Severndale Star

SEVERNDALE SPECIALIST ACADEMY | NEWSLETTER 13.05.2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello parents and carers,

I hope you've had a good week and are pleased to be able to share more information about the forthcoming Jubilee event on May 26th. It will take place outside on the bus bay (weather permitting) and we are aiming to get the whole academy together to celebrate. We would like all pupils to dress in red, white and/or blue for the day so the outside area is full of colour. As you can imagine this will mean that there will be over 350 pupils outside and as a result of the recent success of the parent classroom events we have made a decision that on this occasion we must restrict entry to 1 parent/carer per pupil. We apologise for this in advance but are restricted by our risk assessment and size of outdoor spaces. In saying this, please be reassured that we will be having end of year/future planning meetings with parents and carers after half term as we continue to plan for September. In addition we will be using a booking app called Eventbrite to register parents and carers, and a letter will be sent out next week with more details.

Linking with the local community

After two years of having significantly reduced opportunities to spend time in the local community we are now going through a period where we are having to rebuild our network of local businesses, organisations and activities that we link with. Unfortunately during the pandemic some of these closed and others have changed their offer. An example of this is Little Rascals where they have recently had to close one of the sensory rooms due to funding constraints, - https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-61326794. I would like to ask parents and carers that if you access or know of any local businesses organisations or activities that are very SEN aware and supportive then could you share details of this with Catherine.Jervis@severndaleacademy.co.uk

In addition we have a sixth form group who are looking to widen their experiences of socialising outside of school and are looking for a local venue (Shrewsbury based) that serves good food and would be happy to host and support 10-15 young people with additional needs. Again if you are aware of any places that would be keen to support then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Reminder about the PACC / British Gymnastics event

Last week I shared a flyer about a forthcoming event that is happening on the 25th May at Shrewsbury Town Football Club between 10am and 1pm. This event is a workshop for parents/ carers and other key stakeholders involved in developing activities for young people with SEN locally. It is being hosted by British Gymnastics but the aim is to start with a gymnastics activity and then develop this into something wider and bigger. Your voice in this developing work would be most appreciated and I have attached the flyer again as last week one of the email addresses for registering for the event was not correct.

Staffing update

Today we are holding Assistant Principal interviews at Severndale as we look to continue our drive for improvement. You may also notice that we have a regular advertisement out in WM jobs and the local press for teaching assistants. We are always looking for high quality people who are keen to make a difference at Severndale and we would ask that if you know of any people who are interested in working with young people with SEN that they contact us at the academy and we can share our application process. The person to contact is Nic.Copeland@severndaleacademy.co.uk

It now only leaves me to wish you all a pleasant weekend and we will see all our pupils back on Monday

Brian

S11 - PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE EVENT

As part of English, and EHCP targets, the class have been looking at learning some new makaton signs. The class have looked at a Jubilee song. We have practiced Makaton signs and used our grids to help us. We are working hard on keeping up with the song! Hopefully we can have it perfect for the Class Street party!

JEMMA PARTON, S11 TEACHER

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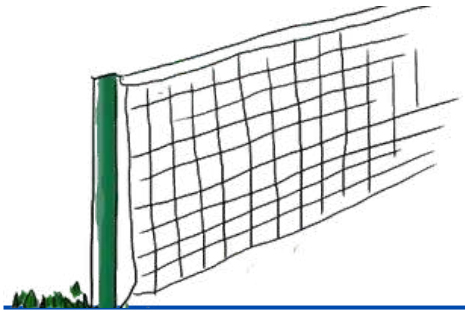
F6 - TENNIS LESSON

A lovely sunny weekend continued into Monday morning as the Pupils from F6 took full advantage of a tennis lesson run by Craig. The class learned to strike through the ball using the strings to control power and to use their wrists for accuracy. We could have the next Andy Murray on our hands!

F6 - TENNIS LESSON



P11 & P12 - SPORTS HALL ACTIVITIES

During Tuesday morning, P11 and P12 classrooms were involved in some Sports Hall activities. The hall was split up into two activities, one half being story time and the other trampolining. The pupils touched various objects during story time to use their senses as a primary source to gather information.

BOXING WITH BRIGHTSTAR

Pupils from F4, F5, F6 and S11 took part in this week's Brightstar Boxing class run by former professional boxer and instructor Matt Sen. Matt did brilliantly to teach the pupils how to block, straight arm jab and deliver some devastating punches, which he was mostly on the receiving end. A very enjoyable class and important for discipline.

BOXING WITH BRIGHTSTAR

S9 - INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

We have been working on our 'independent living skills'. We looked at cutting and spreading with different textures (Jam and Butter). How we hold the knife, safety and also different amounts of ingredients needed. We wanted to practice making jam sandwiches as we have the Queens party coming up and as a class we wanted to make choices about what we would like to eat at the party and we all know, the only way to make a clear choice is to have a taste test!

VICTORIA WEST, S9 TEACHER

S12 & S4 - PE LESSON

S12 and some pupils from S4 joined together for an impromptu PE session on the bus bay. We were involved in relay races and hurdles. S4 were brilliant and were much faster than S12... and staff.

PETER QUAYLE, S12 TEACHER

P8 - SOFT PLAY

In our physical wellbeing session, we were involved in multiple activities between the light room and soft play. The pupils really enjoy movement challenges and intensive interaction.

TAMSIN SANKEY - P8 TEACHER

MARY WEBB - PARENT EVENT

"The first thing that we did for the parents event was welcomed parents in to the main parents event area, the tennis courts outside. After we welcomed lots of parents we sold lots of things like refreshments, coffee and squash and also food like Ukraine blue and yellow iced cupcakes, cheese sandwiches and Ukraine blue and yellow iced sprinkled meringues. We also did the penalty shootout, a raffle, and there was also a music speaker. There was also a game where you have to throw the rings at the stick which was called quoits."

WRITTEN BY MARY WEBB STUDENT, TOM MORRIS.

"Thank you to Morrisons and the Co-op for their ingredients. I enjoyed the parents event on the field at Mary Webb. We had cupcakes, sausage rolls, coffee and drinks."

WRITTEN BY MARY WEBB STUDENT GABBIE REVECHE.

"Parent event took place at Mary Webb on 6th May 2022. With our families we raised £236.36 for Ukraine. We ate some fabulous food."

WRITTEN BY MARY WEBB STUDENTS JACK MILTON & HAYDEN BARTLETT

How many sweets in the jar event (top left) features: Tiannii H, Joe D & Connor B.

Enjoying the Rice Krispies cakes Molly T, I hope she saves some for the staff and parents!

P1 - DESIGNING JUBILEE CROWNS

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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

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

FREE ENTRY!

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: **jessica.bailey@british-gymnastics.org**
or call **Lucy Smith** on **07715 081403**

British Gymnastics

Queen's Jubilee Picnic

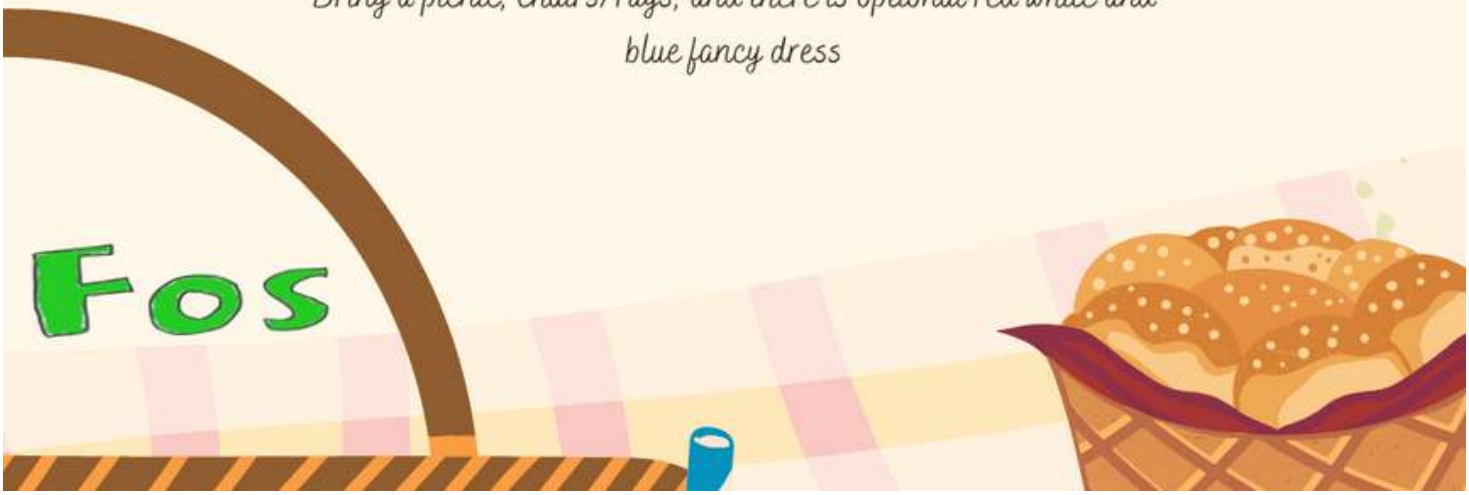
Saturday 21st May 2022

2-4pm, Severndale Academy (Bus Bay)

Friends of Severndale

Event for all the family - children remain the responsibility of parent-carers at all times.

Bring a picnic, chairs/rugs, and there is optional red white and blue fancy dress



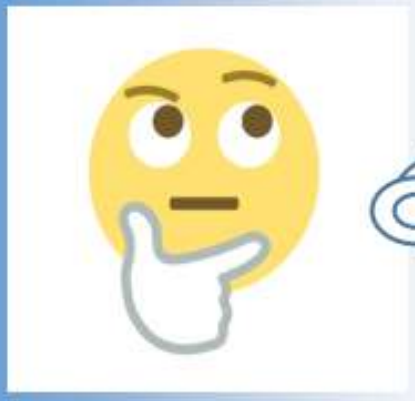
Shropshire Council | NHS Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, A Keele University Teaching Trust | Telford & Wrekin Council

INTRODUCTION TO P.B.S.

A Virtual Learning Event

What is PBS?

PBS is Positive Behaviour Support and the over-all aim of PBS is to improve the quality of a person's life and that of the people around them.



The event will cover topics such as:

- What is PBS and how can I use it?
- Partnership working ; getting the best outcomes for the person you are caring for. Using real life scenarios
- Opportunity to become part of PBS Community

* **Who is this event for?**

  Everyone! - families, early years, schools, colleges social care, education services, community services police, Probation and voluntary sector organisations.

* **When?**

  5 May 2022 -10am—12pm

  10 May 2022- 10am —12pm

  9 June 2022—10am—12pm

  14 June 2022—10am—12pm

Please book tickets through the Eventbrite link below.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-pbs-workshop-tickets-261691736027

STAFF SPOTLIGHT - JAMES MEYRICK

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Name: James Meyrick

Job Title: SEN Administrator

What does this involve?

I am jointly responsible for making sure all our pupils are in school and on the registers every morning and afternoon, along with dealing with all of their individual paperwork and making sure their files are updated, kept on top of so that they can achieve the best they can whilst they're with us during the day. I help out with welcoming our new children coming to Severndale across school with meetings they have with their parents and new, potential teachers. I also sit in on some of the very important meeting that school have so that we can keep improving the school for our children.

What do I enjoy outside of school?

I absolutely love sport, particularly football and support Liverpool (because they are the best?!) and enjoy watching Formula 1. I like going for long walks and seeing different places.

Please tell us something interesting about you?

I have played football for almost 15 years at a very high level, captaining many clubs and have also done some football coaching, helping younger people to develop, learn and be inspired.

What is something people don't know about you?

I also play the piano which I have done for over 10 years, I'm currently learning to master Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen, but I don't have as much time as I would like to spend, learning it at the minute.

CHARITY FUN DAY + CAR BOOT
SUNDAY 22ND MAY 10AM - 3PM
WEST MID SHOW GROUND, SHREWSBURY
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME TO OUR SEN FRIENDLY EVENT!
- BOUNCY CASTLE + LITTLE RASCALS
DISCO DOME WITH KIDS DJ
- HUGE RAFFLE WITH LOTS OF PRIZES TO WIN
- SOFT PLAY CORNER / CRAFT CORNER / FACE PAINTING
- CAKE STALL (PLANET DOUGHNUT)
- BURGER VAN / MILKSHAKE STATION
- ICE CREAM VAN
- CARBOOT STALLS
- TOMBOLA
- CRAFT STALLS
FREE ENTRY!
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- MESSY CORNER, SENSORY AND QUIET TENT
- NERF WARS
+ MUCH MORE ! ! !
WITH GUEST APPEARANCES FROM
SHREWSBURY TOWN CRIER
MAGIC KEV
IDENTITY SCHOOL OF DANCE
See FB Page for Prizes and sponsers - West Mid Charity Fun Day -
PROCEEDS TO LITTLE RASALS FOUNDATION CHARITY AND A LOCAL 5 YEAR OLD DISABLED BOY
REG CHARITY 1166955
Little Rascals FOUNDATION

SCHOOL INFORMATION

OUR WEBSITE

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

Learning Community Trust

Severndale Academy

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