



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





Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
23rd May	Year 5	Ancient Greek Day
24th May	Reception	Crocodiles of the World
26th May	Whole School	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
9th – 10th June	Year 3	Frontier Centre Residential
13th June	Year 1	Woburn Safari Park
22nd June	Year 4	National Art Gallery London
27th June – 1st July	Year 6	West Runton Residential
6th July	Year 5	National Space Centre
6th July	Year 2	Hatton Country World



Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have welcomed the Rt Hon Dame Andrea Leadsom to school, as our local MP for South Northants. She spent time visiting the classrooms, where she saw the wonderful learning taking place. The children chatted to her, explaining the work they were completing and she was astounded at the work in books, along with the writing on display around school. The School Council had the privilege of meeting together with Andrea, where they brought questions to her. I was so proud of all the children who spoke so eloquently and with such interest to Andrea. Andrea sends her thanks to everyone at the school for all they are doing.

A huge well done to the SdS Newspaper team who have written and produced the second edition of the SdS News which your child will be bringing home with them today. The team have written this in their own time, and as part of a team, using their Office 365 accounts. Another reason for me to be proud!

As the weather has started to improve, please don't forget your child's water bottle and a sun hat. Please enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes
Mrs Fennelly

Star of the Week Class Visit

I BELIEVE
IN THE
MAGIC OF
KINDNESS

ONE KIND WORD
can change
someone's
entire day

This week we talked about how kindness spreads between people and that our choices to say and do kind things have such a positive impact on those around us.

Building relationships is so important and remembering those kind actions makes all the difference.

NPAT Reading Challenge Results

Well done to everyone who entered the NPAT Reading Challenge and completed part or all of their Reading Map. We have seen great enthusiasm throughout school for this challenge and you should be very proud of yourself if you were able to complete some of the challenges.

The class with the highest overall score was **Year 1 Matilda class – well done!!**

Here is a picture of a brilliant Creative Challenge that was completed by a child in Year 1 showing their amazing made-up book island.



Don't forget to keep reading lots of different books at home to develop your knowledge and love of reading!

Mrs Parker and Miss Gedney



100 books for everyone



We have a huge array of wonderful books in every year group.

Have you been reading the books on your year group 15 book list? Every year group has 15 books to read. These can be found in your year group area.

A huge well done to those children who have read all 15 books and have earned their 'Star Reader' badge.

As a reminder, when you have read 5 books, you will receive a **bronze** certificate, 10 – **silver** and 15 – **gold and a star reader badge**.

If you need a new sheet, please ask your class teacher.

Mrs Parker and Miss Gedney



Cups and saucers are being laid out ready for the tea party.

To make the table look as interesting as possible, Sam has decided to try and do it so that there is only one cup of each colour in each row or column.

Can you do this?

Where do you see this sort of pattern?

Have you ever done a Sudoku?

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Japan: A Floating World in Print Exhibition April 23rd to June 9th.

A captivating display of Japanese prints from the Edo and Meiji masters. The prints encompass the genres of beautiful women and dramatic landscapes. Includes the internationally iconic print *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* by Hokusai.





May The Toys Be With You Exhibition April 30th to September 4th

From a galaxy far, far away comes the UK's finest collection of vintage Star Wars toys and original cinema posters from 1977 – 1985. May The Toys Be With You is both a celebration of the now highly collectible vintage toy line and also of iconic design work and art of the Star Wars movies. This exhibition features toys never exhibited before and is the biggest version of the exhibition ever opened to the public





It's A Bug's Life From May 22nd

Minibeasts, creepy crawlies- whatever you call them the small creatures that share our gardens and live in our fields are important. It's A Bug's Life is a family friendly exhibition that takes a look at their world. Find out how beetles see and hear, how they defend themselves, and how to make a beetle home in your garden or find how a butterfly changes from a caterpillar, what the difference is between a butterfly and a moth and what is mudpuddling.



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.



**If you had everything
you ever wished for,
would you be truly
happy?**





“We have lived through some extraordinary times, and we all need to pay attention to how we’re actually feeling. **HeadFest** is an attempt to bring all the useful tools together into one place, and to give access to services and people that you may have to wait weeks or months to see. Take some time with us to think about the real answer to the question, “how are you?”

Presented in collaboration with **BBC Radio Northampton** there will be a weeklong festival of talks, workshops, films and comedy promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. **HeadFest '22 – How Are You?** will take place at the theatre and in the Errol Flynn Filmhouse, from **Monday 9th to Sunday 15 May**.

To book your FREE tickets to a wide range of events please visit the Royal and Derngate website:
<https://www.royalndderngate.co.uk/whats-on/headfest-2022/>

Many thanks,
Ms Holland

Algorithms

1. Can you write a step-by-step list to make the brownies? The ingredients on the next slide might help you.

In computing, this is an 'algorithm'!

When you make brownies, are any actions repeated?

In computing, this is known as 'repetition'

Have you ever missed something out when making brownies?

In computing, this is known as 'debugging'

Can you simplify any of your instructions to make them easier to read?

In computing, this is known as 'abstraction'.

Algorithms – did you know that you use an algorithm to bake brownies?

INGREDIENTS FOR BROWNIES

plain chocolate | 90g (3oz)
unsalted butter | 150g (5oz)
soft light brown sugar | 300g (10oz)
plain flour | 125g (4oz)
1 pinch of salt
2 eggs
cocoa powder 15g (1/2 oz)
1 tsp of vanilla extract
1/2 tsp of baking powder

KEEPING SAFE



Keep safe in the kitchen.

Ask a grownup to help with:

- chopping and using scissors
- using the hob
- using the oven



ALGORITHM

An algorithm is a precisely defined procedure – a sequence of instructions, or a set of rules, for performing a specific task

DEBUG

To detect and correct the errors in a computer program.

REPETITION

A programming construct in which one or more instructions are repeated, perhaps a certain number of times, until a condition is satisfied or until the program is stopped.

ABSTRACTION

Abstraction is about simplifying things; identifying what is important without worrying too much about the detail.

Abstraction allows us to manage complexity.





Golf: Rolling PE Home Learning

Time to Learn:

- Place five targets in different places on the floor (garden or in a room). Decide on a starting point and mark it out.
- The aim of the game is for pupils to roll a ball, making it rest against one of the targets in the least amount of rolls possible.
- If you are playing against someone, the winner is the player who rests their ball against a target with the fewest rolls. Repeat with all of the different targets.
- If you are playing on your own, can you keep trying to beat your score?



Can you be honest and keep the score?



Use a bigger target!

Once you feel confident make the target smaller.



Place obstacles in the way to increase the challenge. E.g. a chair could be something to roll under or around.



Set up courses in different rooms and compete against different family members.

Do you or your family enjoy Golf?
Try this game to improve your skills.

Enjoy
Miss Bland

Top Tips

Roll Underarm

- Step forwards with one foot, bending the knee releasing the ball along the ground using your opposite hand.

Let's Reflect

When did you need to increase the power of your rolls?

How did you ensure you used the correct rolling technique?



Check and treat for Headlice and Nits

Head lice and nits

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Check if it's head lice



Head lice are small insects, up to 3mm long.



Head lice eggs (nits) are brown or white (empty shells) and attached to the hair.

How to get rid of head lice

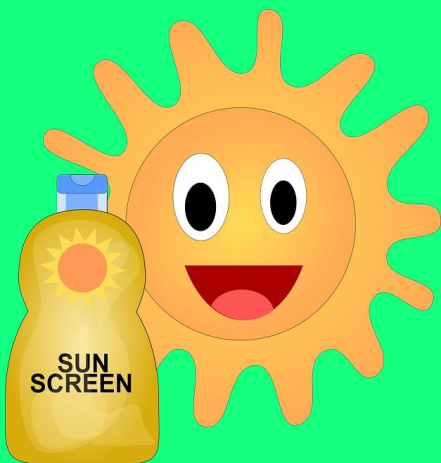
Important

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.



Warmer weather is on the way.

- Remember your Water Bottle
 - Bring a Sun Hat
 - Please apply Sunscreen

*Please do not use Nivea creams as these contain
Almond Oil*





Order your Queen's Jubilee, Dolce, picnic lunch now.

Thursday 19th May.

You can place your order on school grid

Please note this is in addition to our school celebration and will be eaten in the hall.

Are you looking for part time job?

We are looking to recruit a reliable and committed Lunchtime Supervisor to join our hard-working team. The successful candidate will be able to work effectively as a member of the team, have excellent interpersonal skills and consistently support the school values and approaches.

Start date ASAP.

Days of work: Monday – Friday

Starting salary: Grade C, Point 2 (£18,198 FTE – pro-rata). Hourly rate £9.43

Contract: Permanent, 5 hours per week (term time only – 38 weeks per year)

If you are interested and would like more details or would like to apply please email: info@simondesenlis.org

Miss Garrard says...

The Mental Health Foundation's Mental Health Awareness Week is **running from 9-15 May** and, with this year's theme exploring the impact of **loneliness** and are continuing to encourage people to **'lift someone out of loneliness'**. Here are some top tips to manage feeling lonely!

Be mindful of social media

If social media is making you feel lonely, take a break or be aware of what content is making you feel this way.

Be kind

Showing gratitude for the things around us can help to make us feel more connected and less lonely.

Top Tips for when you're feeling lonely



Find people with similar interests

Don't worry if you haven't found "your people" yet. There are many opportunities throughout life to meet similar people.

Explore ways to express your thoughts and feelings

Find out what works best for you. You could try journaling, sports or listening to music.

Talk to someone

Opening up is brave. There is lots of support out there, including your GP, friends, family and school.

Do things you enjoy

Doing things you enjoy and are confident in will make you feel happy!

Connect with people

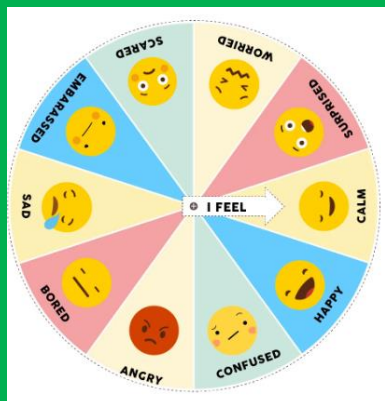
Supportive relationships will help us feel less lonely. Spend time with people you trust.

Look out for yourself

Feelings of loneliness are okay and can happen to everyone at some point. Do what makes you comfortable.

Miss Garrard says...

Loneliness and our children:



Shout 85258

Shout offers support 24/7.
Text "SHOUT" to 85258.



Young people may particularly struggle to make sense of feelings of loneliness & how to overcome them

LOCKDOWN AND LONELINESS

Young people have reported substantial increases in feelings of loneliness during the COVID-19 lockdown. **2,3**

"Sometimes I have felt lonely due to not seeing my friends and being able to have normal conversations about day-to-day life."

"I have felt incredibly lonely despite having what is honestly a great support system and being in the same household as one of my best friends."



They worried:

- 1) About returning to "normal" social interactions.
- 2) That they would be less socially adept both in existing relationships *and* in creating new connections. **4,5**



Not all young people found it easy to use phones and technology to maintain their relationships during lockdown:

- It just wasn't the same as being face-to-face;
- They missed being with people physically. **4,5**
- The lack of touch and proximity made some young people feel disconnected.

THINGS THAT MIGHT HELP



Foster a climate of trust and connection
(school isn't just about academic learning)

Make space and time to communicate and connect:

- ❑ Be honest – we've all been through challenging things recently.
- ❑ Celebrate that we've managed to pull through.
- ❑ Have regular check-ins with ourselves, each other and young people about how we feel and how we recognise how others feel.
- ❑ Help each other to feel included: "Every time they see a lonely person, they could greet him, and therefore he would feel a little better because he would see that others care about him and that others notice him, and I guess he won't feel alone anymore."

Talk about loneliness



- ✓ Open up the space so it is ok for young people to say they are lonely – don't dismiss or minimise loneliness.
- ✓ Explore what loneliness means and the forms it can take.



Young people need space and time to (re-)build social skills **8,9**

- ❖ (re-)learn to be together in each other's presence.
- ❖ (re-)build dynamics with friends.

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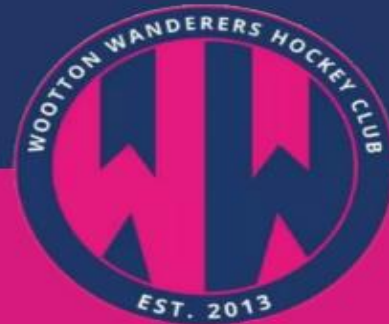
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A NEWSPAPER FOR OUR CHILDREN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

6TH MAY 2022



Birthday urinal

Hollywood star and the co-owner of Wrexham Association Football Club, Ryan Reynolds, has gifted a commemorative urinal to co-owner, Rob McElhenney, at the club's stadium. Ryan Reynolds is known for his wacky sense of humour and celebrating special events in unusual ways! In the video, he can be seen cutting a small red ribbon to reveal a gold plaque with McElhenney's face on it and the inscription "This urinal is dedicated to Robert McElhenney on his birthday - April 14. With love from Wrexham AFC, paid for

by Ryan Reynolds." Wrexham AFC was formed at The Turf in October 1864, over 150 years ago. The Racecourse ground remains the world's oldest stadium that continues to stage international games and one of the largest stadiums in the National League, with a capacity of 10,500. Rob responded by tweeting "...Thank you Ryan for making dreams come true!" Have you ever received any unusual presents?

Pictured: Ryan Reynolds unveiled the plaque after wishing his co-owner a happy birthday. **Source:** Twitter @VancityReynolds



Pictured: Some of the bizarre sea creatures photographed by Roman Fedortsov. **Source:** @rfedortsov Twitter page.



Bizarre sea creatures

A deep-sea fisherman has found a selection of bizarre sea creatures while sailing the Norwegian Sea, including specimens that look like a baby dragon, a jam doughnut and a cheeseburger. Roman Fedortsov decided to start taking pictures of his unusual catches and began to publish a gallery of amazing creatures on social media. Mr Fedortsov, who studied marine science at university in Murmansk, commented, "All kinds of fish are beautiful in their

own way. I cannot say that they are 'scary' or 'ugly.' People are very interested in unusual sea creatures. Readers have the impression that with each trawl we bring aboard unusual fish specimens. In fact, this is far from the case. It is a rarity." The pinkish fish, shown here, with a long, feathered tail and lacey wing-like fins, is a chimaera, a cartilaginous fish - it is also called a "ghost shark".

Champion of the Earth

Sir David Attenborough has been named a Champion of the Earth by the UN's Environment Programme (UNEP). UNEP, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year said, "Sir David Attenborough is the recipient of the Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration". Accepting the distinguished environment award, Sir David, who has at least 18 plants and animals named after

him, said the world must take action now to protect nature and the planet. Sir David said that we should look to environmental success stories to give us hope that change is possible. "Fifty years ago, whales were on the very edge of extinction worldwide. Then people got together and now there are more whales in the sea than any living human being has ever seen," he suggested. "We know what the problems are, and we know how to solve them. All we lack is unified action."



Pictured: Sir David Attenborough **Source:** Joe Fereday @DavidALifeFilm Twitter account.

Last week's topic:

Are names just a label or can they mean something more?



I love my name, it means 'delicate'! I always try hard to remember people's names, especially if they have a nickname. My name is special to me and shows who I am.

Adina – age 9

I think names are very meaningful, we are all born without one then we have a name specially chosen for us.

Francine – age 9

I don't think that names are that important, if you don't like your name, you can change it or ask your friends to use a nickname. You can be whoever you want to be!

Freddy – age 8

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



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TAKEHOME



Should we have the right to say whatever we choose?



In the news this week

Chief executive of the electric car manufacturer, Tesla, and founder of SpaceX, Elon Musk, has reached a deal to buy Twitter, stating that he is the right person to release the social media platform's extraordinary potential. He has agreed to buy the social media platform in a £34.6bn (\$44bn) deal. Musk is a regular Twitter user with more than 80 million followers. In March, Musk asked his followers whether they thought the social media platform encouraged free speech.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think people should be able to say what they like on social media platforms like Twitter, or do you think there should be rules users need to follow?
- > How about in general life, do you think people should be able to say whatever they like, whenever they like?
- > Share your knowledge of social media. Do you think you will use any in the future?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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