

Severndale Star

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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MICHELLE HILL

Dear Parents and Carers

And just like that, our first week back after the halfterm break is over! As usual, it has been another exciting five days here at Severndale Academy. We started the week with some very exciting post from Sir David Attenborough who sent a handwritten note to the pupils in S9! Please turn to page 5 to find out more about this. We finish the week with our Mary Webb students full of excitement and anticipation for what will be an adventurous week of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions starting on Monday. As you will see, all the required equipment is ready to be transported to Tickwood!



Goodbye To Pat Davies

Today, we say goodbye to a very special colleague as she starts her retirement. Pat Davies, our much-loved Swimming Instructor, has been a gentle, kind, and sensitive member of our team who has made warm water swims an incredible experience for our children and young people. It has been a privilege to those of us who have experienced the amazing and specialist work that Pat does in the swimming pool.

Pat, thank you for being truly exceptional. Your colleagues in the Sensory Inclusion Team say, *"We will miss you and your ducks dearly. You have changed the lives of so many pupils bringing them freedom and joy."*

You can enjoy more photos of Pat supporting our pupils throughout her time at Severndale on page 3.



VICE PRINCIPALS MESSAGE **(CONTINUED)**

Shropshire PACC's May Newsletter

On page 26, you will find a link to Shropshire PACC's May newsletter.

The newsletter is bursting with articles that I think lots of parents and carers will find helpful.

You will see that on 23/06/2023, PACC are holding an 'Inclusion in Shropshire' conference at Shrewsbury Town Football Club.

PACC, thank you for all that you do to support SEND families.



As the Safeguarding Lead, I wanted to share that it is 'Child Safety Week' which is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's annual community education programme. This year's theme is 'Safety Made Simple', and they have created a fantastic Parent Pack which offers simple changes that can fit into busy routines, the link can be found here:

<https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Child-Safety-Week-Parents-Pack-Safety-Made-Simple.pdf>

Next Week

We also have an exciting start and finish to next week at school – but, to find out more, you will have to wait patiently for next week's newsletter! Meanwhile, please have an enjoyable weekend and take care.

Kind regards

Michelle Hill

Vice Principal

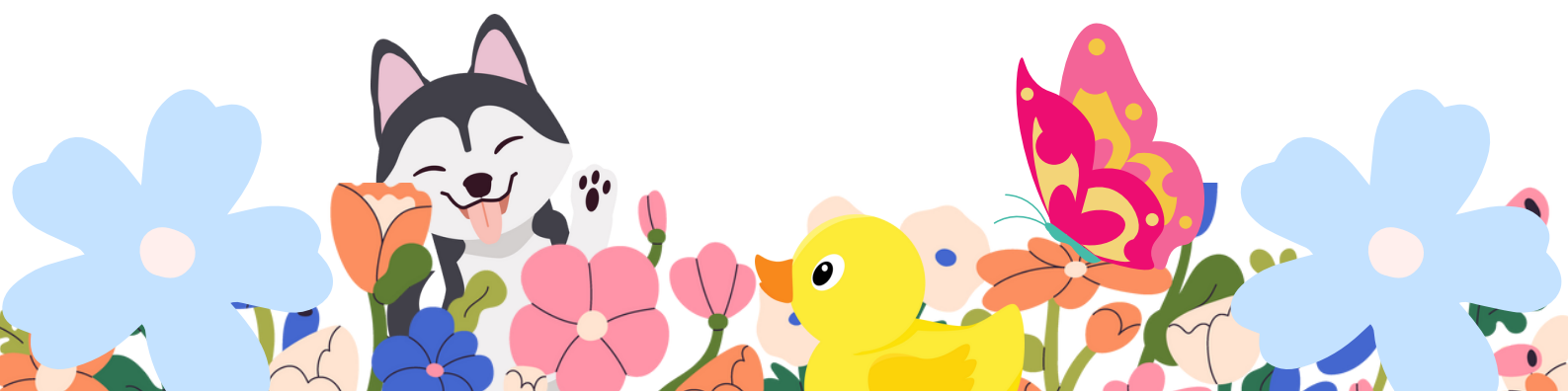


PAT DAVIES: **A SPECIAL GOODBYE, TO A SPECIAL PERSON**

Many of you will know Pat Davies, who has been our Swimming Instructor at Severndale for over a decade. Through those years, Pat has supported hundreds of our Pupils, through her unique and kind approach, to their individual needs and development. Below are words from Sarah Russell, Teacher of P12 to highlight Pat's dedication:

Pat has enriched the lives of the young people in the Hub during warm swim sessions. She enables the children to experience full body weightlessness, muscle relaxation and opportunities to move their bodies in ways that they otherwise cannot do. Pat has always been gentle and sensitive to the needs of the young people, as a team we will miss being part of Pats incredibly amazing warm swim sessions.

We are going to miss you Pat, you will always be a part of Severndale and held within the memory of our Pupils and Staff with such great fondness and treasured times you have given us all. We wish you all the best for your retirement, reach for the stars!





PAT DAVIES:
A SPECIAL GOODBYE, TO A SPECIAL PERSON
(CONTINUED)



S9 - SIR DAVID ATTENBOUROUGH **RESPONDS!**

Our Pupils in S9, as you may have seen in one of our Newsletters recently, created and sent a Birthday card to Sir David Attenborough. Our pupils have been extremely happy to have received a response below from Sir David, who we would like to thank for his time in responding to our Pupils.

15.5.23

Dear Ronja Gippert,

Thank you - and all the
Others in your Class, for

Sending me such a
WONDERFUL
card

HUGE
birthday card. It was
by far the biggest I have
ever received.

With many, many
Thanks to you all

David
Attenborough



EY2 - FUN OUTDOORS

EY2 have been enjoying our outdoor areas, especially with the nice weather this week.



SF6 - CELEBRATING PRIDE

SF6 have been Celebrating Pride Month. Students took part in a presentation about Pride and what this means. We then completed some group work where we matched definitions to words associated with the LGBTQ Plus community. Students also decorated Futures inside with Pride decorations.



PRIDE
MONTH



SHINE TEAM

The Shine Team took pupils out to Tickwood to enjoy the outdoors and stunning surroundings, whilst creating a controlled fire.



P2 - CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT **OFFSITE LEARNING**

P2 have been undertaking regular visits off site this year. We have been visiting Attingham Park as part of our physical development and My Independence learning. Students have been developing understanding of the world around them by seeing a change in the seasons. They have been developing independence through preparing to go out, getting some of the things they need for the day ready and carrying their lunch, coat and wellies.

It has been fantastic to see the development in confidence of our young people moving around Attingham, and to and from the school minibus. We have enjoyed having our lunch in the open air when we can, and always find time for a play at the park! Well done everyone in P2 for your positive attitude to our curriculum enhancement sessions.



FUTURES - FUSED GLASS COASTERS

Futures students making some fused glass coasters. These are for their Open Award qualification 'Making and art and craft product' on the theme of the ocean. These will be on sale at Futures soon.



S11 - COOKERY

Our S10 Pupils have been expanding their cookery skills within their independence. Firstly, working within the Food Hub, whilst developing starter meals and now making three course meals!!



SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE**

A reminder for parents/carers of nursery and post 16 pupils who receive travel assistance via Shropshire Council

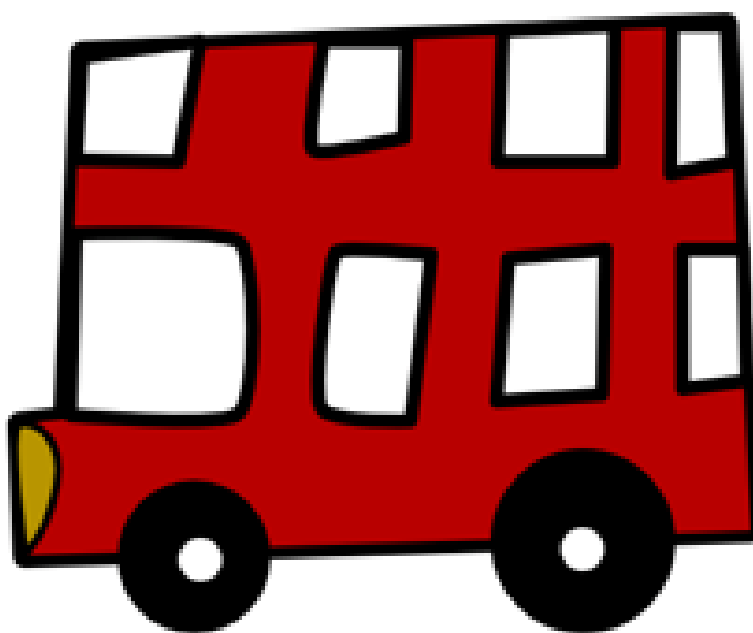
All students in these age groups need to apply annually for travel assistance. All applications for September 2023 will need to be received by 30 June 2023 at the latest.

Applications received after this date will still be processed but transport may not be set up for the start of the academic year and parents/carers will need to make their own transport arrangements in the interim.

Any questions or queries please email the Specialist Travel Team, Passenger Transport Group at Shropshire Council: special.transport.team@shropshire.gov.uk

For full details and how to apply please visit:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/travel-and-transport/



FRIENDS OF SEVERNDALE **CHARITY GOLF DAY**

FOS are holding their Summer Fair at our Monkmoor Campus on Saturday 8th July, from 11:00am until 1:00pm.

This will be an exciting day!!



FRIENDS OF SEVERNDALE **CHARITY GOLF DAY**

Fos are holding a Charity Golf Day on Friday 16th June 2023, being held at The Shrewsbury Golf Club to help fund an upgrade of the Interactive Sensory Room here at Severndale.

For booking or further information, please email: friendsofseverndalegolf@gmail.com or call Dawn Griffiths on 07929790553.



FRIENDS OF SEVERNDALE, FUTURES &
SEVERNDALE AT MARY WEBB

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Severndale Specialist Academy
Monkmoor Campus
Woodcote Way
Monkmoor
Shrewsbury
SY2 5SH
Principal: Brian Thomas
Tel: 01743 563333

FRIENDS OF SEVERNDALE



6th CHARITY GOLF DAY

Friday 16th June 2023

at

Shrewsbury Golf Club

**to fund Upgrade of Interactive Sensory Room for the
Special Students at Severndale**

- **£160** per team of 4 to include a 2-course meal and 18 holes of golf
- **£350** to sponsor a hole
- **£75** to advertise your company logo in the course guide/programme

For a booking form or any other information please e-mail
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or call Dawn Griffiths on 07929 790553



SQUIRREL WALNUTKINS SAVES THE PLANET

Family Theatre at Attingham Park this August, where the production has been designed to specifically engage SEN audiences and Primary Years.

Tickets are available here: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/shropshire-staffordshire/attingham-park>



Family Theatre at Attingham Park
Squirrel Walnutkins Saves the Planet
Presented by Same Difference Arts

Friday 11 August 2023 at 11am and 2pm

Squirrel Walnutkins is on an adventure, an adventure to stop the last tree in Evergreen Wood from being cut down, an adventure to find a new home, to make new friends and most of all to Save the Planet! Join Squirrel and Felix the Fox as they get in touch with their animal instincts to conquer their fears and make a better future; not only for themselves but all the other creatures they meet along the way!

Full of interactive elements and designed specifically to engage SEN audiences and primary years, this show will be fun for both adults and kids as Same Difference bring their unique energy, comedy and interactive games to a new summer show. **Tickets cost £10 per adult, £5 per child.**

Book tickets at www.nationaltrust/attinghampark.



Both performances are British Sign Language interpreted.



THE RAINBOW TIMES

The Rainbow Times monthly Newsletter, June 2023. Which features activities and news from Adult Day Centres in Shropshire. Previous Newsletters can be found by clicking the link here: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/day-opportunities-centres/newsroom-read-the-rainbow-times/>

The Rainbow Times



Hello everyone,
This edition of the
Rainbow Times has
been put together by me

Jamila - Guest Editor

Our lives in Shropshire



We are all part of many communities,
including this Rainbow Times community.

35th Edition
June 2023

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Community could mean lots of things to
you; where you live, your family, friends,
your local shop keepers, the people you
have fun with and more.



This month's theme is -



Volunteers' Week is an annual celebration of the
contribution millions of people make across the UK
through volunteering in their communities.
Join us this year to celebrate and inspire!

<https://volunteersweek.org/>

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Your News
Your Views

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Thank you for all your photographs and the extra
information that you send to us, that has
contributed to this month's Rainbow Times.

Share your news and
photographs on social
media using our hashtag
#YourRainbowTimes



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Volunteering Ideas opportunities for you



Farm Fridays

10am to 4pm every Friday

Our long standing, regular volunteering day is a hands on, physical day of volunteering, getting involved in maintenance tasks and conservation around the farm. A rewarding opportunity to meet some of the wider Fordhall family and learn new skills working on some exciting projects, getting stuck in, whatever the weather.

*Suggested donation - only for those who are able.
Please note all sessions must be pre-booked - contact Nicola on community@fordhallfarm.com or 01630 638696 for more information.
Fordhall Organic Farm, Tern Hill Road, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PS



Learn new skills
Meet new people
Help your community

JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY TRANSPORT DRIVER OR PASSENGER HELPER!

If you love driving the open roads and have some spare time where you want to give something back to your local community, then look no further!

We're looking for volunteer Community Transport Drivers and Passenger Helpers to join our fantastic team. It's a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and help support and combat loneliness in the community.

What are you interested in?
Cooking, animals, the environment, the theatre?

To find a volunteering placement that suits **you**.

Visit your local library or community centre, and see what volunteer posters that have on display.

Or search the website below, for ideas
<https://getvolunteering.co.uk/places/shropshire/shrewsbury>

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TO VOLUNTEER WITH US CONTACT:

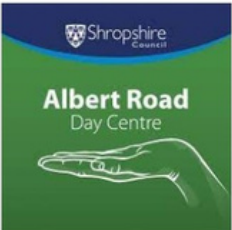
01691 656882
info@qube-oqa.org.uk
www.qube-oqa.org.uk



Mon-Fri: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Sat: 9.30am - 12.30pm



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Here are a few Pictures from Albert Road day Centre, showing just a few of our recent activities.



We have worked hard in the garden to keep it neat and tidy.



A group also went Ten Pin bowling while another group called, the Wild team, had a lovely trip to Ellesmere lake, in north Shropshire.



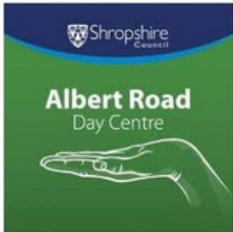
The Wild team fed the ducks and enjoyed the scenery.

You can hire row boats at Ellesmere.
[Would you like to hire a boat?](#)



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Even more Albert Rd Adventures



Us participating in one of the community groups at the Sport Village, Shrewsbury, cycling on the cycle track.



“Any mild-to-moderate exercise releases natural feel-good endorphins that help counter stress and make you happy,” says Andrew McCulloch, chief executive of the Mental Health Foundation.



Safety first - helmets are needed when cycling.

What your favourite way to be active?



Joke!

What happens to a book when it starts to exercise a lot?

It gets ripped.



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Carers Week

5th -18th June 2023



Carers Week is an annual event to raise awareness of caring.

The theme this year is 'Recognising and supporting carers in the community.'
Carers week is our opportunity to say thank you to all unpaid and family carers in Shropshire.

Here are website addresses for programmes of activities

Face to face activities

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/25828/carers-week-face-to-face-activities-programme-june-2023.pdf>

Online activities

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/25851/carers-week-virtual-events-programme-june-2023.pdf>



We do recognise and appreciate the valuable support carers give others.



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Some of the many events in Shropshire

WALK & TALK

Conversation.



Changing the way the world views the menopause one walk, talk and hot flush at a time.

THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FREE EVENT

Event



OPEN DAY
THE HIVE

FRIDAY 2ND JUNE
10AM - 2PM

COMMUNITY
WELLBEING
AFTERNOON

FREE afternoon retreat focusing on health & wellbeing in recognition of Shropshire Carers Week 2023

Monday 5 June, 2023
2pm - 4pm

STEPS at the Cavalier Centre is holding a FREE special retreat to provide a much needed breathing space for carers.

This wonderful retreat will include relaxation, a mindfulness walk, an opportunity to spend personal time with our friendly horses and ponies, and conclude with tea, cake and scones.

Pre-booking is essential as places are limited. Booking closes 31 May, 2023.

To book please contact:
Lynette Fryer at the Cavalier Centre
01952 443 752
projects@cavaliercentre.org.uk



Virtual Shropshire website, events page is great place for finding a variety of activities across the county. Many of these activities are free of charge.



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Taking Part
presents Escape
Club Nights

**Taking Part Escape
club nights dates**

**The Hive, 5 Belmont,
Shrewsbury, SY1 1TE
Wednesdays**

2023
January 18th
February 1st and 15th
March 1st and 15th
April 5th and 12th
May 3rd and 17th
June 7th and 21st

www.takingpart.co.uk
01743 363399

@TakingPart

Did you know,
that Hive also hosts
film nights, art
exhibitions, music
workshops and
more?

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2023
July 5th and 19th
September 6th and 20th
October 4th and 18th
November 1st and 15th
December 6th and 13th

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44bs at Mayfair Community Centre

Wolf Yoga came to run a special Yoga session at Mayfair for some younger people and the 44bs were invited to have a go.

Everyone joined in in their own way, whether lying, seated or standing. There was a lovely mix of stretching and relaxing. The cat to cow pose produced the most effective animal noises but the downward dog raised the roof with the barking. The session lasted an hour with impressive concentration and focus and everyone really deserved their fish and chips lunch afterwards.



Our address is

Mayfair
Easthope Rd,
Church Stretton SY6 6BL

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Meanwhile some impressive art work was being created in the form of Papier-mâché giant bees!



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More Celebrations!
Celebrate community
Celebrate our Spaces
Celebrate you



Join our Celebration

Powis Hall Market
Bailey Head
Oswestry
SY11 1PZ

Learning Disability Day
Saturday 24 June
10 am to 2 pm

Come and enjoy:

- Dancing
- Flower Art
- Tombola
- Competitions
- Festival Face Painting

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Providing support...your way



29 MAY TO 4 JUNE

TELFORD'S
BIG WALK
WEEK

<https://www.visittelford.co.uk/blog/read/2023/04/everything-you-need-to-know-about-telford-big-walk-week->



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Read



Our lives in Shropshire



We will feature
your photographs
and stories in future
editions of your
newsletter,
The Rainbow Times.

Also please send
photographs of
you reading the
Rainbow Times to

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PACC - NEWSLETTER

Please find the latest edition of the PACC Newsletter, please click on the link here to be directed to PACC:

<http://www.paccshropshire.org.uk/pacc-may-newsletter-published>



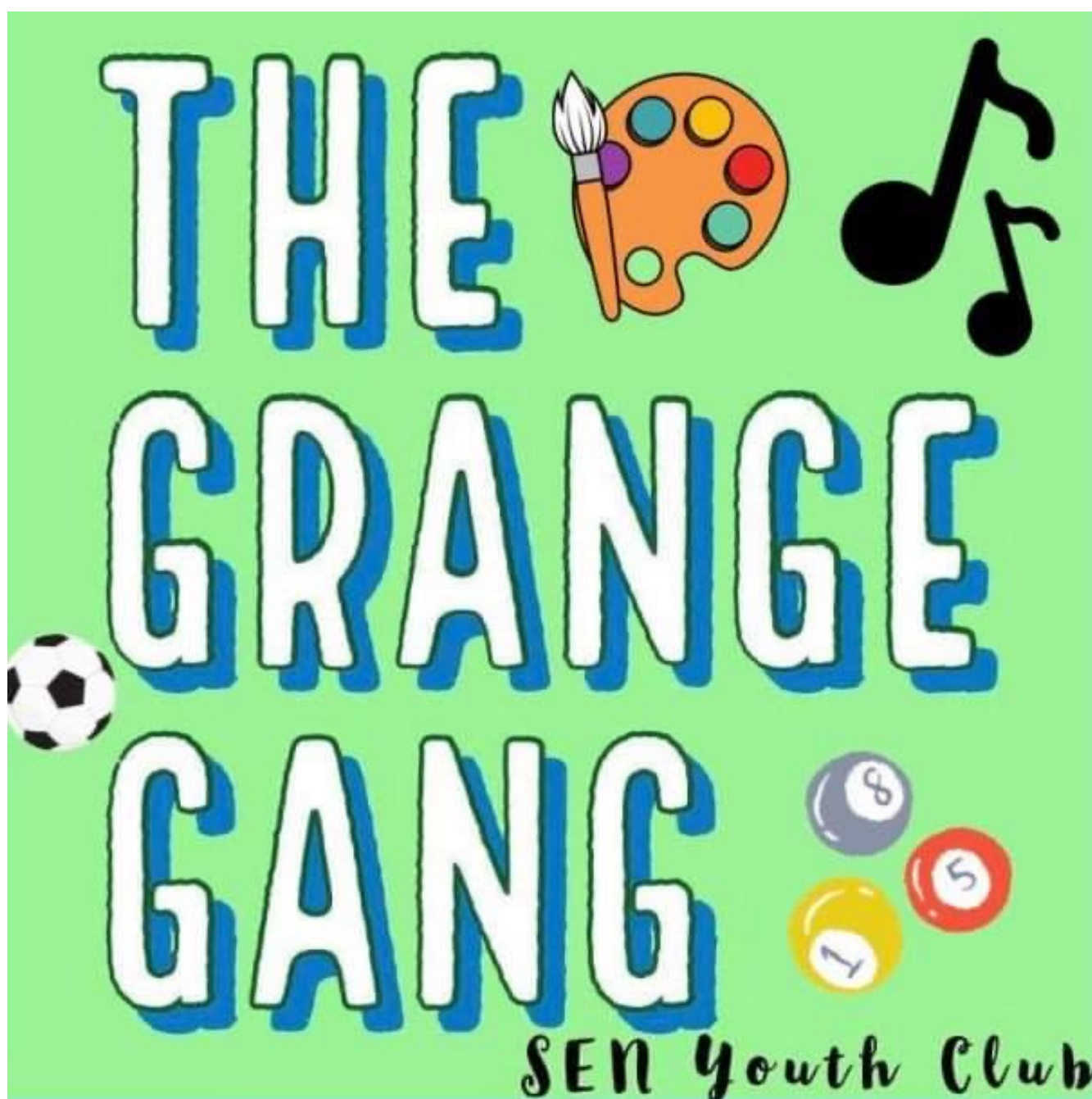
SEN YOUTH CLUB: THE GRANGE GANG

We are a SEN Youth Club age 15-25 meeting every Friday from 6.30pm-8.30pm.

We are situated on the old Grange School site.

The Grange Youth Centre, Mount Pleasant Road. SY1 3SW. Contact Julie Brotherton on 07711482500.

We do music, sports, arts and crafts, cooking and there is a pool table or just come and chill with old and new friends.



SEVERNDALE FOOD BANK

Severndale Food Bank is open.

Families are able to request a one off food/provision food parcel.

Anyone who requires further support can request a referral to a local food bank in Shrewsbury.

Families who live outside of Shrewsbury can be signposted to a food bank in a locality.

If you would like to request a one off parcel, please contact your child or young persons Class Teacher and they will fill in the request form for you.

Food parcels will be available on Fridays, can be collected at reception or sent home with your child or young person.

If you request for further support, you will be contacted by our Family Liason Officer Debbie South.



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Food Hub



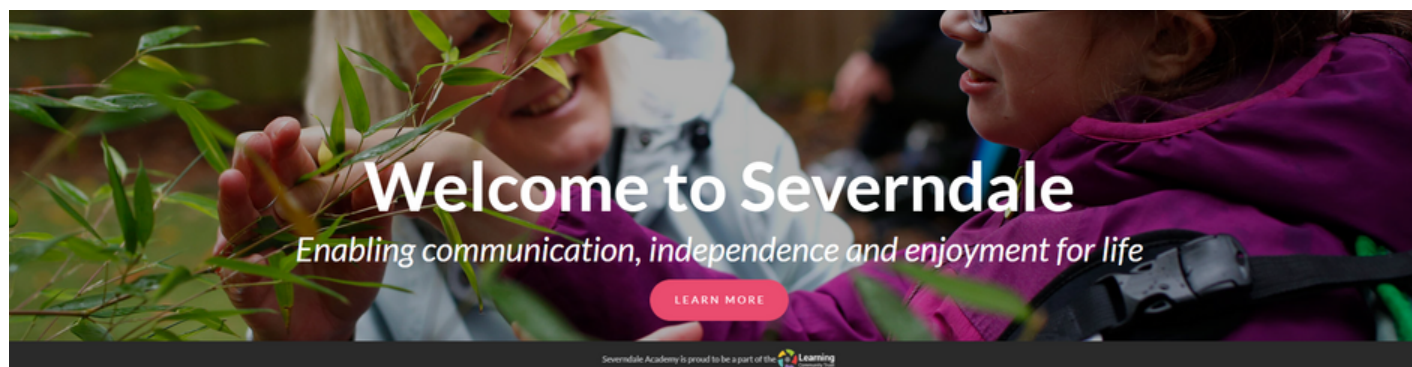
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**OUR TARGET IS
93%**

**THIS WEEK IS
89.4%**

OUR WEBSITE

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



NEWSLETTER QUERIES?

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