



What is the meaning of Universal Children's Day?

The United Nations established Universal Children's Day in order to promote internal togetherness, raise awareness among children worldwide, and improve children's welfare.



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
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
23rd November	Friends Disco	Reception & year 1 at 3:30pm – 4:30pm year 2, year 3 & year 4 at 4:45pm – 5:45pm year 5 & year 6 at 6:00pm – 7:15pm
1st December	Year 5	Ukulele Concert – 10:45am
1st December	Year 4	Rainforest roadshow
7th December	Whole School	Dolce Christmas lunch
12th December	Whole School	Deadline for Christmas Hamper Donations
15th December	Year 6	Ukulele Concert – 10:00am
16th December	Whole School	School closes for the Christmas Holidays at 3:15pm
4th January 2023	Whole School	We welcome our Children back at 8:45am

Christmas Performance Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
6th December	Year 3 and The Players	Christmas Performance to parents, school hall- 9:30am
6th December	Year 4 and The Players	Christmas Performance to parents, school hall- 1:45pm
8th December	Year 5 and The Players	Christmas Performance to parents at St Benedicts Church- 10:30am
9th December	Year 6 and The Players	Christmas Performance to parents at St Benedicts Church- 10:30am
9th December	Wiggins Class	Christmas Singalong with parents, in class 2:15pm
12th December	Rec, Year 1, Year 2	Christmas Performance to parents, school hall- R- 9:30am Y2- 10:00am Y1- 10:30am
13th December	Rec, Year 1, Year 2	Christmas Performance to parents, school hall- R- 1:30pm Y2- 2:00pm. Y1- 2:30pm
14th December	Robinson Class	Christmas Performance to parents, school hall 2:30pm



Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been so proud over the past weeks to have received four external awards for our wonderful school:

The IQM Flagship Award for Inclusion- one of only 100 across the whole country who have received this award for our support for all children in school.

The Music Mark Award- we were nominated by NMPAT for our commitment and dedication to music and the performing arts.

The Gold Sports Mark- awarded to us for the great PE lessons, clubs and sporting events that the children take part in, along with our wonderful ethos of taking part and helping other.

Reading Challenge Award- as we continue to support reading for pleasure across school, it was wonderful to receive this award for the second year running

I am so proud of our school, the wonderful children, amazing families and fabulous staff that make SdS such an inspirational place!

Please enjoy your weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Fennelly



Friday 18th November.

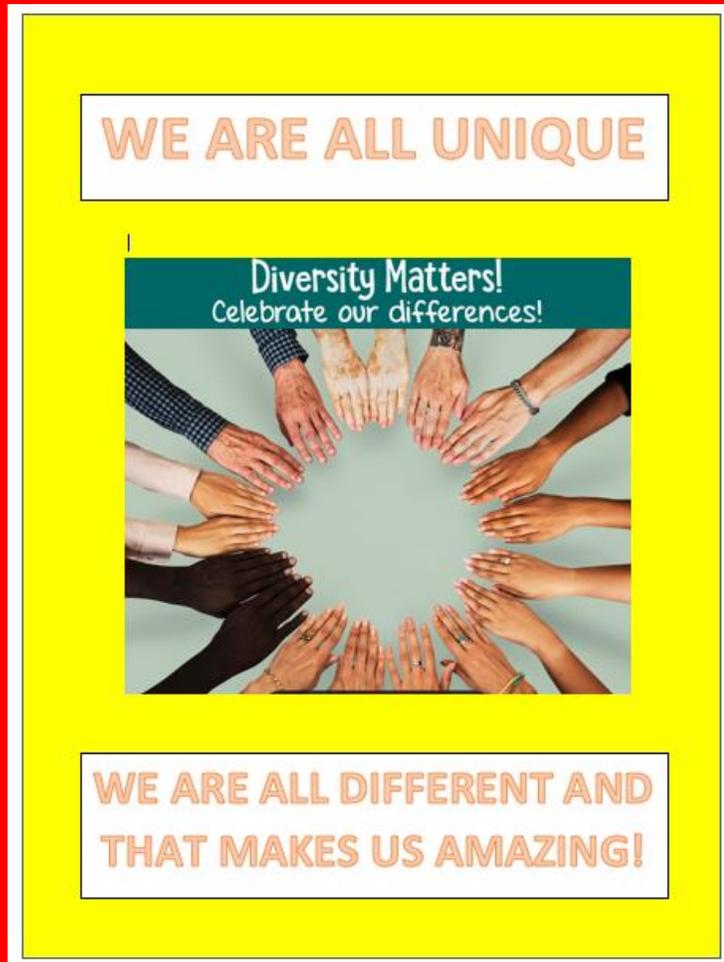
The children have been invited to dress in multicolor today in support of Children in Need and we have raised an amazing £262!!

Well done everyone!





**Thank you to everyone at Simon de Senlis
from Pudsey Bear**



Poster of the Week

This week we talked about how unique we are, how there is only one of each of us and that because of that we are all different. Our uniqueness means that we are diverse, with many differences between us. Understanding our own uniqueness and that of others mean we are accepting of all which is so important for our school and the wider community.

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

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.

The car park at school is for staff parking only, unless you have a pre-arranged agreement.



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

Many thanks

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
 Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS
 These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS
 Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES
 Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.theweek.co.uk/2022/11/233343/roblox-over-half-of-us-25-year-olds-virtual-porn-for-its>
<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.



IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



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Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/gaming/article/2022/nov/18/fifa-ultimate-team-gaming-addiction> and <https://www.ea.com/games/fifa/ultimate-team/news/ultimate-team-gaming-addiction>

Letters to Santa via Royal Mail. If you want to write a letter to Santa, follow the instructions here, make sure your letter has a stamp and is posted no later than December 9th.

Dear Children,

Are you looking forward to Christmas this year? I certainly am! Christmas is a very exciting but busy time for me.

The elves are busy making toys

The reindeer are practising their sleigh runs

And I'm busy preparing my list of who's been good.

I will be getting my sleigh ready for the long journey on Christmas Eve. In between I will try and reply to as many of you as possible.

Please send your letters to:

**Santa/Father Christmas
Santa's Grotto
Reindeerland
XM4 5HQ**





Friends of Simon de Senlis Christmas Hamper Raffle

Please bring in your donations before the 12th December

Reception – Items that are Red

Year 1 – Items that are Blue

Year 2 – Items that are Green

Year 3 – Items that are Yellow / Gold

Year 4 – Items that are Silver

Year 5 – Items that are Pink/Purple

Year 6 – Items that are White

SU – Items that are Orange

Raffle tickets are available to purchase on ParentMail



Contact Details

Please remember to email the school office if there are any changes to your:

- Circumstances
- Phone number
 - Address
 - Email

info@simondesenlis.org

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENTMAIL - £3 EACH
WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE OR BRIGHTEST COLOURS!

COLOUR

DISCO

RECEPTION + YR 1 - 3:30 TO 4:30
YR 2, 3 + 4 - 4:45 TO 5:45
YR 5 + 6 - 6:00 TO 7:15





School Disco



The Friends of SdS have planned a school disco for children.

Date: Wednesday November 23rd

3:30pm-4:30pm- Reception and Year 1

4:45pm-5:45pm- Year 2, year 3 and year 4

6:00pm-7:15pm- Year 5 and year 6

Tickets are £3 each and are available to buy in your ParentMail shop.





School Discos

- Reception and Year 1, can bring their clothes to school to get changed into. Teachers will supervise this and take them to the disco.
- When dropping off your children, do so at the front entrance. They will need to be signed in.
- When collecting your children come to the front entrance and you will be asked to come into the hall to collect your child.
- No need for any money to spend.
- No need for parents to stay.
- No phones.
- All children to be collected promptly by an adult.

Miss Garrard says...

I have recently been in touch with Simon de Senlis's local community connector, who has shared some useful services and information to support people with managing the cost of living crisis.

West Northants Council have a range of links and resources on their website, which can sign post you to support and grants. [Cost of living support | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support)

An adult in employment

Cost of living support and advice for adults in employment

An adult with a disability

Cost of living support and advice for adults with disabilities

A carer for an adult with disability or elderly person

Cost of living support and advice for carers of adults with disability or elderly persons

A Council tenant

Cost of living support and advice for Council tenants

A parent or carer of a child under 18 years old

Cost of living support for a parent or carer of a child under 18 years old

A pensioner

Cost of living help and assistance for pensioners

A young person under 18

Cost of living support and advice for a young person under 18

Looking for warm spaces

Where to find warm spaces in West Northamptonshire

Someone who wants to help others

Information on ways you can help others with the cost of living



DID YOU KNOW?

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

CAN INCLUDE:

- HOUSEHOLD BILLS** (SUCH AS GAS AND ELECTRICITY)
- RENT**
- COUNCIL TAX**
- HELP WITH BUYING FOOD**
- CHILDCARE COSTS**

AS WELL AS OTHER IMPORTANT DAILY ESSENTIALS

THERE ARE PEOPLE ON HAND TO SUPPORT AND ADVISE YOU, SO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TODAY.

For more information on cost of living support, visit: [westnorthants.gov.uk/cost-of-living](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/cost-of-living) call 0300 126 7000*

*Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

West Northamptonshire Council

Debt Advice

In 2021-2022 we provided specialist Debt advice for 1758 people and helped with the management of £18,521,739 of Debt including the administration of 155 Debt Relief Orders and support for 10 Bankruptcies.

Who We
Help

Welfare Benefits
Advice

Debt
Advice

Housing
Advice

Energy Saving
Advice

Immigration
Advice

Miss Garrard says...

Community Law Service (Northampton and County) is a registered charity and an independent provider of specialist social welfare advice. Their aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents through the provision of specialist advice in the areas of **Welfare Benefits, Debt, Housing, Energy Advice, and Immigration.** Check out their website below!

[Community Law Service](#)

Northampton Office: (01604) 621038 Rushden Office: (01933) 313020 Wellingborough Office: (01933) 313020

Energy Advice

In 2021-2022 our Energy Advice projects provided a range of support to 1,676 households and helped them achieve energy savings of over £125,000.



Miss Garrard says...

Did you know that British Gas are also offering support by offering grants and energy debt advice?

British Gas also has a fund to support families, both non-user and users of British Gas.

[Grants Available - British Gas Energy Trust](#)

Individual and Families Debt Write Off Fund

The Fund is open to BG and non-BG customers with an energy debt between £250 and £1500 – the debt must apply to your primary residence and must be an active energy account.

If you would like some further information or support with managing the cost of living crisis or accessing foodbanks, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Briar Hill
Community
Centre
schedule

Briar Hill Community Centre are also offering support on a Wednesday for any families who require this!

WEDNESDAY

- 12:00 - 14:00 Briar Hill Community Food Bank - <https://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk/food-bank>
- 12:00 - 14:00 Briar Hill Community Hub - Drop in
Free refreshments, access to support services, Stay & Play for Under 5s.
- 19:00 - 21:00 Elim Church - admin@elimnorthampton.com

THIS WEEK IN OUR ASSEMBLIES

This week our Anti-bullying ambassadors took over the assembly reins and spoke to the children about Anti-bullying week.

They talked about this year's theme: Reach Out. Children learnt about reaching out to friends, parents and teachers if they find they need help from others. They also learnt the importance of looking out for others and reaching out to those who need our help.





NHS Mental Health Support Team Parent and child questionnaires

Dear Parents and Carers, we are very fortunate to be working with the NHS '*Mental Health Support Team*' (MHST) to support our school community. Please see some more information below about MHSTs and what they will offer at Simon de Senlis.

WHAT ARE THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS?

Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) have been created to offer early intervention, low intensity, mental health support within schools for children and young people with mild to moderate mental health difficulties. The MHST will also support the Mental Health Lead in each education setting to introduce and develop their Whole School Approach. The MHST will also offer support and advice to education setting staff to identify the most appropriate services for their need and help liaise with other appropriate services.

More information can be accessed via the Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust website:

<https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/search/venue/mental-health-support-teams-485>

As part of their audit, the MHST have asked us to distribute questionnaires to all members of our school community including staff, children and parents.



Simon de Senlis Primary



NHS Mental Health Support Team Parent and child questionnaires

There are two short questionnaires - one to be completed by a parent/carer and one to be completed by your child. You can support your child with reading and accessing the questions as you feel is appropriate. This is an anonymous survey which will help inform future practise and outcomes.

We would really appreciate it if you could take the time to fill in the questionnaires as honestly as possible before November 30th.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/r/K7Mkk2udwf>

Student Questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/r/aZNnNVQBJr>

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Holland or Hannah Garrard via the school.

Many thanks,
Ms Holland

Maths

What your child needs to know:

Year 1 Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use doubles of all numbers to 10 and corresponding halves.

Year 2 Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

Year 3 Recall and use the multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4, 8 and 11 multiplication tables.

Year 4 Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 .

Year 5 Revision and application of all multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 .

Year 6 Revision and application of all multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 .

Useful links:

[Times tables games - Learn them all here!](#)

[Multiplication - Times Tables \(mathsisfun.com\)](#)

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

[Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge – Topmarks](#)



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.



**Could you
have an
invisible toy?**

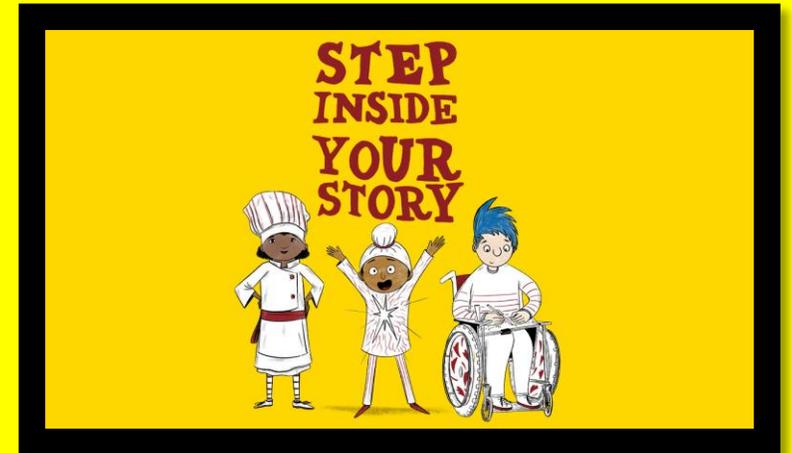


Make your own book competition!

Take a look at this amazing webpage which has details of a competition that you can enter to make your own book. There are also some exciting videos of some famous children's authors talking about how they create their stories!

[Step inside your story | The British Library \(bl.uk\)](https://www.bl.uk/step-inside-your-story)

To enter the competition, you'll need to fully complete the activity on the webpage. This involves making a book about yourself. By completing the 'Step inside your story' activity and sharing photos of your creations with us, you will be entered into a draw to win one of FIVE (5) prizes of £50 National Book Tokens for your school.



**The competition will run from 9am on 26
September to 5pm on 28 November 2022.**

Mrs Parker and Miss Gedney

Creative Writing!

Character Capers!

You need a dice for this game. Roll your dice three times to find out who your character is, what their personality is like and what job they do.



Who?	Personality	Job?
1. Young child	1. Friendly	1. Firefighter
2. Monkey	2. Grumpy	2. Teacher
3. Caterpillar	3. Excitable	3. Police Officer
4. Superhero	4. Unkind	4. Museum Worker
5. Super villain	5. Chilled	5. Explorer
6. Dinosaur	6. Helpful	6. Sailor

- Can you draw your character?
- What questions would you ask them if you met them?
- If they were the main character in a story, what might happen?
- Have a go at writing a story about your character!

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing with you a glossary of the vocabulary that your child will be using throughout their computing lessons this year. This jargon buster is a great way to learn the definitions and help your child to understand the terminology!

Term	Key Stage	Definition
HTML (HyperText Markup Language)	2	A standardised language used to define the structure of web pages
Hyperlink	2	(Also: link, weblink) Text or media that when clicked, takes the user to another specified location (URL)
Infinite loop	2	SEE: Loop (infinite)
Information	1&2	Data put into a context that provides meaning
Information technology	1	The study, use, and development of computer systems for storing, processing, retrieving, and sending information
Input	2	Data that is sent to a program to be processed
Input device	2	A piece of hardware used to control, or send data to, a computer
Internet	2	The global system of interconnected computer networks
Loop	2	(Count-controlled, condition-controlled, or infinite) Commands that repeatedly run a defined section of code
Loop (condition-controlled)	2	A command that repeatedly runs a defined section of code until a condition is met
Loop (count-controlled)	2	A command that repeatedly runs a defined section of code a predefined number of times

Super Soccer Skills



Semi-finalists in 2018, runners-up at UEFA EURO 2020... can England continue that upwards trajectory by topping the podium in Qatar?



Will you be watching the FIFA Football World Cup?

Then why not try these fancy tricks to improve your skills. Watch the video clips and have a go.

Enjoy,
Miss Bland

Have you tried any fancy tricks and moves using your football! The fancy footwork is usually quite elaborate making it enjoyable to watch. The cool skill of soccer ball juggling is known as freestyle soccer or soccer freestyle. One of the main benefits of improving your football juggling skills is to help you advance your soccer skills when playing on the pitch.

Why not have a go at these tricks and chart your progress. Add your number of consecutive successful attempts and chart your progress.

Explanations and video clips can be found at <https://soccertraininglab.com/soccer-freestyle-tricks-names>



Are you, or someone you know, looking for a Reception school place for September 2023? If yes, come along for a school presentation and tour.

Bookings at www.simondesenlis.org

Simon de Senlis Primary School



Reception Places Sept 2023

Come and visit our school to hear about our ethos and see our wonderful staff and children in our engaging learning environment.

September 27th 2022 at 6:00pm | October 11th 2022 at 9:30am
November 16th 2022 at 6:00pm | December 1st 2022 at 9:30am
January 5th 2023 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org





**SOME NEWS
FOR OUR
CHILDREN**

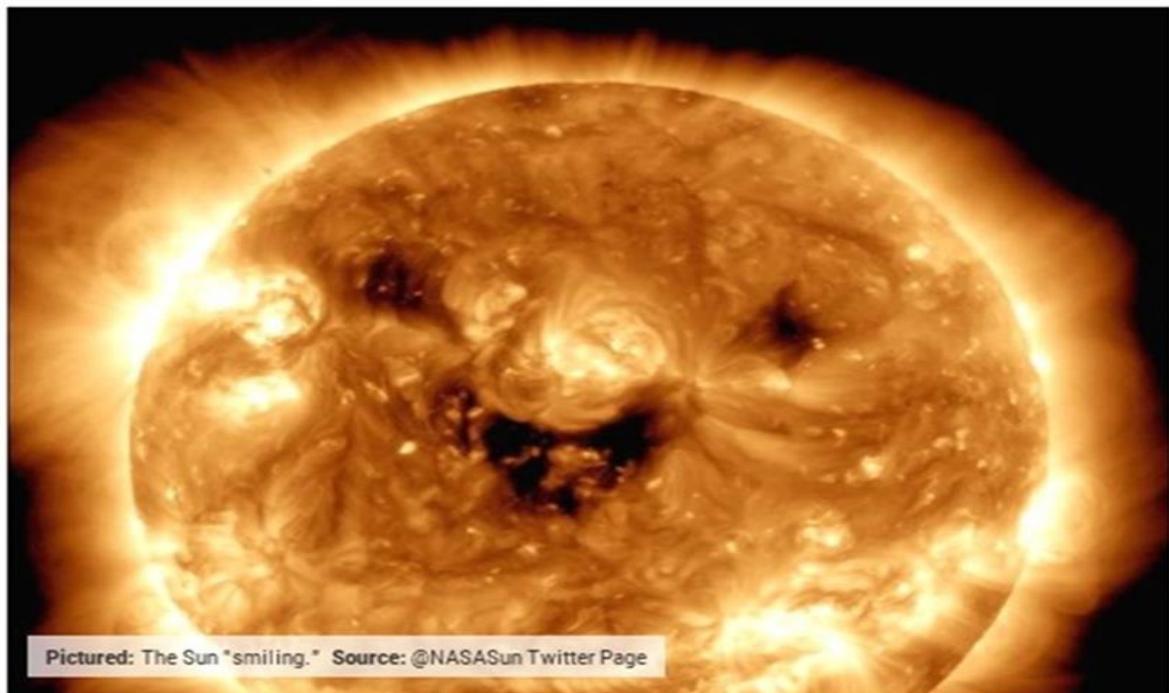
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Orchid odour

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden has revealed a rare orchid that smells like dead rats and rotting cabbages! The botanical gardens have over 8,000 species of plants on its 40-acre site. The orchid, *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis*, is native to Papua New Guinea and it is very rare for it to flower away from its natural habitat. Experts from the gardens say that its petals look like 'meat with maggots on it' and it has the 'delicate aroma of rotting cabbages'. They Tweeted that visitors to the Tropics House could find the plant by following their noses 'you'll know you're getting close when you start to smell dead rats decomposing next to rotting fish!' The orchid's stench serves a purpose attracting pollinators, like flies and beetles, that would normally lay their eggs on smelly places such as faeces and rotting materials.

Would you like to visit this odourful orchid?

Pictured: The orchid *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis*
Source: @CUBotanicGarden Twitter page.



Pictured: The Sun "smiling." **Source:** @NASASun Twitter Page

'Smiling' Sun!

NASA's Solar Dynamic Observatory, that studies the Sun and how it affects space around the Earth and other worlds, has released a video that it says shows the sun 'smiling' at the end. NASA Tweeted 'NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory caught the Sun 'smiling.' Seen in ultraviolet light, these dark patches on the Sun are known as coronal holes and are regions where fast solar wind gushes out

into space.' A coronal hole is a temporary region of relatively cool, less dense plasma in the solar corona, where the Sun's magnetic field extends into interplanetary space as an open field. Their locations can help experts predict when auroras near the Arctic (northern lights or aurora borealis) and Antarctic (aurora australis or southern lights) may occur.

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



No Bounty to celebrate?



Picture: Limited Edition No Bounty Celebrations.
Source: @UKCelebrations Twitter page

Bounty bars have been removed from some Celebrations tubs! The decision to trial the Celebrations packs with no Bounty bars has been revealed to be in response to 'public demand'. Mars Wrigley, the company who produce the chocolate selection boxes, said that their research, which involved 2,000 British adults, suggested that '18% would feel irritated to find only Bounty bars were left in the tub, while 58% believed it would lead to a family argument... 39% wanted the bars gone for

good [and] 22% liked Bounty the least of all the tub's options. Some 28% were of the opinion coconut had no place in a chocolate bar at all.' The limited-edition tubs will include more of the Mars, Snickers, Milky Way, Galaxy and Maltesers variants than normal to make up for the missing Bounty bars.

Do you think the results of the survey would be different if they had asked children for their opinions too?

Last week's topic:

Will robots make the world a better place.



I believe that robots are unnatural and that traditional ways were better for all.

Aled

We think that if used and developed correctly, robots could make our lives simpler and easier.

Bee Class

Some of our class are a little bit concerned because building the robots might harm our planet. Others think AI might help us solve global warming.

Milngavie Primary

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



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Should we ever have to change our appearance?

In the news this week

Pupils in schools should not be unfairly singled out for having afro hair, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has said in new guidelines for schools. The EHRC reported that rules banning certain styles are likely to be breaking the law. This includes styles such as afros, braids, cornrows, plaits, locks, and head coverings. The new guidance was announced to help schools in England, Scotland and Wales ensure their hair policies are fair.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you, or do you know anyone who has, had to change your/their appearance for work or for school?
- > Share your thoughts on the new changes, do you think it's important these guidelines are given to workplaces and schools?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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There are eight billion people living on Earth today, according to the United Nations (UN).

It's hard to calculate the number of people in the world accurately, and the UN admits its sums could be out by a year or two - but it estimates that on 15 November the eight billion line will be crossed.

It is only **11 years since the population hit seven billion**, and experts say this huge growth is because of many reasons including better health, nutrition and medicine.