SEVERNDALE STAR

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Hello parents and carers

Welcome to this weeks newsletter. There is a lot of information in the newsletter this week but I need to draw your attention to the separate letter and OFSTED inspection report. As stated on my letter please feel free to comment or ask a question about the report once you have read it.

This week has been a lovely week in the academy and it has been great to see all of our pupils return following the Easter break. It always impresses me how they go back to their classes and just continue like they have never been away!

CHANGE TO INSET DAY IN JULY

Last term I mentioned in the newsletter about a change to the end of year training day. As a result of the additional bank holiday for the Queens jubilee happening within the school half term the government have allowed schools to have an additional day off at another point in the year. The Learning Community Trust schools have allocated the bank holiday as an additional day at the very end of the year. This means that the school year will now finish on WEDNESDAY JULY 20th instead of Thursday July 21st.

PARENT SURVEY

Before the Easter break I shared a link for you to access our regular parent / carer survey. The link is below again and we will close the survey on Tuesday. This just is a reflection on last term and also a question relating to the parents events that happened before Easter.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LQR3Q3K

PACC GYMNASTICS

We are really pleased to be able to share a forthcoming event that has been developed between British Gymnastics and PACC involving providing opportunities for young people with special needs to access gymnastic activities. The programme has also been contributed to by one of our Severndale parents and is a really ground-breaking event that will hopefully lead to more inclusive opportunities in other sports in the future. There is an introductory event for this on the 25th May at Shrewsbury Town Football Club where parents/carers and other SEN organisations are invited to take part.

Please see the attached poster advertising the event and follow the link here for more information… **http://www.paccshropshire.org.uk/working-with-british-gymnastics-to-improve-access-to-high-quality-gymnastic-activities-in-the-local-community**

PARENT EVENTS INCL JUBILEE ACTIVITY

Over the next few weeks the parent events that were cancelled before Easter will be rescheduled so that by the end of this half term all parents and carers would have been given the opportunity to have been into the class and meet the teams. We are now planning our next whole academy celebration event that will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 26th May. This will be our whole academy Jubilee afternoon tea (hopefully outside). More details will follow in future newsletters.

MAESIE WALK

One of our staff members is about to embark on a charity challenge over the course of May with the intention of walking 50km in May. This will be in support of a friend of Maesie who has Multiple Sclerosis and we will be keeping you updated with Maesie's progress with this challenge via this newsletter.

FOS COFFEE MORNING

FOS are hosting more parent and carer coffee mornings where there is an opportunity to have a coffee and a chat. Please see the flyer within the newsletter for more information. FOS would welcome any parent and carer along to these events.

F3 CAR WASH FOR UKRAINE

Today myself and a few other staff had our cars washed by pupils from F3. I am pleased to say that my car is now sparkling but I also wanted to thank the pupils for all their work in raising over £100 for Ukraine (and still increasing). The most amazing part of this fundraising event is that it all has come from the pupils ideas following watching a Newsround clip about the war. The class decided that they wanted to do something to help support the families who were involved and then went on to present an idea to me, plan and risk assess the activity and arrange the cars and also collection of money. Well Done F3!

It now leaves me to wish you a lovely bank holiday weekend and we will look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday of next week.

Brian

FUTURES TABLE CRICKET

Futures students qualified for the West-Midlands regional Table Cricket way back before Covid (2019) after winning the Shropshire regional competition in Southall Telford. After 3 years of excitement and preparation the students finally got to visit Edgbaston County Cricket club where they competed against the best teams in the whole of the West-midlands. The students had a fantastic day where they represented the Academy fantastically and won 1/4 games. Unfortunately, this wasn't quite enough to make it to the national finals at Lords but the determination from the students throughout the day made me immensely proud, and we can't wait for another chance next year! Furthermore, Futures student Lauren Clarke had an extra brilliant day as she was awarded with 'The pride of Cricket award' by the Lords Taverners organisation who organised the competition due to her being a fantastic role model and showing such great enthusiasm all day. We would also like to thank Shropshire County Cricket for the help and support throughout the process.

FUNDRAISING FOR UKRAINE

During the Formal Phases Assembly, Sam explained to the group how F3 will be visiting classes this week to ask for donations for their fundraising Car Wash and that they hope to raise £100 to be able to feed 2 families in the Ukraine for 1 month.

Freddy, Sam, Conner and Jacob in the office later in the week collecting donations for the Ukraine fundraiser. They wanted to raise £100 and they have made up to £186! Well done everyone in F3

F3
CAR WASH

WELL DONE TO ALL THE CLASS

S11– Scrap Modelling

Jemma and her S11 pupils took part in some Scrap Modelling activities on Wednesday afternoon and we thought it would be a good opportunity to walk down to the classroom and get an insight on what the class were making.

Abbie and Olivia make a really great team.

S11– Scrap Modelling

S12 – PE SESSION

S12 enjoyed putting their relay skills to the test against their class group and also gave the staff a run for their money!

Shrewsbury in the Community Fundraiser

Well done to Leon in F3 for raising £500 towards Shrewsbury in the Community. Leon's efforts were rewarded with a certificate from Mark and has been given free tickets to a Shrewsbury Town match.

Richard and Mark presenting JJ with his signed Shrewsbury Town team certificate.

P8 - Swimming Session

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

During Formal Phase Assembly on Tuesday, David (*left*), MacKenzie (*centre*) and Euan (*right*) were announced as Severndale Formal Phase Pupil's of the Week.

All three pupils received certificates from Jayne, whilst Claire took the opportunity to join in with the fun at the front of the assembly.

The pupil's classmates gave them a round of applause as they accepted their certificates from Jayne and Claire.

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Class Events (Postponed before Easter due to COVID)

TUESDAY 3rd May	WEDNESDAY 4th May
P5 – May Day Festival Events 2-3:00pm	P10 Craft Activity around the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Event -1:30pm P9 Craft Activity around the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Event 2:00pm P12 Sharing sensory stories & music with afternoon tea and cakes 2-3:00pm P4 Sensory Play 1:30pm

I'm doing the May 50K for MS, as my closest friend, Jade, was diagnosed with this illness in 2019 at the age of 24. This has affected her life completely, as she's suffered relapses leading to hospitalisation and suffers with symptoms on a daily basis. Seeing such a strong person, put through something like this has really made me want to do more, which has sparked my interest in registering and completing the May 50k, to raise money towards finally finding a cure and to raise awareness to others.

I have a personal fundraiser page where people can donate:

https://www.themay50k.com/fundraisers/maesienelson/uk

MAESIE TAKES ON THE MAY **50**K FUNDRAISER

A **community consultation event** in collaboration with **Shropshire PACC**

Create an inclusive future in gymnastics

British Gymnastics would like to invite you to a workshop on improving opportunities for children and young people with disabilities to participate in gymnastics in their local community.

On **Wednesday, 25th May 2022**
9.30am arrival/registration for 10.00am start - 1.00pm

FREE ENTRY!

At **Shrewsbury Town Football Club**
Montgomery Waters Meadow, Oteley Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 6ST
Refreshments and a light lunch provided (if booked)

We know that many children and young people with SEND and their families face significant barriers to access physical activity outside school. This workshop offers an opportunity for parents and carers to come together to share experiences and thoughts about what can be done to ensure more young people with disabilities have access to high-quality gymnastics activities in their local community.

We are keen to explore how we can work with our local clubs, education and health providers and other interested stakeholders to support access to gymnastics activities in a way that is not only fun but also contributes to improved outcomes for children and young people with SEND. What we learn from the workshop will also help shape our national inclusion plan.

Gymnastics activity provides physical and wellbeing benefits such as improving mobility, co-ordination and self-confidence. New national guidelines on physical activity for disabled children and young people highlight the importance of daily exercise, including strength and balance activities, making gymnastics an ideal activity.

PACC
unlocking doors together

Register online here

For more information or to register
email: **jess.bailey@british-gymnastics.org**
or call **Lucy Smith** on **07715 081403**

British Gymnastics

FOS

FRIENDS OF SEVERNDALE

COFFEE MORNING

06.05.22 / 01.07.22
9:30-11:30AM

Hosted in the Family Room (Room 1)

Meet informally with other parents/carers for coffee and a chat

SEVERNDALE SPECIALIST ACADEMY, MONKMOOR CAMPUS,
WOODCOTE WAY, SHREWSBURY, SY2 5SH

https://severndaleacademy.co.uk

Severndale Academy

Name: Liz Harrison
Job: Sixth Form Teacher and Department Lead. Also Careers Lead.

What does this involve?

I work with the students in Sixth Form and ensure that they (and their families) are ready for the next stage of their lives. As part of this I have the privilege of being able to organise the leavers celebration, and this is always the highlight of the year. I also develop community and volunteering/ employment links with people in the local area - if you know anyone who would like to have a Severndale student participate in a work experience placement in their business please let me know.

What do I enjoy outside of school?

As I have 3 children my hobbies consist of taking them to their hobbies - we spend lots of our time at swimming, gymnastics, dancing, football, and horse riding. When we have some time away from hobbies we like to go for walks and lots of picnics. We also enjoy going to the theatre and, in the summer, gardening.

Please tell us something interesting about you?

I asked my children this question - their general consensus was that I'm just Mummy and this means I'm not very interesting. I have run several half marathons and, one ambition I have is to run the London Marathon (*this is currently a long way off!!!!)*

Here you can meet the staff in our newsletter and this will allow everyone to find out more about the people who work at Severndale.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

What's Happening This Term

May Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May, 2022

Last Day before May Half Term - Friday 27th May, 2022

First Day back after May Half Term—Monday 6th June, 2022

Queen's Jubilee Whole School Celebration - Thursday 26th May, 2022

Our New Website

Take a look at our new website at:

www.severndaleacademy.co.uk

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