



21st April 1926 – 8th September 2022



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



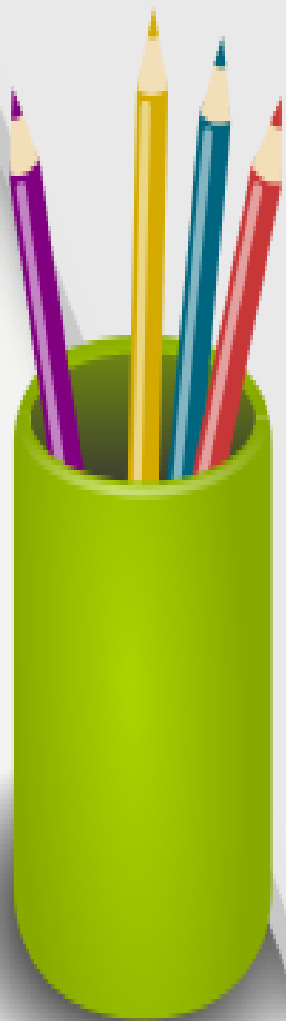
Mrs Holland
Inclusion Leader



Miss Garrard
Nurture Lead

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Welcome
Back to
School





Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
14th September	Whole school	Meet the Teacher Evening 6:00pm Presentation from Mrs Fennelly in the hall 6:30pm and 7:00pm meetings in year groups
18th October	Whole school	Parents Evening- more information to come
20th October	Whole school	Parents Evening-more information to come



Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

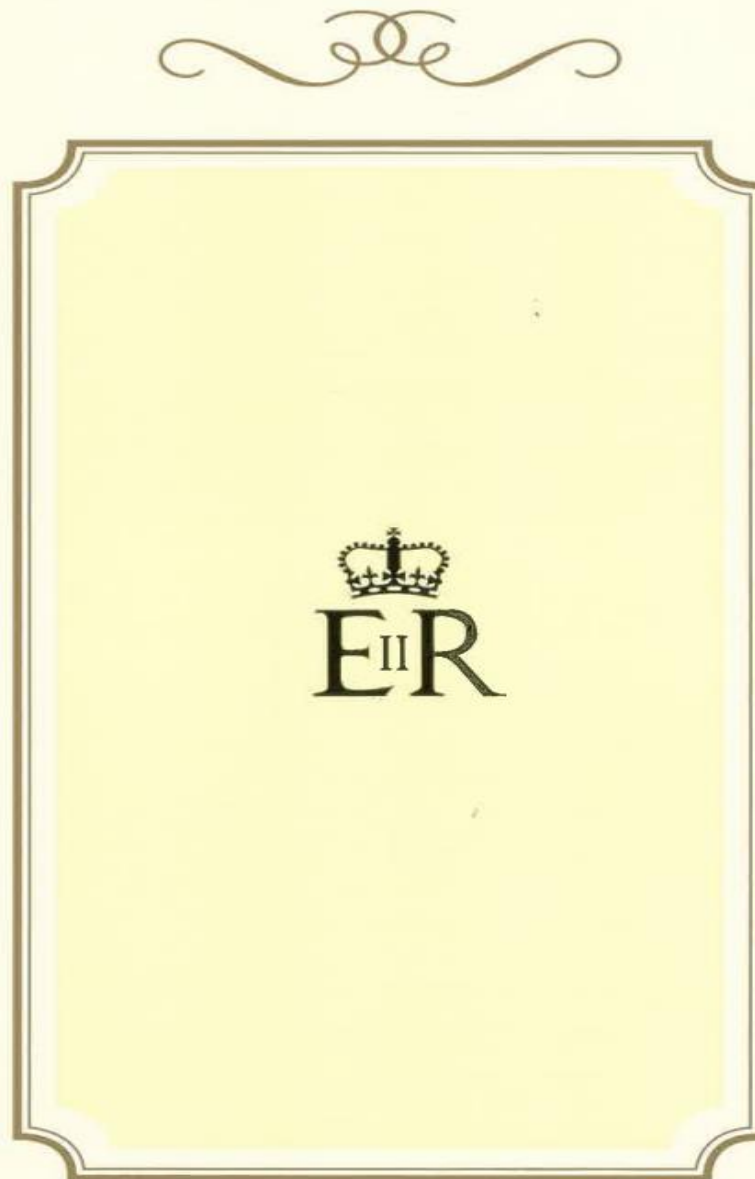
It has been a great start to the year, and it has been wonderful to see all classes and children fully engaged and enthused by their learning. The children have shared their exciting news about their holidays and have been so happy to see their teachers and friends again.

After our successful year last year, I know that 2022-23 will be another year of great achievements across all areas of school. As always, I thank you for your continued support as we know that together we can ensure that children thrive through the year.

Today, I visited each class to talk to the children about Her Majesty The Queen and the sad news of her death yesterday. It was a sad, yet wonderful time of reflection and a time of memories where we remembered our Jubilee Celebration in June. I also shared the two letters I received from Her Majesty The Queen in the summer and your child will be bringing a copy of these home for you to keep.

Please take care over the weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Fennelly



We are so pleased to have received a thank you card from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for all the wonderful cards and letters our Children sent in celebration of her Jubilee. Please take a look. Your child will bring home today a copy of the letters we also received.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Platinum Jubilee

1952 - 2022

*I send you my grateful thanks for
your kind message on the occasion
of the Seventieth Anniversary of my
Accession to the Throne*

ELIZABETH R

2022



Reading Challenge !

It is wonderful to hear that so many children have completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done!!!!

If your child has not yet completed the challenge or wants to begin, there are still a couple of weeks left! Pop to the Hunsbury Library to find out more.

1,811,107
books read so far



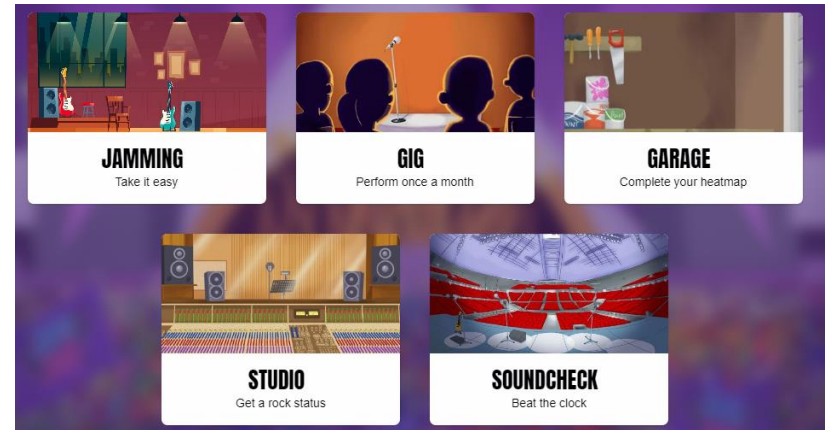
Lost Property

Already, we have several items of clothing, and a bag, on the lost property rail.

***Are you missing any items? Please come and look.
If all items are clearly named we can return them.
Thank you.***



In Key Stage 2 children are expected to complete TTRS as part of their homework at least three times a week.
Little and often is the best way to practise and retain these important facts.

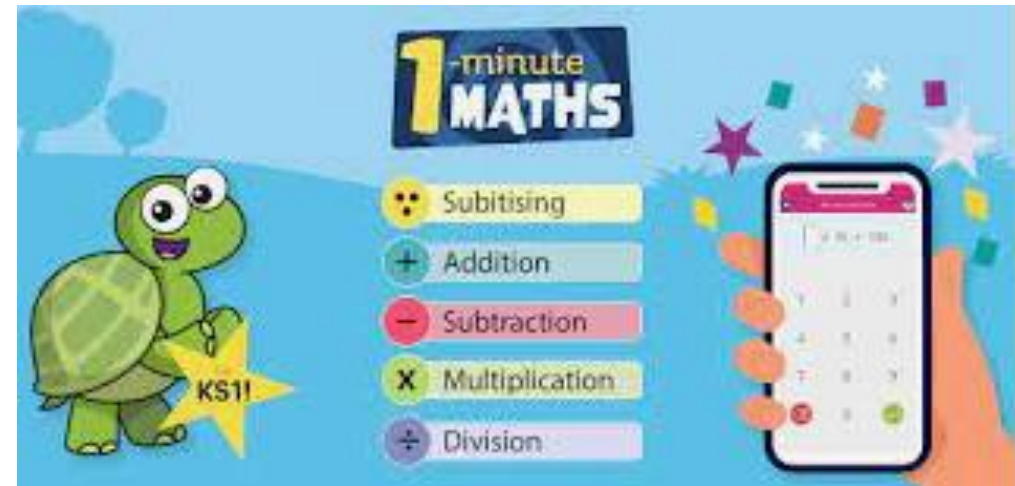


There are lots of ways to play.



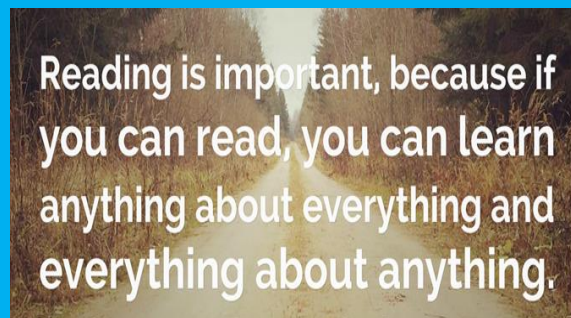
Maths

- In Key Stage 1 you can practice those key facts by downloading the Whiterose Hub App: 1 minute maths.
- This is quick and easy to use and gives children visual representations to support their recall of key number facts.
- This can be played on a phone, tablet or laptop.





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We are looking for people who are able to offer 1 or 2 hours a week to volunteer in school. We primarily need people to listen to children read but may also ask you to help with art activities and other group work.

What we need from you: 1 or 2 hours per week of your time.

A DBS check completed prior to coming into school.

What we can offer you: A warm, welcoming environment where your donation of time is incredibly appreciated.

Fantastic children to work with.

A sense of satisfaction that you are making a difference.

Please email jennifer.deboard@simondesenlis.org if you would like to chat about what it entails.

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.

Thunk of the week

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



What colour would
you think of for each
day of the week?
Why?





Keep on the Move PE Home Learning

Time to Learn:

- Place three pairs of socks, three cushions and three toys in different places on the floor around your living space.
- Players move around the space in a creative way.
- When a player reaches a pair of socks they jump ten times. When a player reaches a cushion they hop ten times. When a player reaches a toy they jog on the spot and count up to ten.
- Can you work for five minutes before needing a rest?



Can you keep trying even if you feel tired?



How long can you keep going for before resting?
Can you reach five minutes?



Challenge yourself to move at different levels between the socks, cushions and toys.



Create new exercises. Show and share your ideas with another family member.

GET MOVING !

Let's begin the new term with a great activity to get everyone moving. Try out some different challenges and see if you can keep going and set yourself a target.

Ever wanted to try out canoeing? Then why not visit the White Water Centre at Brackmills and have a go. Find the details on the next page.

Enjoy, and stay active. Miss Bland

PADDLE START - BEGINNERS COURSE



To find out more about Northampton Canoe And Kayak Club and book a place, go to the following website:

www.nckc.org.uk

This is a great way to come and have a go at canoeing, kayaking or SUP (and learn the difference!) in a relaxed and friendly group with qualified coaches & Instructors looking after you.

The Paddle Start course is designed for complete beginners who wish to learn a little about the sport of paddling and the aim in the two or so hours is to allow people to decide if the sport is for them and gain sufficient skill and knowledge to confidently join the paddling sessions of the club.

You may also like the following [events from NCKC](#):

- This Saturday, 10th September, 10:00 am, [Paddle Explore - Improvers Course in Northampton](#)
- Next Sunday, 18th September, 09:00 am, [Come & Try Paddling in Northampton](#)
- Next month, 2nd October, 09:00 am, [Foundation Safety & Rescue Training in Northampton](#)

Be SMART with a

It is extremely important that we know what our children are doing online and how we can keep them safe. The internet is an amazing invention, but at the same time, it is a very dangerous place for children. We want our children to reap the benefits of it but also keep them safe.

Children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before. It's never too early to talk to your child about what they do online and who to tell if they come across anything online that makes them feel worried, scared, or sad.

Explore together: Ask your child to show you their favourite websites and apps and what they do on them. Listen and show interest and encourage them to teach you the basics of the site or app.

Be non-judgemental: Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm and loving support.

Supervise your child while they're online: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen where an appropriate adult is able to supervise. It is not safe for 4-7-year-olds to access the internet unsupervised in private spaces, such as alone in a bedroom or bathroom.



S is for safe

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



M is for meet

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk



A is for accepting

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



R is for reliable

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



T is for tell

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



Be SMART with a heart

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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

Staff vacancies

We are looking to recruit two talented and inspiring Teaching Assistants to join our hard-working team and 'make a dent in the universe'. The successful candidates will be able to work effectively as a member of the team, have excellent interpersonal skills and consistently support the school values and approaches.

Teaching Assistant – part time

We have a part time Teaching Assistant position available to support a Year 2 child. This is a one-year fixed term position that will end on 31 August 2023.

Hours of work: 17.5 hours per week, working mornings – 8.45am – 12.15pm, Monday to Friday term time only.

Starting salary: Grade D, Point 3 (£18,887 FTE – pro-rata)

Teaching Assistant – full time

We have a full time Teaching Assistant position available to support a group of children in our reception class. This is a one-year fixed term position that will end on 31 August 2023.

Hours of work: 27.5 hours per week, term time only.

Starting salary: Grade D, Point 3 (£18,887 FTE – pro-rata)

If you are interested in please email info@simondesenis.org for an application pack. The closing date for applications is 22nd September.



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Dear Head Teacher

2022 Annual Christmas Card Competition

Welcome back to school and the new term! I do wish all the staff and pupils a successful year ahead. I know it has been a difficult calendar year for all schools, and please do let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you.

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

I attach a copy of last year's Christmas card which I am sure you will agree was exceptional!

The aim is to get a couple of pictures submitted by each school, and so it would be great if you could hold your own competition to select which pictures should represent the school in the final round.

The deadline for the submissions will be Monday, 7th November in order 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.

All entries should be passed to my constituency office at:

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

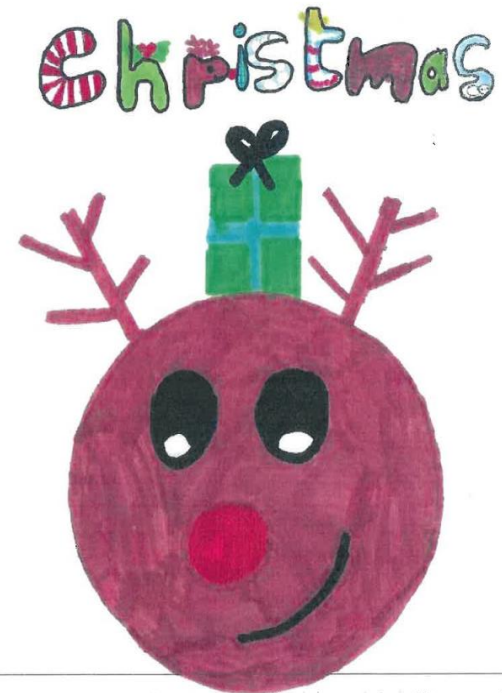
On the back of each entry please clearly print the name of the school, the artist/students full name and their age.

I will be holding a special presentation tea party with Christmas games and food for all the runners up and finalists including their parent/guardian or school teacher on Thursday 15th December at 3.30 at The Forum, Towcester.

Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire

Constituency Office: 01327 353124 andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk www.andrealeadsom.com

Would you like to enter the Christmas card competition? If yes, please bring your entry to school and hand in at the front office. Remember to write your name and class on the back of your entry. Please make sure your entry is in school by October 19th.





*Did you know that we're registered with **easyfundraising** and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?*

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>

Please click this link to support Friends of SdS with every Amazon purchase you make...

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1056298-0>



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 to these bays at all times.

Many thanks.



SOME NEWS FOR OUR CHILDREN

***9TH SEPTEMBER
2022***

Pictured: The new Asian elephant calf with its mother Donna.
Source: ZSL Whipsnade Zoo @ZSLWhipsnadeZoo Twitter page.



Baby elephant steps

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire has published a recording, captured on hidden cameras, of an endangered Asian elephant taking its first, slightly wobbly steps, just hours after being born. The Zoo tweeted to announce the calf's arrival, "The not-so-tiny infant was born to mum Donna at around 7am on Monday, surrounded by the rest of the females in the herd, including her own mum Kaylee – who provided reassurance and support with gentle trunk nudges and

murmurs." Visitors to the zoo can see the little elephant with the rest of her herd at the Centre for Elephant Care. Deputy team leader of elephants at the UK's largest zoo, Mark Howes, said, "To say we're delighted by the arrival of this calf is just a huge understatement. This little infant is a really important addition to the European-wide endangered species breeding programme for Asian elephants."

Quadri-dextrous artist

Rajacenna Van Dam, a talented Dutch artist, uses both feet and hands at the same time to create six realistic portraits upside down! Rajacenna, who describes herself as an international ambidextrous hyper photorealistic pencil drawing artist, said, "In 2019 the idea came to me to be more productive because I didn't make any artworks for the previous years due to health issues. I didn't practice it at all and just started doing it." The quadri-dextrous

internet sensation from Rotterdam created photo-like portraits of Bella Poarch, Harry Potter, Billie Eilish, Wonder Woman, Shakira, and Angelina Jolie in her video. The incredibly technical pieces of artwork can take up to 40 hours to complete. She comments that she prefers to draw people that she loves and that inspire her and has also created an online tutorial, which demonstrates how others can learn to draw with both their hands.

Pictured: Rajacenna using both feet and hands to create six realistic portraits upside down.
Source: Rajacenna @Rajacenna Twitter page.



Edinburgh Fringe's funniest joke!

"I tried to steal spaghetti from the shop, but the female guard saw me, and I couldn't get pasta."

Comedian Masai Graham, who is well known for his one-liner jokes, has been presented with the award for telling the funniest joke at this year's Edinburgh Fringe festival! This is the second time that he has won the title - he was also victorious in 2016. The Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe accolade is voted for by

2,000 members of the public, after comedy critics have attended hundreds of shows and created a shortlist of what they believe to be the funniest jokes. The voters are not informed who told the jokes. In reaction to his win the comedian said, "I was so delighted to find out I'd won the Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe award for a second time - I thought: This is getting pasta joke."

Let us know if you have a favourite joke!



Pictured: Masai Graham with The Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe award in Edinburgh.
Source: Lesley Martin Photography @lesleypix Twitter page.

(C) LESLEY MARTIN

Last week's topic:

Should there be more rules for trampolines?



Common sense is what matters. If you go to someone's house and they don't have a net, you shouldn't use it.

Mary - Age 11

I think they don't need rules because we don't have rules for other things.

Geoff - Age 7

I think they are safe. I think there are dangers in everything we do. People need to make their own choices.

Gerty - Age 10

No, accidents happen whatever you do. Especially with children.

Jennifer and Al - Age 8

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



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Let's look at this week's story



Strictly Come Dancing star, Rose Ayling-Ellis, has teamed up with Barbie to unveil their first doll with behind-the-ear hearing aids. The EastEnders actress, who won the dance competition in 2021, features in Mattel's (the toy company) 'Rose, Barbie, and Friends' campaign. She is photographed alongside a cast of diverse models reflecting the new line of dolls, which includes the first Ken doll with vitiligo, a Barbie doll with a prosthetic limb and another with a wheelchair.



TAKEHOME



Can toys help us celebrate our differences?



In the news this week

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk about your favourite toy. What is it and why do you like it?
- > Share your thoughts on the new range of dolls. Why do you think the company chose to make these dolls?
- > How do you think Rose Ayling-Ellis might have felt when she learned about the new doll with hearing aids?
- > Can you think of any other toys that could be made to help people feel included?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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**What's happening
in the news?**



Let's have a look at the poster

Queen Elizabeth II 1952–2022



Who was Queen Elizabeth II?

Let's look at the story



The Queen has died peacefully, aged 96, marking an end to her historic reign. Buckingham Palace today confirmed the news. Her Majesty Elizabeth II is the longest serving monarch in British history.

Her son, now King Charles III, said the death of his beloved mother was a "moment of great sadness" for him and his family and that her loss would be "deeply felt" around the world.



Learn more about this story [here](#).

Watch the useful video [here](#).



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the story.

Who was Queen Elizabeth II?

👑 Elizabeth was born in London on 21st April, 1926 and as a young girl, a lot of her childhood was spent during WW2. In 1940, she gave her first speech on the radio at the age of just 14, sending her best wishes to children who had been evacuated to keep them safe from the war.

👑 Elizabeth was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June, 1953, in Westminster Abbey, at the age of 25. During her reign, she has seen huge changes in Britain, from wars and pandemics to overseeing 15 different prime ministers!

👑 Queen Elizabeth II ruled Britain for longer than any other King or Queen in history, spending over 70 years on the throne.

👑 It's thought by many, Queen Elizabeth II will be remembered as a Queen who spent her life keeping the promise she made when she was first crowned - to serve her people and her country.

I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

Queen Elizabeth II, April, 1947 on her 21st birthday (5 years before becoming Queen).



Pictured above: Four photos of Queen Elizabeth II, from childhood, to her coronation and celebrating 70 years as Queen