Severndale Star

SEVERNDALE SPECIALIST ACADEMY | NEWSLETTER 16.09.2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello parents and carers

It is the end of our first week back and we are now getting back into our usual routine at Severndale. Pupils are settling into their classes and responding well to staff. Next week we will see the start of our revamped Tickwood and Forest School programme and we are hoping to invite parents and carers out to Tickwood at some point throughout the year.

QUEENS FUNERAL

I am sure that you are all aware of the Bank Holiday on Monday and the closure of schools, shops, businesses etc. I know all classes have delivered some input this week related to the sad passing of the queen and we know that many of our pupils are aware of the impending funeral due to the learning that has happened this week and conversations at home and in the community. We have been monitoring pupils carefully and will continue to do so when they return on Tuesday but if you feel as though your child requires additional input to support and concerns around bereavement then please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher at the school.

Many organisations provide additional support for bereavement and here are some links that may be of interest to you if you require support...

National Children's bureau supporting bereaved children who have special educational needs literature search https://www.ncb.org.uk

National Autistic Society https: www.autism.org.uk.A range of resources, helpful information sheet on death, bereavement and Autistic Spectrum Disorders, with case studies and ideas about ways to support those on the autistic spectrum, with a specific section on children.

Downs Syndrome Society https:www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

Bereavement leaflet Child Bereavement UK https://www.childbereavementuk.org

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Information Sheets can be downloaded free:

• Supporting bereaved children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Difficulties

• Supporting bereaved children and young people with Additional Needs through grief

• Viewing a body with a child and explaining funerals, burials and cremation to children

ATTENDANCE

At Severndale we value the attendance of all of our pupils and actively promote the importance of attending regularly at school. This is becoming more of a focus for the government too and is something that we can always work to improve and get better at. It is also something that we need to celebrate too as although many of our pupils have significant medical needs we aim to have a similar attendance target to mainstream schools. In order to keep parents and carers aware of this we will be featuring our weekly attendance figures in the newsletter so that we can all work together to achieve our attendance target. You will find the attendance percentage and target in the newsletter from today.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

I am aware that many parents and carers commented how it would be useful to have an annual calendar of events that could be shared at the start of the year and I currently have senior leaders working on this to come out to you very soon. This will allow you to look at our events know when they are happening well in advance. Obviously as the year progresses we will add more events into the calendar and unfortunately there may be rare instances when these dates have to be changed due to factors outside of our control but I am clear that where possible we should be able to inform you of forthcoming events well in advance of them happening. Watch this space for more information about this over the next few weeks.

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

‘Beat the Streets’

In the Summer we promoted an initiative called ‘Beat the Streets’ that involved families following a map around Shrewsbury to identify locations and ‘Beat the Street’. This week we have received the wonderful news that Severndale came 1st in the school average points collection! As a result of this we will now receive £300 worth of vouchers split between Waterstones and Decathlon. I just wanted to thank all of our parents and carers who have supported this initiative and say how proud I am to know that Severndale came first out of all the primary, secondary and special schools in Shropshire! We will share photographs in next weeks newsletter when we receive the award and vouchers.

It now only leaves me to wish you all a pleasant weekend and we will look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Tuesday.

Brian

A GROWN GIFT

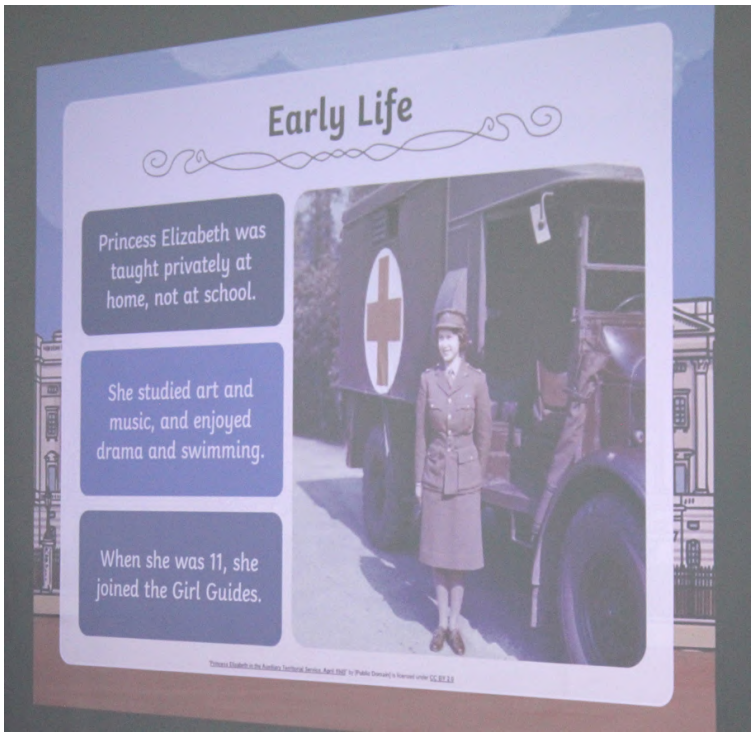
Jack from Pre-Formal has recently been growing some potatoes, planting them and keeping them watered. As a lovely gift from Jack's hard work, he decided to share his harvest with his teaching staff to taste, which even included Brian!

PLAYGROUND INSTRUMENTS

P12 were visiting the outdoor learning area when they spotted the lovely new instruments on the playground. The had a wonderful time touching the vibrating musical tubes, playing the gongs and spinning the sound drums.

A CELEBRATION OF THE QUEENS LIFE

Formal Phase Celebrated the Life of the Queen with a department assembly. Classes shared artwork letters and poems.



S10 COOKING

S10 enjoyed getting equipment ready, ingredients and washing their hands ready to make toast in their cookery lesson.

F4 SCIENCE

F4 enjoyed their learning in their Science lesson.

ARTWORK OF HER LATE MAJESTY

P5 explored mark making in red, white and blue paints and had an Assembly looking at the Late Queen Elizabeth II's life as a mark of respect following the news of her passing. The children's artwork was used to create a Portrait of the Queen.

GARETHS MARATHON UPDATE:

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped me to exceed my fundraising target. Whether you have donated via the just giving page or attended the fund raiser event last weekend, your donations will go such a long way to support Mencap to do the work they do, supporting people with Learning Disabilities to live the lives 5hey want to lead.

As I'm now just two weeks away from running the London Marathon 2022, it is so motivating to know that so many people have given their support and encouragement, and all of your messages will keep me going on the day.

It's my last long run before the day tomorrow and I'll be glad to wind down the miles to help my body recover a bit over the next two weeks.

Once again, a huge thank you for your support

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If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call us on 01743 250950

PARENTING HELPLINE

available on

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm

Call us on 01743 250950

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

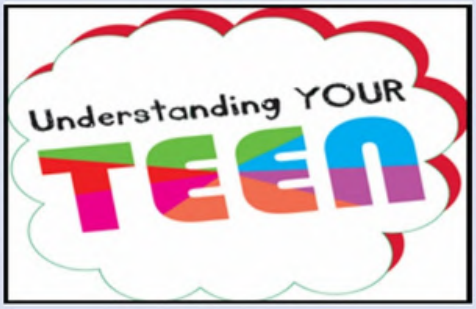
Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained

Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Helpline will not operate between Christmas & New Year)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021



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General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

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- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?*

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

Delivered Face to Face or Virtually

All you need is an email address and an electronic device for the virtual groups, and we'll talk you through the rest

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

Understanding Your Child SEND on Tuesday 27th September 2022 Virtually via MS Teams from 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Understanding Your Child SEND on Wednesday 28th September 2022 Face to Face at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES from 9.30am to 11.30am

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To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
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- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well- being?*
- *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
- *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOPS

Come and join us for a 5-week workshop
Starting on

Friday 23rd September 2022 Virtually via Ms Teams
from 9.30am to 11.30am
Or
Thursday 22nd September 2022 at Market Drayton Junior School
from 9.30am to 11.30am
or
Thursday 10th November 2022 Virtually via Ms Teams
from 9.30am to 11.30am
Or
Friday 11th November 2022 at Oswestry Castle View
from 9.30am to 11.30am

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Open Day
The Grafton Centre

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Condover Care and Learning

Thursday 13th October 10.30am

- Education Provision
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Care and Support
- Work Experience and Supported Internships
- Application and Funding Process
- Campus Tour

To book or for more information contact: Michelle

01743 872250 admissionsandcontracts@condovercl.org.uk

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TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS- Please click the blue link to register a place.

We have unlimited places on the online courses, the zoom links will be sent a few days prior to the course.
We have 25 places at our face to face sessions.
Courses are currently free to all those who are supporting a person with Down syndrome.

We would love to see any examples of your work relevant to the session, please bring examples to the session if you would like to share ideas.

The Learning Profile of a child with Down syndrome. Online session	Thursday 22nd September 7pm -9pm	https://forms.gle/VkVdnYBmoGpfmmVs7
Promoting positive Behaviour training *DSCheshire HQ, Denton House, Denton Drive, Northwich CW9 7TU	Wednesday 5th October 12.30pm – 3pm	https://forms.gle/EXg7wyykA6kCfvSK6
Promoting positive Behaviour training Online session	Thursday 6th October 7pm-9pm	https://forms.gle/EAZC24WTjxsgoon29
Reading and Literacy session *DSCheshire HQ, Denton House, Denton Drive, Northwich CW9 7TU	Wednesday 2nd November 2022 12.30pm – 3pm	https://forms.gle/unF1LUg89krpNY497
Reading and Literacy session Online session	Thursday 3rd November 2022 7pm -9pm	https://forms.gle/FRowerKAeNuTBr8g8
Early Years Introduction to Reading Online session	Wednesday 9th November	https://forms.gle/xv9Kh1SZejhN6eQJ9
Early Years Introduction to Numeracy Training Online session	Thursday 24th November 7.30-9pm	https://forms.gle/mPSGGpybWHPUa6KW9
Christmas Makaton DSC Community hub, Denton Drive, Northwich. CW9 7TU	Thursday 1st December 12.30pm-3pm	https://forms.gle/6kEc3PAmJd3AavwB7
Numeracy Training Online session	Thursday 1st December 7pm -9pm	https://forms.gle/XiEk6QDiGT5hFvjp8
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As a result of your feedback, we are now offering as many face to face sessions as we can at our Office in Northwich as well as our online courses.

The Learning Profile of a Child with Down Syndrome. (Appropriate for parents and professionals)
The course will focus on the unique profile of students with Down's Syndrome. It will look at learners' strengths and how they can be used to support weaknesses. Techniques to improve the learning outcomes will be examined with practical examples demonstrated. A range of areas will be covered including reading, maths and looking at the task demands.

Promoting Positive Behaviour training
This session will look at how to manage behaviour in a positive way. We will look at why behaviours may occur, how to meet a child's needs and look at strategies we can use to support a child to prevent unwanted behaviour occurring.

Early Years introduction to Reading
Reading and Literacy
Children with Down's syndrome are visual learners and reading can be a skill they can begin to master at a very early age. This course will show how we can begin this journey at a very early age by matching pictures and how to introduce sight reading using the match, select and name process. We will also look at the resources available to support you.

Christmas Makaton
A Christmas countdown in Makaton and a chance to learn the signs and symbols to some Christmas songs. No experience is necessary but Christmas jumpers are very welcome!

Early Years Numeracy
How to support early numeracy skills. This is full of practical techniques to introduce numeracy skills at an early age, the stages involved in learning to count and how the use of Numicon can support the learning of those skills.

If you have any queries regarding any of the sessions available, please contact schools@dscheshire.org.uk or your education advocate.

Education advocates:
Yvonne Edwardson Yvonne@dscheshire.org.uk
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2022/23 CALENDER

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School Day
Bank Holiday
School Holiday
PD Day
Weekend

2022/2023
Pupil Calendar

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Specialist Academy

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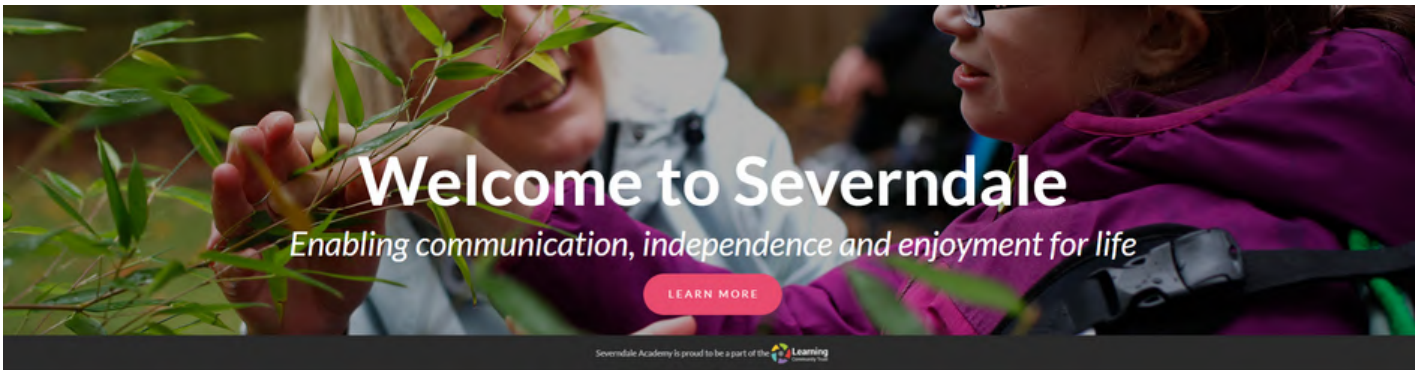
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our Target Is
93%

Last Week Was
91.4%

OUR WEBSITE

Take a look at our website - www.severndaleacademy.co.uk



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