The Players Drama Club present 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'
19th July	Whole School	Obstacle course
22nd July	Whole School	School closes for Summer at 3:15pm



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The week has been full of wonderful experiences and achievements. We started the week with the KSI sports day where every child showed their positivity and enjoyment taking part in the games. A huge thank you to the Year 6 children who worked with Ms Bland to prepare and deliver the activities in such a fantastic way. On Wednesday, the Year 4 children and staff had an exciting day trip to London where they spent the day in the National Gallery working with a curator on the artwork within the gallery and the work they have completed on the project 'Take One Picture'. In addition, on Wednesday we welcomed many other teachers from across the county who came to see our great writing approach. It was a pleasure to share the writing outcomes with them. As always, throughout the week, I have been so proud of every child and their amazing behaviour, work ethic and positivity.

We now prepare for our fourth week of the term and the exciting things that will be taking place. Please enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes

Mrs Fennelly



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Whole Class Photos

Your child will have been given a slip today with details of how to order the Class photographs.



natively go to kittleorders.com and enter your Photo ID & Passw

's school photo time!

can to check out your photo!

Scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to enter our website then enter your Photo ID & Password
QR requires: iPhone or Marshmallow

PHOTO ID

PASSWORD

PUPIL

SCHOOL

If you have any questions please contact Kittle on: 01245 401313



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 pre-arranged agreement.

Please be aware the local police will be monitoring parking and issuing tickets where necessary, we ask that you remain considerate of our neighbours and their access requirements.

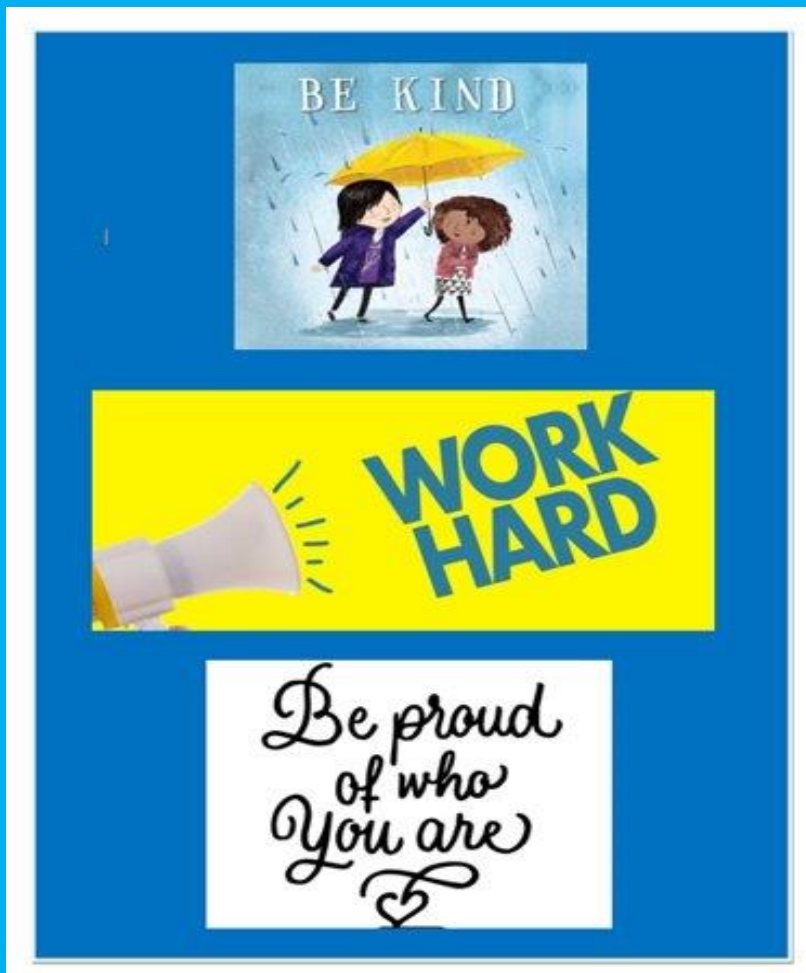


Please leave our disabled bays for our disabled staff and visitors, access is required at all times.

Many thanks



Star of the Week Assembly



This week, in the Star of the Week assembly, we talked about three core values that everyone should have- be kind, work hard and be proud of yourself.

I am so pleased that the children in school show these core values and attributes at work and at play!

Great work everyone!!



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Raffle Tickets- Good Luck Everyone!!



Raffle ticket sales

Friends of Simon de Senlis will be selling raffle tickets at school on the following days in the lead up to our Summer Fete

Tickets £2.50 for a book of 5

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Mon 20 th June	8:30-9:00am & 3:00-3:30pm	Outside the main office
Wed 22 nd June	8:30-9:00am & 3:00-3:30pm	Outside the main office
Fri 24 th June	8:30-9:00am & 3:00-3:30pm	Outside the main office
Mon 27 th June	8:30-9:00am & 3:00-3:30pm	On the playground opposite Yr4
Wed 29 th June	8:30-9:00am & 3:00-3:30pm	On the playground opposite Yr4
Fri 1 st July	8:30-9:00am & 3:00-3:30pm	On the playground opposite Yr4

AFTER CLUBS – OUTSIDE MAIN OFFICE

Tue 21 st and 28 th June	4:00-4:30pm
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Summer Fete Raffle

£100 cash

- Thrift farm family ticket
- Goals function hire worth £100 including £50 bar voucher to be used at function
- Hair Pavilion voucher
- 2x Cineworld tickets
- Golf for 4 people and Footgolf for 5 people at Delepre golf course
- £10 Dunelm voucher
- Bell Plantation
- Collingtree Pub voucher

And much, much, more!!

Tickets £2.50 for a book of 5

Draw to take place at 2:15pm on Saturday 2nd July 2022 on the school field

Check ParentMail for ticket sale details





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**Summer Fete
Saturday July 2nd**

**Look at this
amazing raffle we
will have at the fete!**



The poster features a festive design with a string of colorful bunting flags at the top. Below the flags is a circular logo with a red cross and the text 'Simon de Senlis'. The main title 'Wheelbarrow of Booze Raffle Prize' is prominently displayed. Underneath the title is a row of various alcohol bottles flanking a central red wheelbarrow icon. The text below the bottles reads: 'Fancy winning a whole wheelbarrow full of booze? Join us at our Summer Fete to take part. Tickets £2 each or £5 for 3'. At the bottom, it states: 'Draw to take place at 2:15pm on Saturday 2nd July 2022 on the school field' and 'Tickets to be purchased on the day'. A small logo for 'Friends of Simon de Senlis' is in the bottom left corner.

**Wheelbarrow of Booze
Raffle Prize**

Fancy winning a whole wheelbarrow full of booze? Join us at our Summer Fete to take part.

Tickets £2 each or £5 for 3

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Friends of Simon de Senlis

Miss Garrard says...

Could your child be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

If you receive one of the following benefits then your child may be entitled:

Qualifying benefits

- Universal Credit (annual net income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying)

What does this mean for your child?

£150 towards the following each year:

- School day trips
- School residential trips
- School clubs
- Peripatetic music lessons
- Snacks (reception)

You will also receive a £40 school uniform voucher to spend online at Jules at Home each year.

You can apply for Pupil Premium by completing the form on this website: [Free school meals and pupil premium | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/)

Alternatively, I can make the referral on your behalf. I will require the following information to do this: your date of birth, address and National Insurance Number. Please email info@simondesenlis.org if you would like me to apply.

Miss Garrard says...

I am sure you have all heard the recent news in regards to the rise in energy and house hold bills that are occurring across the UK. I am sure for many of you this has caused a level of uncertainty and worry. With this in mind, I thought it may be useful for me to share some free services that may be able to support you in regards to your finances.



Free and impartial help with money, backed by the government | MoneyHelper



Debt and money - Citizens Advice

Cost of Living Payment

Guidance on getting an extra payment to help with the cost of living if you're entitled to certain benefits or tax credits.

Cost of Living Payment - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Community Law

Energy Advice - Community Law

(communitylawservice.org.uk)

enquiries@communitylawservice.org.uk or call 01604 621038.

What help can we offer you?

Our Energy Advice Services are provided through two projects with funding from British Gas Energy Trust and National Grid Warm Homes Fund. The aim is to help reduce fuel poverty in Northamptonshire through the provision of a range of support which helps households to better afford their energy bills and to keep homes warmer. Our Energy Advice Services are targeted at low income households and people experiencing physical and mental health problems.

Support includes:

- Welfare Benefit advice and Benefit and grant income maximisation
- Debt and Money advice
- Referrals for Warm Homes Discounts
- Referrals for Priority Services Register
- Energy efficiency advice
- Tariff checks and switching
- Provision of energy saving devices
- Referrals for boiler replacement through ECO
- Referrals for Home Energy Assessments
- Provision of practical energy saving measures in the home

Appointments with our specialist advisors are available at our offices in Northampton Wellingborough and Rushden and also at various outreach offices including some GP surgeries. We may also be able to visit you in your home if you are housebound.

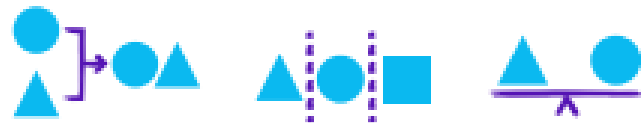
Computing at home

Here are some fantastic device-free computing activities which children can complete at school but also at home! Why don't you have a go at one of these mini-activities? They build on skills which children have been demonstrating in school such as: Algorithms, Decomposition, Evaluation and Collaborating. Make sure you let us know if you complete either of the activities!

Activity

Instruction

Healthy body



Algorithms

Decomposition

Evaluation



Flexible learning

Challenge pupils to create an exercise routine for the class to stay healthy!

Create a success criteria with your class e.g. must raise your heart rate, use a variety of moves etc.

Pupils decompose their routine into sections and write the algorithm for all of the steps involved - they can include annotation on repetition e.g. Star jumps x 10.

Over a few days, find time for the class to follow pupils' routines and evaluate these against the success criteria.

Build-describe-reveal



Algorithms

Collaborating

Decomposition



Flexible learning

Pupils sit back to back in pairs across a table. One pupil secretly builds a Lego model. Then, whilst keeping this hidden, they then give their partner instructions for replicating it. They need to be precise in their instructions and their partner has to listen carefully.

Once complete, the two pupils compare their models - they earn a reward if they are identical!

You will also need lego or other construction materials.



Which shapes can you name?

What are their properties?

- How many sides?
- Are they straight? parallel? equal? perpendicular?
- How many vertices?
- How many angles?
- What do the internal angles of the shape equal?



circle



triangle



square



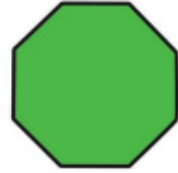
rectangle



pentagon



hexagon



octagon



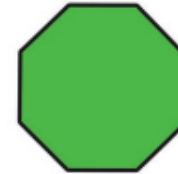
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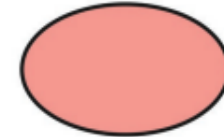
pentagon



hexagon



octagon



oval



rhombus



semicircle



parallelogram



trapezium

As the local winners of the Summer Reading Challenge last year, we can't wait for the challenge to begin this summer! We will be welcoming our local librarians to school on June 28th to explain more about this fun challenge. The challenge begins on July 9th.

It's that time of year again—Summer reading challenge at the local libraries.

Encourage your pupils and families to sign up for this year's summer reading challenge at the local library or online.

Students can join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around them.

The libraries are teaming up with the Science Museum Group for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire students to their imagination and creativity!

#gadgeteers

Click here for more information:



Creative Writing ideas!

**Mrs Parker and
Miss Gedney**

Here is a great website full of pictures that can inspire your story writing at home.

[Once Upon A Picture - Image prompts to inspire reading and writing](#)

Why not bring your writing into school to share with your class teacher?!

Here are some great images to get you thinking...



Cerebral Palsy Northamptonshire Fun Day – Sunday June 26th at
The Boughton Centre, Ransome Road, Northampton NN4 8AA

2 – 5pm

We would like to invite you to the free Fun Day on June 26th, for people with disabilities or special needs and their families/carers/friends.

Free entry, no ticket required. Catch up with friends, it would be great to see you.

Live music, Rock & Roll/Country and Western music by Tom Mcmanus.

Just Karen will be doing games like musical statues, greatest dancer and quiz-based team games, with great prizes.

Outdoor games.

Visits by Pets as Therapy dogs and their owners.

Visit by Aria with reptiles, amphibians, and insects.

Visit from Northampton Police, with a police car.

Have a go African drumming workshop.

Joanna from Solely Holistic doing hand massage and Indian head massage.

Teresa providing arts and crafts.

Stall from Tripalot, your one stop shop for single or odd sized footwear.



Due to previous year's success the food will again be American style supper - ***Please bring an item for the buffet, which will be served at 4pm.***

Tea/coffee/squash available but please feel free to bring own drinks. Large indoor hall, as well as the great garden, so event will go ahead even if it rains.

Open to non-Cerebral Palsy members. For more information phone Michele on 07443 562739. Please park in the road to keep the car park safe for activities, thanks. Raffle – please bring any spare gifts.





The poster features a green background with a white football pitch line. At the top left is the McDonald's Fun Football logo, which includes the golden arches and the text 'McDonald's FUN FOOTBALL'. Below the logo are four football club crests: Arsenal, Celtic, Liverpool, and Tottenham Hotspur. The main title 'Fun Football Sessions' is in large white letters, with 'Registration now open!' in yellow below it. Two circular inset photos show a child in a wheelchair with a yellow football and a child kicking a yellow football. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text about the programme, a registration link, and a goal.

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Fun Football Sessions
Registration now open!

The McDonald's Fun Football programme is an introduction to football for boys and girls, of all abilities, aged 5-11. Fun Football Centre sessions are free to attend, delivered by UKFA qualified coaches, helping kids develop their skills and build their confidence.

To find out more and register for your child's free place visit mcdonalds.co.uk/funfootball or search 'McDonald's Fun Football'

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**Northampton Goals, Abbeyfield School,
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**Sunday 19th June 11:00-12:00, Sunday 26th June 11:00-12:00,
Sunday 3rd July 11:00-12:00, Sunday 10th July 11:00-12:00**

For all those that love football, try this FREE activity.

Miss Bland



The poster has a blue background with a stylized archway on the right side made of green and blue segments. It features the Youth Sport Trust logo, the text 'NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT WEEK 2022', and the slogan 'Belonging - a place in sport for every child' with two stick figures. It also includes the dates '20-26 June 2022', a 'Register now' button, and the website and hashtag.

YOUTH SPORT TRUST
NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT WEEK 2022

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Register now
www.youthsporttrust.org/NSSW | **#NSSW2022**

Remember to sign up to your activities for National sports week next week

[National School Sport Week - Youth Sport Trust](https://www.youthsporttrust.org/NSSW)

Thunk of the week

A **thunk** 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.



**Are
superheroes
ever scared?**





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A great initiative from Morrisons- if you are in need of any sanitary products-



Please don't feel shy if you are in need or struggling for Sanitary products, go to the Kiosk and ask for a package that SANDY has left for you.

You will be given a FREE discreet bag with what you need, no questions asked.



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Are you interested in wildlife conservation? Why not take part in the Big Butterfly Count?
[Big Butterfly Count \(butterfly-conservation.org\)](https://butterfly-conservation.org)



Step 1.

Get ready

Download our handy butterfly ID chart or free app for iOS and Android to identify and record the butterflies you spot.



Step 2.

Join in

Between **Friday 15th July** and **Sunday 7th August** choose a place to spot butterflies and moths. Watch for **15 minutes**. Then record which species you see in step 3.



Step 3.

Add your counts

The Big Butterfly Count 2022 reopens on 1st July ready for the main event between 15th July and 7th August. Look at our fascinating interactive [map](#) to see how your data is contributing to conservation science and research.



Key skills for the coming week

**Bake a cake for the fete.
Bring your wonderful cake into school on
Friday July 1st.**



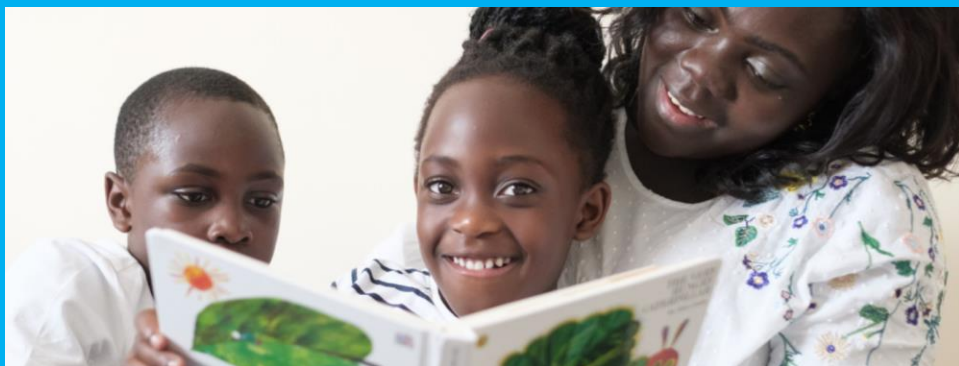


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Family Fund

Helping disabled children



Family Fund helps families with disabled or seriously ill children with: grants, IT support, accessing benefits and information on other support available. If you feel you may benefit please look at the link below or speak to Mrs Holland or Mrs Haigh for help.

[Family Fund Support | Family Fund](#)

If you're raising a disabled or seriously ill child, we might be able to help. There are three things to consider when applying to Family Fund:

1. **Are your family eligible?** We help families living in the UK on low incomes. Check our [eligibility criteria](#) to find out if this could be you.
2. **If you have applied to us before,** [check when you can you apply again.](#)
3. **Is your child eligible?** We use our own criteria to assess your child or young person's additional support needs. Look at our [child and young person eligibility criteria](#) to see if we might be able to help.
4. **Get an application form.** If you've read the information and think you would be eligible, [you can get started right now](#) and [register to apply online](#), [download an application pack](#) or [we can send a pack to you.](#)
5. **We cannot provide an additional grant for a further child within the same family until:**

Joyful June 2022

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)





CHANCE TO SHINE
Spreading the power of cricket



Next Week is National Cricket Week

27th June - 1st July 2022

Cricket is for me, cricket is for everyone!

Do you enjoy throwing and catching? Then try some cricket skills and join in Cricket week.

Follow this link to find some videos of activities that you can do at home. Why not try the Cool Catcher or Brilliant Bowler sessions

[Staying active during the COVID-19 outbreak | Chance to Shine](#)

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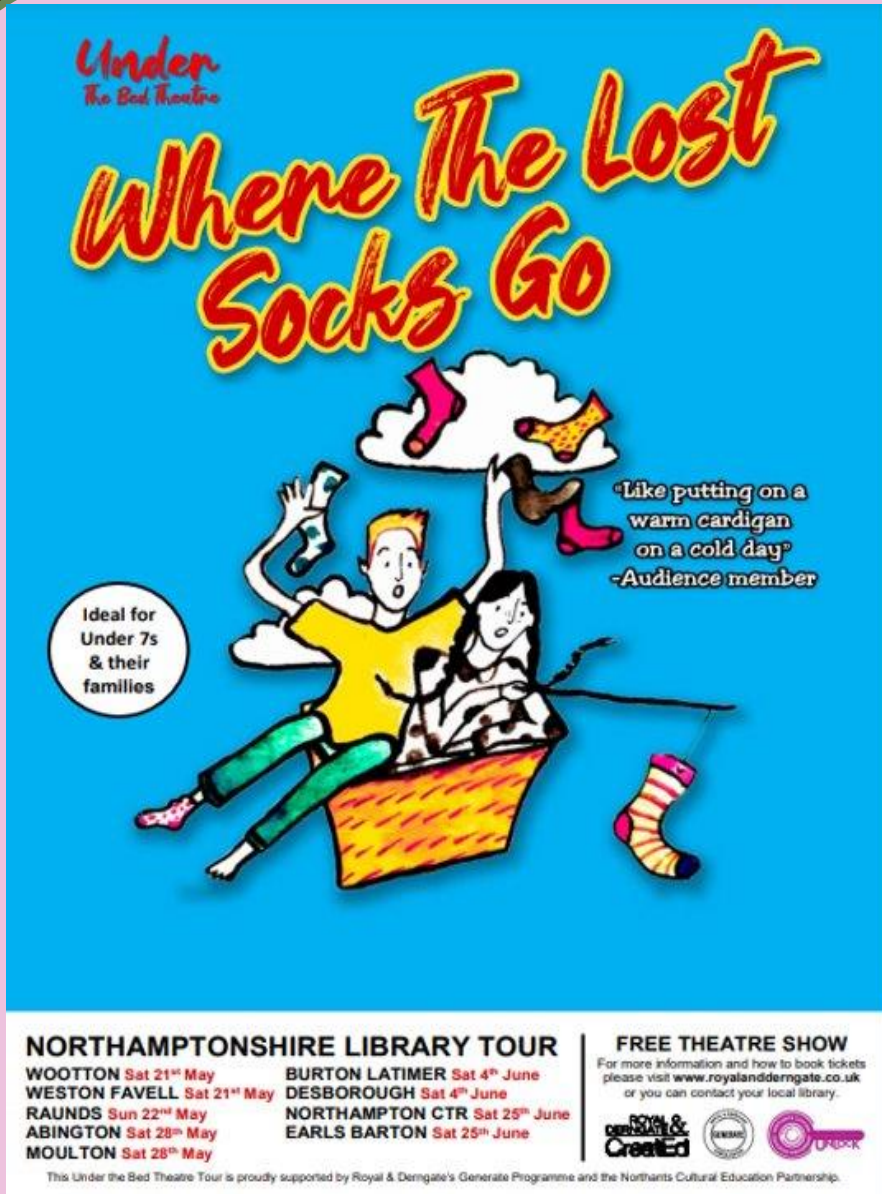
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Under the Bed Theatre

Where The Lost Socks Go

Like putting on a warm cardigan on a cold day" -Audience member

Ideal for Under 7s & their families

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LIBRARY TOUR

WOOTTON Sat 21 st May	BURTON LATIMER Sat 4 th June
WESTON FAVELL Sat 21 st May	DESBOROUGH Sat 4 th June
RAUNDS Sun 22 nd May	NORTHAMPTON CTR Sat 25 th June
ABINGTON Sat 28 th May	EARLS BARTON Sat 25 th June
MOULTON Sat 28 th May	

FREE THEATRE SHOW

For more information and how to book tickets please visit www.royalandderngate.co.uk or you can contact your local library.

ROYAL & DERNGATE'S GENERATE PROGRAMME

NORTHANTS CULTURAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

This Under the Bed Theatre Tour is proudly supported by Royal & Derngate's Generate Programme and the Northants Cultural Education Partnership.

Where The Lost Socks Go – Libraries Tour:

Sat 21 May – Sat 25 June

Venue: Touring Libraries. Age: Ideal for Under 7s and their families. Duration: 40 minutes

FREE EVENT!

Join Milo & Luna in an exciting musical adventure about **Where The Lost Socks Go**. The adventure begins when Milo is trying to find his missing sock. He is desperate to find it for an audition and he wants to wear his coolest pair of socks so that he can fit in. Along the way, Luna shows Milo that it is always important to be yourself and that odd socks are okay!

This touring production by Under the Bed Theatre is proudly supported by ROYAL & DERNGATE'S GENERATE PROGRAMME and funded by the NORTHANTS CULTURAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.

To book your free tickets, please contact your local library directly. Please note availability depends on the capacity of the individual venue.



TOUR DATES FOR WHERE THE LOST SOCKS GO AND BOOKING CONTACTS

Northampton Central Library
Abington Street, Northampton, NN1 2AB

Date: Sat 25 June

Time: 10.45am

Contact: james.toal@westnorthants.gov.uk / northampton.libraryplus@westnorthants.gov.uk / 0300 126 7000

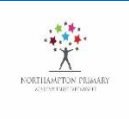
Earls Barton Library
30 Broad Street, Earls Barton, NN6 0ND

Date: Sat 25 June

Time: 1.15pm

Contact: earlsbartoncml@gmail.com / 01604-368216

For general queries or more information about the tour please email getinvolved@royalanderngate.co.uk or call our Box Office on 01604 624811.





For more information: [Pride Northampton Colour Run 2022 - Running in Northampton — Let's Do This \(letsdothis.com\)](#)

Pride Northampton Colour Run

Join with fellow runners and members of the community for a 5k colour walk/run in celebration of the LGBTQ+ Pride Month. With no horrible hills and 6 colour stations providing music, food and bars, this will be a fun and colourful evening 5k.

Location

University of Northampton, Waterside Campus, University Dr,
Northampton NN1 5PH, UK

Start times

Thu, 9 Jun 2022, 7:30pm

Entry Fee:

£5



CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED

SUMMER HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

25TH JULY - 26TH AUGUST

REDWELL
PRIMARY SCHOOL

9AM - 4PM
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Wellingborough, NN8 5LQ

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www.pacesetteronline.co.uk

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When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Friends of Simon de Senlis.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosds>

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A NEWSPAPER FOR OUR CHILDREN

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Shipwreck treasures

Pictures of a shipwreck, containing lots of lost treasure, have recently been shared by Colombia's army. The video shows the legendary San Jose galleon shipwreck, the Spanish flagship sunk by the British Royal Navy in 1708. It had been hidden underwater for hundreds of years, until its discovery in 2015, and is believed to have been carrying riches that would be worth billions of pounds today! The Colombian army are keeping the exact location of the treasure a secret, but the video shows an enormous bounty aboard the vessel including, gold and silver coins, emeralds, ancient cannons, intact Chinese porcelain, pottery, and gold ingots! The Colombian army used a remotely operated submersible vehicle that dived to a depth of almost a kilometre. They also found two other shipwrecks, one of a colonial galleon and another of a schooner, which is thought to date back to Colombia's war for independence from Spain in 1819.

Pictured: The shipwreck and treasure shared by the Colombian army.

Source: Colombian National Navy.



Pictured: Merle Liivand receiving her Guinness World Record certificate, and with her monofin.

Source: Guinness World Records @GWR Twitter page.

Farthest swim with a monofin

Merle Liivand has broken her own Guinness World Record by swimming 26.22 miles (42.2km) in the ocean whilst wearing a monofin. The Estonian swimmer and conservationist, known as the 'eco mermaid', spent 11 hours and 54 minutes swimming off the coast of Miami Beach, Florida. She completed the record-breaking attempt on World Oceans Day, as she wants to highlight the problem of plastic pollution in our oceans and

help create cleaner waters across the globe. "I was born with auto-immune health problems, and I started swimming because my lungs collapsed," Liivand told Guinness World Records. "Today, my intention is to fight for Mother Earth's lungs." Although she was stung by a jellyfish during the swimming challenge, she also had positive interactions with some dolphins and a mother manatee with a baby.

Search and rescue 'Hero Rats'

Dr Donna Kean has been working on training African giant pouched rats to go into earthquake debris wearing tiny specialist backpacks containing microphones, video equipment and location trackers, so rescue teams can talk to survivors. The research scientist from Scotland, who is working with APOPO HeroRATs project, tweeted, "I train these clever creatures to save victims trapped in collapsed buildings after earthquakes. We kit them out with a rat backpack, and train them to trigger a switch when they find a

victim and come back for a tasty treat." The rats have a great sense of smell, can move through small spaces and can be trained very quickly – it only took two weeks to train the seven rats! When they locate a person, they pull a rubber ball on their backpack, which provides a signal to rescuers. The smart rat then returns to its trainer to be fed a reward of powdered rat pellets mixed with avocado and banana through a syringe, as pictured.



Pictured: A rat fitted with a backpack undergoing search and rescue training.
Source: Dr Donna Kean's Twitter page

Last week's topic: Can anyone be a hero?




I think we all could be, but we aren't as not everyone chooses to do the right thing.
Lainey

No. Some people just want to help and not be the centre of attention like a hero often is.
Alec

You can be a hero but not those who fly. You can be a doctor and save lives, be a scientist and discover ways to heal mankind, you can be an astronaut and see new planets ahead for humans and finally, you can be a parent going in the day working hard to bring food on the table.

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Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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How can we make sure that everyone is included?



In the news this week

The technology company, Google, has recently announced changes to its search engine, including the introduction of the 'Monk Skin Tone Scale' to help make search results more inclusive by showing a wider range of skin tones. Professor Dr Ellis Monk (creator of the Monk Skin Tone Scale) and Google aim to tackle the unfair balance of skin tones people see when searching online.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you think of a time when you didn't feel you were treated fairly or were fairly represented?
- > Can you think of an example of how to make others around you feel they have been treated fairly?
- > Do you think that seeing a wider range of people and skin tones when searching the internet will have a positive impact?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments