Newsletter 12.11.21

Severndale Star

Principal's Message

Good afternoon families

I hope you are all well. We have had another busy week at Severndale Academy this week although we did pause yesterday for our minutes silence for Remembrance Day at 11.00am.

Covid Update

We have seen an increase in positive cases this week and are still ensuring that staff are wearing masks in communal areas and using anti bacterial gel to maintain cleanliness around the site. The UK Health Security Agency are still requesting that when we have a positive case in class we need to ask the other pupils in class to self isolate until they receive a negative PCR, we are however in communication with the agency to see if there are any changes that need to be made regarding this due to the disruption to learning and increase in school absences.

Next week activities

I wanted to make parents aware that next week is Anti-Bullying week and we have placed a link to a website that parents can use to focus on this issue at home. We will also be completing some work in class around this next week. The website for anti bullying is: https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents

In addition on Friday of next week we have Children in Need Day and the theme for this year is 'Get your Sparkles on'. The link to the Children In Need website is below but it will be great to see as many pupils a possible wearing their 'sparkles' on Friday of next week. The website address is: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

Family updates

Thankyou for all the responses to my request to join a working party relating to parent communication. I have been inundated with requests and so am now looking at how I can make this happen to involve as many families as possible.

In addition thankyou to those parents who have offered to stand as parent governors. We have received three nominations and so I will be following the procedure for electing a parent governor and will share this with the interested people.

Unfortunately although we have our family room painted and ready for action we have still been unable to appoint our family liaison officer. We are still looking for the right person to fill this position but will have to delay the launch of this room until we appoint.

New Website

Just a reminder about our new website…You can find it at www.severndaleacademy.co.uk We are continuously adding new information on the website every week and will update you when anything big is added or changed but again if you have anything that you think we may have missed that is not on the website please do not hesitate to let me know.

It only leaves me now to wish you a warm and pleasant weekend and enjoy the photographs of this week at Severndale.

Brian

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Pre Formal Maths

Students have been using different sensory items to help them with their maths this week, and having a wonderful time using paints and different clays.

Futures update

Our Futures students were invited to join Shrewsbury College for their two minute silence, which they were honoured to be a part of! Students have also done some work around the meaning of remembrance.

Rememberance Day Celebrations

Our students have been learning about remembrance and what happened during the world wars. To remember soldiers and those who lost their lives they have been making poppies and poppy wreaths, it's been a wonderful sight around school.

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Remembrance Day Drawings

Classes have been discussing remembrance in lessons, and some children were asked to draw a depiction of the trenches, and this is what three of them produced.

Story Time in the Rainforest Garden

Some of our Early Years students enjoyed an animal story in the rainforest garden this week. It was all about animals and the noises they make. They enjoyed joining in and listening.

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Semi Formal have been in the Library and Forest School

S1 have been in the library choosing books this week! One student was completely overwhelmed and excited when he saw all the books! They have also enjoying the autumn leaves in our Forest Schools area, getting very messy enjoying the mud.

Peer Mentors Recruited!

Fantastic news! Four students from across the Academy have recently come together to train as Peer Mentors. This is a responsible role within the school whereby they will work alongside younger students at Monkmoor Campus who require a little extra support.

We would like to say a huge "Congratulations!" all of them who have just completed their training and are now our first Peer Mentors! They attended two training days at Futures and Monkmoor Campus. There, they completed activities related to safeguarding, communicating and understanding their future mentees.

On behalf of the Pastoral Team, we look forward to welcoming our new Peer Mentors, joining the team once a week to support pupils in a small Intervention Group.

We'll keep you posted on their progress!

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PACC Virtual & Face to Face Workshops on 17 & 25 November

PACC are holding a virtual workshops on:

Shropshire Autism & ADHD Pathway Update on 17 November and

Supported Living Workshop on 25 November.

Please contact PACC for more information

Shropshire Autism & ADHD Pathway Update

17/11/2021 10AM-12PM VIA ZOOM

Join us for this virtual workshop to hear an update on the work that has been carried out on developing a new Shropshire Neurodevelopmental Pathway. This pathway will cover Neurodevelopmental conditions such as Autism and ADHD and includes early support, assessment for diagnosis and post diagnosis support. The session will include an opportunity for parent carers to hear about the progress to date and to provide further input into the development of the pathway. Book your place using the details below.

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pc-qurDIvEtBauKXOryorJ5DncqR98ZJ9

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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PACC unlocking doors together

'A Sense of Purpose and A Home of My Own' – Supported Living Workshop

25/11/2021 9.30AM-1PM (LUNCH AVAILABLE 1-2PM)

AT SHREWSBURY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB, IN THE SOVEREIGN SUITE, OTELEY ROAD, SHREWSBURY, SY2 6ST
(COFFEE/TEA SERVED FROM 9.30AM AND LIGHT LUNCH AT 1PM PROVIDED IF BOOKED)

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Following the publication of PACC's 'A Sense of Purpose and a Home of my Own' report in February 2020, PACC has been working with Shropshire Adult Social Care to respond to the key points raised by the report 'A Sense of Purpose & a Home of My Own'.

One of the issues raised by the report was the lack of information available to families about Supported Living; what it is, the process involved and how those in Supported Living are enabled to lead active lives. This workshop will provide an introduction to Supported Living, the process to access it and information about what life might look like for young people in Supported Living.

The session will be targeted at parent carers of young people aged 16 - 25, who are considering a move into supported living at some point in the future. Members of the Adult Social Care Team will join us and there will be a lunch and chat at the end of the workshop for those who would like to stay.

To book your place please either email Cathy Cathy@paccshropshire.org.uk or telephone Sarah on 07398 120311 (Please let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements if you are staying for lunch)

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EYFS Activities

Early Years have been using their fine motor neuron skills for sticking and pasting. They made wonderful different collages.

What's happening this term!

Dates Coming up...

Anti-bullying week 15-19 November 2021 (Please see the website link below)
https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents
Children in Need 19 November 2021 The Children in Need website is: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/
Hanukkah 28 November to 6 December

Our New Website

Take a look at our new website at:

www.severndaleacademy.co.uk

It's still under construction but should be ready soon!

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