

This evening is Harry Potter book night, why not chose your favourite book and enjoy a read?

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:

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Fennelly
Headteacher

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
7th February 9th February	All Parents and Carers	3:30pm -6:30pm Termly Learning Conference (Parent's Evening) Book Fair & Jules at Home will be in school
10th February	Whole School	School closes for half term
21st February	Whole School	School opens for the new term
23rd February	Year 2	SATs meeting 9am & repeated at 5pm
28th February	Year 1	Phonics meeting 9am & repeated at 2:45pm
30th March	Rowling Class	Recorder performance at 9:30am
30th March	Year 4	Violin and Cello performance at 2:45pm
5th May	Whole School	King Charles Coronation Celebrations 1:30pm-3:00pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always a pleasure of mine to see how happy the children are at school, and it remains one of my highest priorities to ensure that they remain happy and so able to learn and experience the wonderful lessons and social experiences throughout the day. Of course, as children are learning to read and write, they are too learning how to get along with each other and build friendships. Having wonderful teachers, support staff and a positive inclusion team, who are able to step in and support children, is so important, allowing children to continue to build friendships.

Next week, it is Children's Mental Health Week, with a focus on building connections and the positive impact this has on children's and our own mental health. We know that when we have healthy connections- to family, friends and others, it can support our positive mental health and wellbeing. Therefore, we know how important friendships are to all our children. Our connection as a school family and community is another way that supports our wellbeing, and I am so proud to be a part of this strong and positive community.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week.

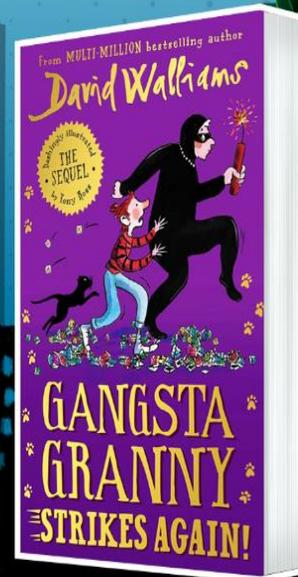
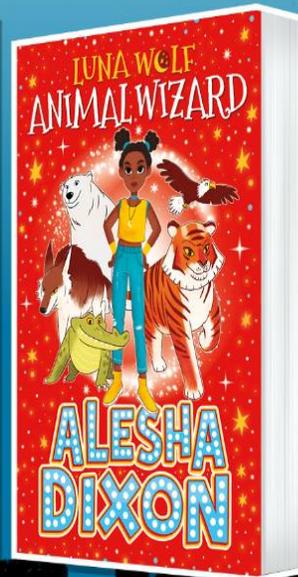
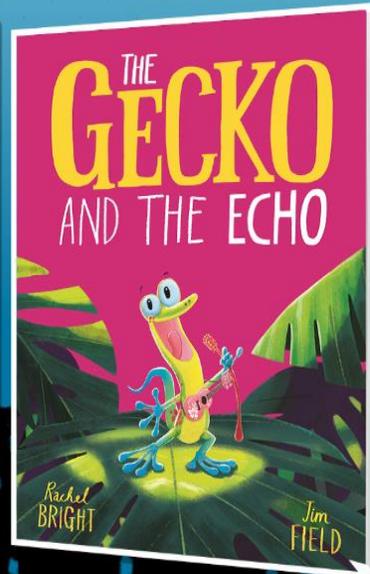
Best wishes

Mrs Fennelly

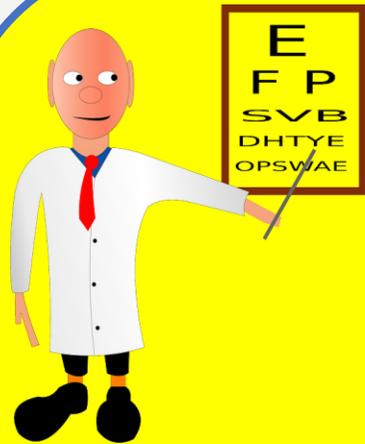
 TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE **BOOK FAIR**

AND EARN **FREE BOOKS** FOR OUR SCHOOL



The Book Fair will be in School on: 7th & 9th of February, during Parents Evening.



Appointments



Please try to book Dentist, Doctors and Optician appointments outside of school hours.



School Council

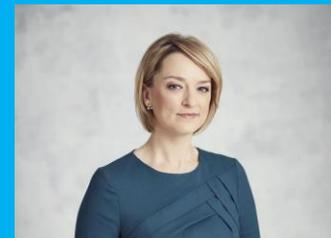
Did you know...

- Each class from Year 1 – Year 6 has an elected representative who sits on the school council.
- The School Council meets twice every half term.
- The representatives report back to their class and collect ideas to take meetings.
- We are currently debating what we should organise for our annual summer fundraising event following the success of the obstacle course last year.



Coming up...

After half term, we will be attending a zoom call with the BBC's Political Journalist, Laura Keunsberg.



Reading



This week is national storytelling week!

National Storytelling Week takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

Enjoy sharing stories together this weekend!

Artist of the Week- Henri Rousseau

Henri Rousseau was a French artist who was born in 1844.

One of his most famous paintings is the one here which is called 'Surprise!'

It was one of the first jungle paintings that Rousseau created. In this painting the tiger is ready to pounce on its prey and I wonder who will be surprised? The tiger or the prey?

If you want to see this painting it is in The National Gallery in London.

Year 4 are very lucky as they will be able to see it when they visit the gallery later in the year.



Poem of the Week- Don't Quit!

Don't Quit

by John Greenleaf Whittier

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.



Inspirational Person of the Week- Stephen Hawking

Stephen Hawking was one of the most influential scientists in the world and he was born in Oxford in 1942. He was an expert in space and the science of the universe. Stephen attended both Oxford and Cambridge universities and wrote many best-selling books about the universe. He became a professor of maths at Cambridge University. He wrote the book *A Brief History of Time*, which has sold more than 9 million copies! When he was 21, he found out he had motor neurone disease. This affected his speech and movement. Later, he used a wheelchair and spoke with a special computer. He controlled the computer by moving his cheek.

[Who was Professor Stephen Hawking? - BBC Bitesize](#)



Musicians of the Week- The Beatles

The Beatles were an English rock band, formed in Liverpool in 1960, that comprised of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr. They are regarded as the most influential band of all time and were integral to the development of 1960s counterculture and popular music's recognition as an art form. Their music has classical elements and traditional pop. The Beatles made 229 songs and across the world they have sold over 600 million albums!



School Mental Health Leads

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

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



Laura Holland

Inclusion Leader
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



Hannah Garrard

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



Mental Health and Wellbeing at SDS

A Message from Mrs Fennelly

Being aware of children's mental health and well-being and being skilled to support this in school is extremely important to me and all the staff at school.

We know that children and adults will have times in their life when they need help and support with their mental health. Because of this there are many things that are in place at SDS if your child needs support-

- Ms Holland and Miss Garrad are trained Mental Health Leads.
- We have a team of staff who are also trained to support children.
- We have a dedicated room, the pod, which is calm and peaceful and where support can be delivered in a comfortable setting.
- All classes take part in a weekly PSHE lesson, where children develop knowledge of relationships, feelings and emotions.
- Children have lessons where they create their 'hand of support'- those adults who they know they can go to if they are feeling unhappy or worried.
- Teachers and support staff are skilled to support children on a day to day basis and know when to refer to Ms Holland or Miss Garrard.
- We work closely with many external professionals to support children when needed.
- Each classroom has a worry box where children can report any concerns.
- A new addition to the newsletter will be a Mental Health and Wellbeing page to offer support and guidance.



If you feel you require some Early Help Support, please feel free to contact me and I can see what support we can offer.

If you wish to speak to Early Help directly you can send an email to cfss@nctrust.co.uk

Miss Garrard says...

Early help and support for parents and carers

Early help means working with you and your family to ensure that you receive the right help and support as soon as you need it. Early help is for everybody, for families with children and young people of any age. And it's your choice whether to access it or not.

Early help and support

There are lots of reasons why you might want some support including:

- Advice about your child's health, development or behaviour
- How your child is progressing at school
- Caring for a child with a disability or additional needs
- Concerns you have about money or housing that is affecting your family
- Help around domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol or crime
- Bereavement support
- Being a young carer



Children's Mental Health Week 6th – 12th February 2023



Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week** and in school the children will be taking part in a range of activities relating to this year's theme of '*Let's Connect*'. For more information about this year's theme please visit the Place2Be website via: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

The week is run by children's mental health charity *Place2Be* to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections, and for **Children's Mental Health Week 2023**, Place2Be is encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

As parents and carers, you are an important role model to your child. How you connect with friends and family will influence your child, and how they develop their own friendships and relationships. For example, how you greet people and maintain friendships, but also how you forgive people or say sorry when you need to.



What can you do to support your child?

Here are a few simple ways you can connect with your child and help them to make meaningful connections.



Connect with your child in everyday ways: Moments of connection (and re-connection) are really important in child-caregiver relationships. For example, when you pick them up from school, or come in from work, try to give them your full attention and see if this helps you feel better connected as you hug, talk, smile and hear about their day.

Talk to your child about important connections: This could include talking about family members, friends, neighbours, childminders or people in the local community. Children learn a lot from their parents about how to express their feelings, including the joy that comes with feeling connected to others and the sadness that comes with missing others.

Find time to connect as a family: Family life can become busy and stressful, so it's important to find some time where you connect together. This could include simple things like cooking, watching a film, playing a game, going to the park or even doing the family shop together.

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

Community Safety Day



Saturday, 4 February 2023

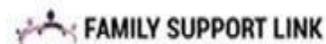
11am-2pm

at **Far Cotton Rec Centre**



Come and meet organisations offering advice on all aspects of your home and personal safety. An opportunity to raise concerns, share ideas and hear from those officers working in the area.

Cllr Emma Roberts





Far Cotton Community Safety Day Event, 4th
February 2023

**Members of the police community
will be offering security marking for
your bicycles**



[Supporter registration](#)[Educational Resources](#)[Supporters](#)[Safer Internet Day Youth Charter](#)[Films](#)[Video Wall Guidance](#)[Video Wall](#)[Social Media Template](#)[Parents and carers](#)[Social Media Pack](#)

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme ‘Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online’.

There is a range of free resources and information available online which parents and carers can access at home. From films to books, games to top tips, you can find a range of ideas and activities which you could complete with your child at home – to better improve their understanding of the internet. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with children, whatever their age. The resources available on the link above offer a range of pages to help you start a conversation with your child, whatever that may be about and no matter how much time you have.



Save the Date-
King Charles Coronation
Celebrations Friday May 5th
1:30pm-3:00pm



Think of the week

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



If you could only have one of these, which would you choose?

Strength or Speed?



In assembly this week

In our assemblies this week, we have considered how our actions can make people feel. In KS2, we have learned about humility- what it is, why it is important and how to behave with humility. We have considered the benefits to ourselves of being humble and how it affects those around us in a positive way.

In KS1, we have thought about the saying, 'It is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice.' We talked about different ways to be nice at school, at home and in the playground and about the importance of thinking of others



mi**AT**hs

White Rose Maths have introduced a FANTASTIC FREE App called **1 – Minute Maths** that you can download from the App Store or Google Play.

New from the White Rose team...
It's 1-Minute Maths!

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Rose
Maths

**1-minute
MATHS**

Subitising
+ Addition
- Subtraction

for
KS1!

Our new 1-Minute Maths app helps your pupils to build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

How does it work?

1-Minute Maths offers children engaging and easily accessible practice in basic number. There's no specific route or starting point. Having chosen a topic, each user answers a series of randomly generated questions (a different set of questions every time means they learn the concept, not a sequence of answers).

When the one minute's up, the questions are automatically marked and presented on a breakdown screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button reformats the question as a familiar manipulative display that mirrors the approaches used in the White Rose Maths schemes of learning.

Information for Year 5 Parents of children with SEND IASS Northants information events

Dear Parents and Carers, IASS Northants will be holding their secondary school transfer seminars for parents of children with SEND (with or without EHC Plans).

These are open to families in both North and West Northamptonshire. Please see below for more information.

The first sessions are held in January - to book please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4vb728rb>

For more information please contact Ms Holland or Mrs Haigh via the school.

Northamptonshire Information, Advice, and Support Service for SEND (IASS)

Year 5 Seminars 2022-23

Supporting the positive transfer from primary school to secondary school for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This seminar is for you if you're a parent or carer of a child in Year 5 who either has an EHC Plan or receives SEN Support at school.

Dates & Locations:

- Corn Market Hall, Kettering - Thu, 19 Jan 2023 (6pm-8pm)
- Castle Theatre, Wellingborough - Tue, 14 Mar 2023 (10am-12noon)
- NMPAT, Northampton - Thu, 26 Jan 2023 (12:30pm-2.30pm)
 - Daventry Town FC - Wed, 15 Mar 2023 (6pm-8pm)

To book, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4vb728rb>



Sports – Rugby The six nation Rugby tournament begins this weekend.

So, get ready for some fabulous displays of passing and throwing skills.

When to watch; Sat, 4 Feb Wales vs Ireland ,England vs Scotland.

Why not try these practice drills and improve your throwing skills.

<https://youtu.be/TVdt5quioal>

Enjoy and stay active.

Miss Bland



RUCKLEY CHALLENGE 1: THROW AND CATCH ON ONE LEG

Stand on one leg and throw and catch the ball with your partner.

How do we do it?

1. Support leg still, flat on ground
2. Non support leg slightly bent
3. Head still, eyes looking forward
4. Body upright

How does this help in rugby?

1. Stability
2. Object control
3. Catching and passing

If they can do this; they'll be better at this...



Abington Museum



Vintage and craft fair



Saturday 11 March

11am - 4pm

Free

A selection of vintage, reworked and handmade stalls selling fashion, accessories, jewellery, collectibles, homeware and more. Enjoy the delicious hot food and drinks in the courtyard from local food and drink producers.

The Community Fridge is located at the Abbey Centre. This is open Tuesday and Friday 10.30-12 pm and Friday 4-5:30pm. They require a £1 donation.





ELITE FOOTBALL COACHING



GIRLS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



DEVELOPMENT

For players to enhance their skills outside of team training.

Open to all players, the emphasis is on our female players improving their fundamental techniques in a competitive environment.



OPPORTUNITIES

Every Friday
Ages U10 - U12
6.30 - 7.30PM

£35 Per Month



SKILLS

Players learn close control, dribbling, 1v1 moves and other footballing techniques.

Players will be challenged in pressured scenarios to improve the ability to execute in games.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
e: info@elitefootballcoaching.org



SESSION LOCATION
Moulton 3G, Brunting Road

EFC Player Development

Elite Football Coaching brings ELITE level coaching to grassroots players.

At Elite Football Coaching we want to bridge the gap and give players access to quality coaching with experienced coaches.

EFC Player Development program is designed to improve the players overall technical and tactical ability with the ball.

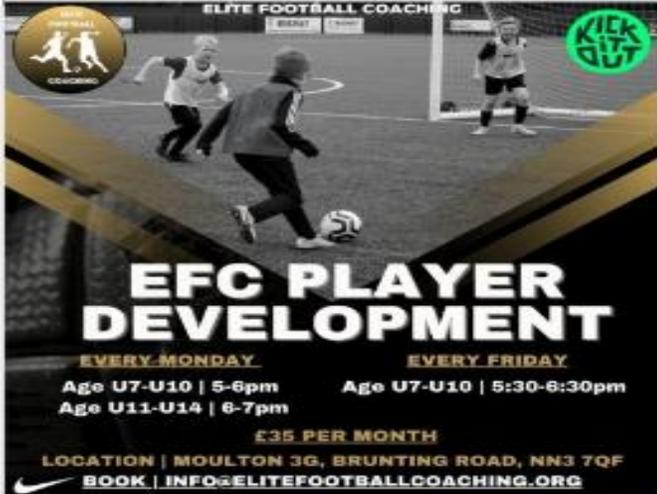
Each player will have a ball at their feet for the majority of the session.

Girls Player Development

Girls Player Development returns this February

This program will focus on our female players improving their fundamental techniques in a competitive environment.

In these fast paced sessions, players will be encouraged to be creative and take risks. This program is perfect for all players.



EFC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

EVERY MONDAY

Age U7-U10 | 5-6pm
Age U11-U14 | 6-7pm

EVERY FRIDAY

Age U7-U10 | 5:30-6:30pm

£35 PER MONTH

LOCATION | MOULTON 3G, BRUNTING ROAD, NN3 7QF
BOOK | [INFO@ELITEFOOTBALLCOACHING.ORG](mailto:info@elitefootballcoaching.org)



LIMITED SPACES PER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Email info@elitefootballcoaching.org to SIGN UP



For more information please visit | WWW.ELITEFOOTBALLCOACHING.ORG | 07592299384

This may be of interest to you-
Take a look at this course- English for Speakers of Other Languages

ESOL

English for Speaker of Other Languages

Improve your English skills and become more confident in communicating with others.

We have groups at all levels, with a choice of days and times. To find the best group for you, we will ask you to complete an Initial Assessment to find out your level.

You may be eligible for **FREE** classes if your income is below £17, 374.50 per year.

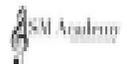
To find out more, contact Emilia Ratcliffe on:

- Email: AdultLearningEssentialSkills@northnorthants.gov.uk or Emilia.ratcliffe@northnorthants.gov.uk
- Mobile: 07912 186944
- Website: [Adult Learning \(northamptonshire.gov.uk\)](http://AdultLearning.northamptonshire.gov.uk) and enter course code XOA8XR02

Holiday Fun



February Half Term 2023

Games /Sports 	Atomic Science 
Arts & Crafts 	YOGA and Mindfulness 
Circus Skills 	Music 

Is it for me?

Open to Primary age children from Reception to Age 11

How much?

£15 per day, 9am – 3.30pm each day

How do I book?

To book spaces please visit: www.northamptonesco.co.uk, you can book as many days as you require. Full details can be seen on our website/facebook page.

What do I need?

Packed Lunch and plenty of drinks.

Wear clothes suitable for moving freely and trainers/plimsolls.

Parents/Carers must drop off and pick up children.

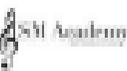
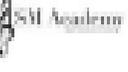
Please ensure your child's lunch does not contain any nuts.

Queries?

Email- msmith@northamptonesco.co.uk or 07917 535762

February Half Term 2023

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

Monday 13 th February	Tuesday 14 th February	Wednesday 15 th February	Thursday 16 th February	Friday 17 th February	Venue
Sports 	Yoga 	Yoga 	Yoga 	Circus skills 	Cedar Road Primary School, Broadway East, NN3 2PP (access through pedestrian gate to main hall)
Games 	Science 	POP CHOIR (NEW) 	Arts and Crafts 	POP CHOIR 	
Science 	Arts and Crafts 	Games 	Science 	Music 	



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

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

HOW TO REGISTER

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

Rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/camps

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

NEED SOME HELP REGISTERING?

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

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Email: enquiries@rhinosportsacademy.com

FEBRUARY CAMP



MULTISPORTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

PERFORMING ARTS

RHINOSPORTSACADEMY.CO.UK/CAMPS

We are pleased to announce Rhino Sports Academy Camps will be held at two different venues this February. Blisworth Primary School and Good Shepherd Primary School

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

MULTISPORTS

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

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

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



PERFORMING ARTS

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

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

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

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

BLISWORTH CAMP

Blisworth Primary School, Courteenhall Road,
Northampton NN7 3DD
13th-17th February
9am-4pm
Ages 4-12

Multisports Camp
Full Week - £90.00
Full Day - £22.50
Half Day - £12.00

Performing Arts & Crafts
Full Week - £100
Full Day - £25.00
Half Day - £12.50

GOOD SHEPHERD CAMP

Good Shepherd Primary School, Kingsland Gardens,
Northampton NN27BH
13th-17th February
9am-4pm
Ages 4-12

Multisports Camp
Full Week - £90.00
Full Day - £22.50
Half Day - £12.00

THE RHINO SHOP

Order your Rhino clothing from our online store



visit: rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/shop



**It is Yorkshire pudding
day
on Sunday, yummy!**

***3RD FEBRUARY
2023***

**SOME
NEWS FOR
OUR CHILDREN**

Singing bus driver



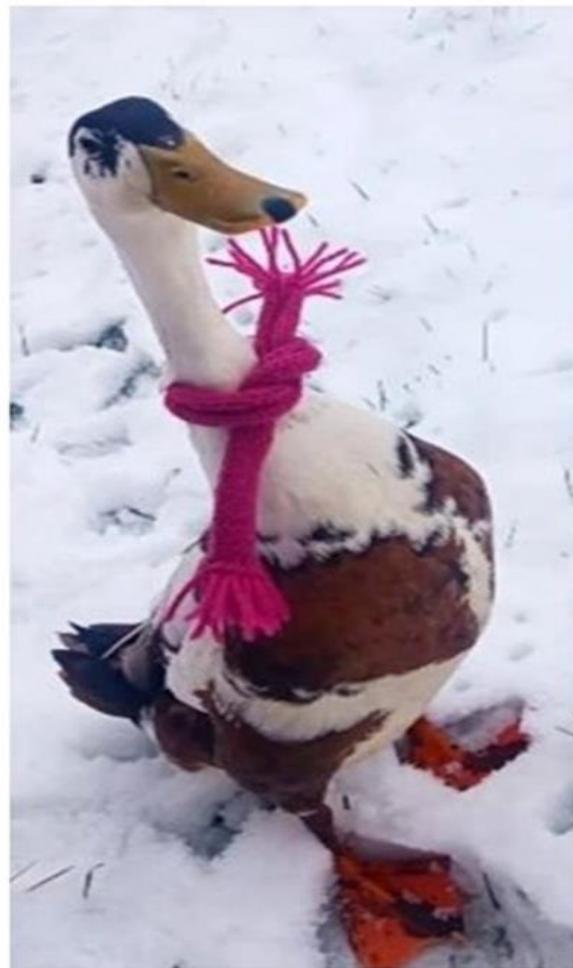
Pictured: Bus Driver || Ranjit Singh Veer || Tez Records || Music D Gill Source: YouTube

A talented bus driver has become an accidental YouTube sensation after recording a video to show his family in India what he does for work. Ranjit Singh, who works at National Express West Midlands, recorded a four minute upbeat music video in Punjabi, with English subtitles. The lyrics explain how proud he is of his profession and the respect that he has for his colleagues, some of whom joined him in the video. The heart-warming

song states, 'Friends drive buses together. With honest working hands, we drive the buses. From different countries brothers drive buses together...' David Bradford, managing director for National Express West Midlands, said, 'Our staff really are our greatest assets. They all work incredibly hard to keep our customers moving, and to see the enthusiasm that they have for their roles in the company is great.'

Ham-dini the duck

A duck called Ham, who lives in Chorley, has gone missing so many times that his owner has nicknamed him Ham-dini, after Harry Houdini, the famous Hungarian-American escape artist. The four-and-a-half-year old Indian Runner duck, who was adopted at 1-week old by Charlotte Taylor-Dugdale, loves to escape from his garden and go for a wander around the local area. Neighbours now keep a look out for him and comment on their local Facebook page when they make a new sighting of his adventures. Ham is easy to spot as he often wears scarves, made for him by Charlotte's mother! Charlotte says, 'He loves people and children. He also follows people to school, gets into their houses and goes to the local nursery. I call him Ham-dini. He is cheeky and sulks but also very loving and loyal. He chases bin lorries down the street, cats and dogs and he even tackles foxes.' After his escapades, he returns home for a salad and a cup of tea!



Pictured: Ham the duck
Source: Charlotte Taylor-Dugdale Facebook

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Vast canyon of books



Pictured: Wuhan Library design images
Source: MVRDV Twitter page

Dutch architecture firm, MVRDV, has revealed its competition-winning design for the new Wuhan Central Library, which, when completed, will be among China's largest libraries! The stunning design for the new library is described as a 'Vast Canyon of Books'. It takes inspiration from its location, where two rivers, Yangtze and Han, meet. The two waterways are pulled into a central channel, replicated in the design of the building as visitors move through the 140,000-square-metre

venture. It will be as if they are contained in a monumental canyon, with sedimentary layers replaced by shelves of books. MVRDV discuss the project on its website, saying it, 'combines traditional and non-traditional functions with diverse study, living room, reading, and studio spaces. The building connects to its surroundings via three large openings that will act as visual displays of life inside the building, sparking curiosity and intrigue.'

Last week's topic:

Do we throw things away too easily?

Yes, we all throw things away but don't always do it responsibly. I am careful with what I buy but we all throw things away without needing to.
Callum



My parents always try to fix things and see if someone else wants to buy it online.
Keith

I recycle and I am careful with what I buy.
Evelyn

Packaging has so much rubbish, it's hard to not throw it away.
AI

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



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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about the Amazon rainforest with others at home and talk with others about what they know.
- > Do you believe enough is being done to protect the Amazon rainforest? Do you think the natural habitats close to where you live are protected?
- > Whose responsibility do you consider it is to protect natural habitats?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Reflection



We are just one of many living things sharing our planet.
It is important for us to do all we can to protect
the natural world, as it cannot always protect itself.

