

## Designated Safeguarding Lead



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Headteacher

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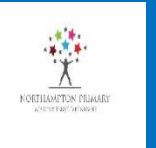


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I say how wonderful each week is and this week more than ever has been amazing! The things we have achieved within the past two weeks, is often the achievements a school has in their whole year. Year 4 had a wonderful visit to The National Gallery looking at paintings by Van Gogh, Seurat, Rousseau and Rubens, Year 6 visited the Gurdwara to find out more about the Sikh religion, KSI sports day was a wonderful morning, Year 5 performed their Wizard of Oz dance on both nights at The Festival at The Guildhall, Year 2 met Seb, the architect who designed the new extension of the Northampton Museum and Gallery, Year 5 visited the Guildhall and the Northampton Museum to observe and draw the architecture, Year 3 have spent two days at The Frontier Centre enjoying new challenges and experiences, Year 1 have visited Woburn Safari Park. And on top of all these fantastic experiences, every child has continued to be taught their wide and rich curriculum! Well done everyone for another amazing week- what a fabulous school we are!

Please take care, stay cool over the weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Fennelly

## POSTER OF THE WEEK

This week we talked about the range of things we can do to stay happy and healthy in our minds and bodies. These range from challenging ourselves, loving who we are, taking time to breathe and reflect, keeping our bodies moving with exercise and activities, being kind, helping others, being part of a community and having goals to work towards. Every child was able to reflect on these aims and understood the need to keep healthy and stay happy.



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
26th-30th June	Year 6	West Runton Residential Trip
29th June	Year 3, Robinson & Wiggins	Chocolate Workshop
29th June	Dahl Class	Recorder performance - 9:30am
30th June	Year 2	Brixworth Country Park

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
3rd and 4th July	Whole School	Transfer days- spending the days in new classes
6th July	Robinson, 3, 4, 5 & 6	9:30am Sports Day
6th July	Whole School	Jules at home at school from 3pm
6th July	Music Groups	5:30pm-7:00pm Performing Arts Evening
7th July	Whole School	Bring your baked cake into school for the fete
8th July	Whole School & Families	Summer Fete

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
11th & 12th July	Parents	Performance by our Drama club of: SuperStan- get your tickets on parentmail
13th July	Whole School	Summer Discos 3:30pm-4:30pm- Reception, Year 1, 2 and Wiggins 4:45pm-5:45pm- Year 3 and 4 6:00pm-7:00pm- Year 5, 6 and Robinson Tickets available on parentmail
13th July	Year Groups	SdS Has Talent Year Group Heats
14th July	Whole School	3:00pm Art Exhibition in classes- purchase your child's art on Parentmail
20th July	Year 6	1:30pm Leavers assembly. Tea & cake on the field
21st July	Whole School	'SdS Has Talent' Final for Children

# ABSENCE



**If your child is unwell, or going to be late, please leave a message on our absence line by 08:30am.**

**A message must be left for each day of absence.**

**If your child is going to be absent for another reason, please complete a form available from the school office or on our website.**



Your child has brought a Photo - Ticket slip home,  
Please follow the instructions on the ticket to order the whole class  
photo.

The free school delivery will be open until 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Anytime to home after the 28<sup>th</sup> June, parents will be charged £4.25  
for postage costs.

Any queries please call Kittle photographic on 01245 401313





**We wanted to share this outstanding self-portrait by a child in Year 6. The attention to detail and the use of watercolours is superb!**

**The other year 6 pupils have also painted amazing portraits. What a creative year group they are!**

SIMON DE SENLIS PRIMARY

THURSDAY  
13TH  
JULY

# *Summer* DISCO

*Reception,  
Year 1, Year 2,  
Wiggins Class*

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tickets available via Parent Mail £3.00

Friends of Simon de Senlis





THURSDAY 13TH JULY

4:45PM - 5:45PM

# SCHOOL DISCO

**SIMON DE SENLIS  
YEAR 3 & YEAR 4**

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PARENT MAIL - £3.00 EACH

SIMON DE SENLIS



**THURSDAY  
13TH JULY  
6PM - 7PM**

YEAR 5  
YEAR 6  
ROBINSON CLASS

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PARENT MAIL - £3.00 EACH

FRIENDS OF SIMON DE SENLIS

# Joyful June 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



## Art Gallery- Friday July 14th

**We look forward to seeing you at the whole school art gallery on Friday July 14th from 3pm, where you can see your child's great artwork. Each piece of art will be framed and so please go to your parentmail account to purchase the artwork.**



## Raffle Tickets

**Please don't forget to send in your completed stubs and payment for your raffle tickets for the Summer Fete.**

**The Friends will be selling tickets outside school at 3:15pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday next week.**

**Good luck everyone!**



Which shapes can you name?

What are their properties?

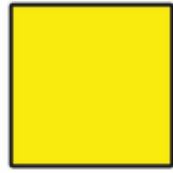
- How many sides?
- Are they straight? parallel? equal? perpendicular?
- How many vertices?
- How many angles?
- What do the internal angles of the shape equal?



circle



triangle



square



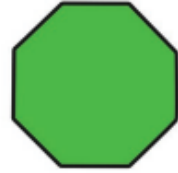
rectangle



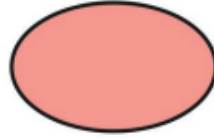
pentagon



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octagon



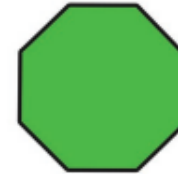
oval



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oval



rhombus



semicircle



parallelogram



trapezium



## **Are you looking for part time job?**

**We are looking to recruit a reliable and committed Lunchtime Supervisor to join our hard-working team. The successful candidate will be able to work effectively as a member of the team, have excellent interpersonal skills and consistently support the school values and approaches.**

**Start date September.**

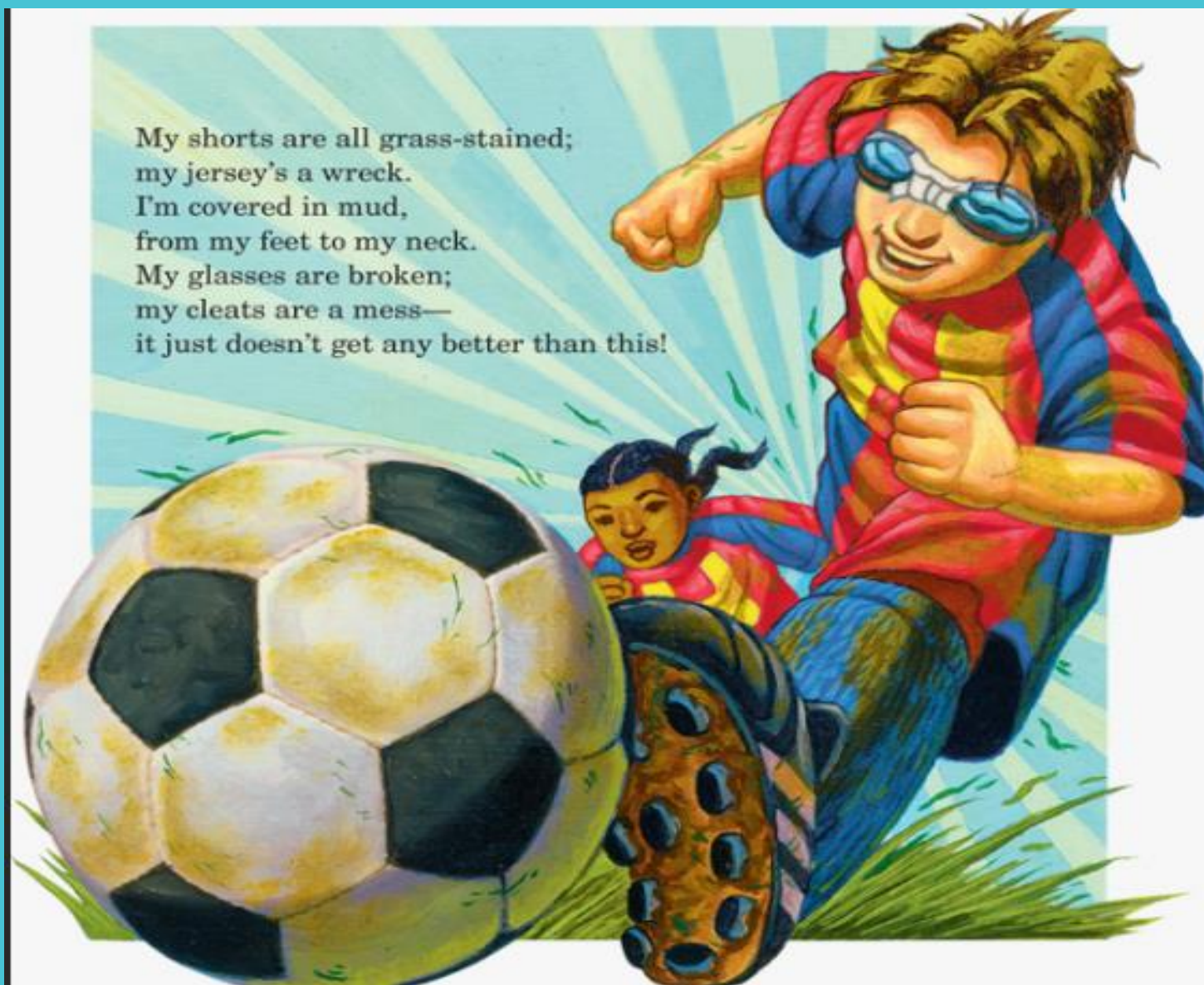
**Days of work: Monday – Friday**

**Starting salary: Grade C, Point 2 (£22,367 FTE – pro-rata). Hourly rate  
£11.59**

**Contract: Permanent, 5 hours per week (term time only – 38 weeks per  
year)**

**If you are interested and would like more details or would like to apply please  
email: [info@simondesenlis.org](mailto:info@simondesenlis.org)**

Poem of The Week  
After Sports Day  
this week, this  
poem is great to  
share our love of  
sport.







## Summer Reading Challenge

Go to Hunsbury Library to join the summer reading challenge which happens during the summer holidays in the Library every year.

This year's summer reading challenge is called the 2023 **Ready Set Read**  
Do you know how much it costs to join the Summer Reading Challenge? **Its Free!**  
Do you know how much it costs for an activity? **Its Free!**

It's also free to join the library and borrow up to 20 books. So, if you are not a member all you need to do is go to the Library counter, with your parent/carer and ask to join, you can also join on-line. You will then be given your own card to borrow the books.

When you finish the Ready Set Read Challenge you get a medal and certificate.  
You can read any 6 books you like so long as they are from the library. The challenge starts on July 8<sup>th</sup> and finishes on September 10<sup>th</sup>, so you have plenty of time to read the books over the holidays.

**Now this is very important, the school with the most children finishing the challenge in the area will be presented with a SRC finishers Cup. Simon de Senlis won for the last two years!!**  
**Do you think that we can win again this year?**



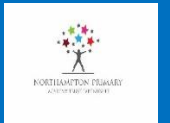
# Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 23rd June 2023







Book your tickets  
on parentmail.  
It's going to be a  
great evening!



Book your tickets on parentmail.  
July 12th at 6pm will be an evening of laughter and fun for all families across school.  
July 11th- for Players families only.  
It's going to be a great show!

## School Mental Health Leads

### Ms Cunningham and Miss Garrard are the Mental Health Leads at Simon de Senlis

If you have any worries or concerns about any aspect of your child's mental wellbeing please speak to your child's class teacher or contact us in school.



Laura Cunningham

Inclusion Leader  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mental Health First Aider



Hannah Garrard

Family Support Worker  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mental Health First Aider





SIX WEEK WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

## WELLBEING WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

"Hour long sessions of doodling, scribbling, writing and dropping into creative flow. This session will help you to download your mental inbox, clearing your mind, taking you to a place of relaxation. You might create some art or poetry, or just some scribbles and words...whatever the outcome, you will leave 6 weeks of sessions with a sense of pride in your creative self."

To sign up contact our Wellbeing Coordinator, Chelsea at [chelseabuswell@thelowdownnorthampton.co.uk](mailto:chelseabuswell@thelowdownnorthampton.co.uk) or call 01604 634385

[www.thelowdown.info](http://www.thelowdown.info)

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SIX WEEK WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

## WELLBEING WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

Word Guerrilla's  
'De-Tension'  
Creative Writing  
Workshop for  
11-18 year olds.



Time:

5:15pm - 6:15pm

Dates:

Sessions start -7th June then

21st June, 28th June,  
5th July, 12th July,  
and ends 19th July

Location:

the lowdown, 3 Kingswell  
Street, Northampton  
NN1 1PP

To sign up contact our Wellbeing Coordinator, Chelsea at [chelseabuswell@thelowdownnorthampton.co.uk](mailto:chelseabuswell@thelowdownnorthampton.co.uk) or call 01604 634385

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## WELLBEING DROP-IN SERVICES FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

If you find yourself needing support,  
we're here to listen and help in your time of need.

### Monday's & Friday's 4pm - 8pm

the lowdown, 3 Kingswell Street, Northampton,  
NN1 1PP - 01604 634385

### Tuesday's 4pm - 8pm

Youth Works at Corby Mind, 18 Argyll St,  
Corby, NN17 1RU - 01536 518339

### Tuesday's 4pm - 8pm

Service Six, Raunds Methodist Church,  
Brook Street, Raunds  
NN9 6LP - 01933 277520





# YEAR 6 LEAVERS PARTY

## LEAVERS PARTY 2023!



**SATURDAY 22ND  
JULY 2023  
6PM TO 9PM**



**GRANGEWOOD  
RESIDENTS CLUB  
50 BARN OWL CLOSE  
NN4 0UA**

**TICKETS  
£15 EACH**

**INCLUDES DISCO,  
HOT FOOD,  
AND LEAVER'S GIFT!**

**Tickets available to buy from the Year 6 Classroom doors on:  
Friday 26th May and Friday 16th June. Cash only.**

**If you need to arrange a different payment method or ticket collection please email [year6plans@hotmail.com](mailto:year6plans@hotmail.com)**

**Disclaimer: This event is organised by parent volunteers and we are not responsible for your child.**





**NPFG**  
Northants Parent Forum Group

## YOUR WELLBEING MATTERS



 **Northampton MIND**  
28th June 2023

 **Corby MIND**  
12th July 2023

 **Wellingborough MIND**  
11th September 2023

 **Towcester MIND**  
14th September 2023

 **10:00–14:00**

 **Free Lunch Provided**

### WHATS ON OFFER!

- Mindfulness
- Mental Health Services
- Local Carers support
- Anxiety Workshops
- Health and well-being
- Community Services
- Time for you....

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH**



**mind**  
Northamptonshire

**OPEN TO ALL PARENT/CARERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH S.E.N.D**

Miss Garrard says....

At Simon de Senlis we are taking part in Healthy Eating Week, and I thought it would be helpful to share some resources that you might like to try at home. This week's focus is on ensuring we have enough protein in our diet.

## Vary your protein – be more creative

Why do we need protein foods?

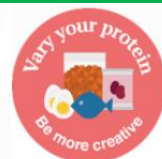


To help muscles and bones grow.

What foods provide protein?



What foods can you see here?



Healthy Eating Week | Nutrition

## Vary your protein – be more creative

We should vary our protein and have protein foods from plants more often.



Can you name these protein foods from plants?



Red lentils



Black-eyed beans



Red kidney beans

Which of these have you tried?



Chickpeas



Pinto beans



Healthy Eating Week | Nutrition



Miss Garrard says....

Here are some high protein meal ideas that you may want to try at home.



Miss Garrard says....

## THE INFLUENCE OF ANDREW TATE

Please read this information around the Influence of Andrew Tate amongst children.

There is lots being shared, particularly on TikTok about Andrew Tate. Please continue to monitor your child's online activity.

### WHY IS HE SO CONTROVERSIAL?

Tate has become infamous due to a string of controversial comments and behaviours, such as promoting gendered violence and misogyny, claiming mental illness makes people 'weak' and depression 'isn't real', and stating that rape victims must 'bear some responsibility' for their attacks.

Tate has made many controversial statements that have caught the public's attention, including 'Men can cheat but women can't. It's not sexist – it's reality.'

Tate regularly references the 'Matrix', his theory being that society is controlled by the rich elite. Politicians, media and education providers would all come under this umbrella too.

He has been banned from social media platforms and was arrested in Romania in December 2022 on suspicion of human trafficking, rape, and forming an organised crime group to exploit women.

### WHO IS ANDREW TATE?

Andrew Tate is an American-British professional kickboxer turned internet personality. He is a self-described 'success coach' and has a subscription-based online marketing programme called 'Hustler's University' or 'The Real World' with over 100,000 subscribers.

### WHY ARE YOUNG PEOPLE DRAWN TO THIS BEHAVIOUR?

As much as Tate is known for his controversial comments, he also likes to be motivational, encouraging his followers to work hard and go after their dreams, to work out and be disciplined. He has spoken of the difficult childhood he endured and how he is 'self-made'. He speaks of his experiences in a way that a lot of young people can relate to and in turn, they aspire to be like him.

Miss Garrard says....

THE INFLUENCE  
OF ANDREW TATE

Top Tips taken from 'SaferSchools' around addressing Andrew Tate with your children, should this be something you need to do:

**Keep the focus on the behaviour, not the person.** Andrew Tate represents wider issues around consent, gender roles, violence and toxic masculinity. By focusing on these behaviours rather than Tate himself, you may encounter less defensiveness and more understanding.

**Remind them they don't need to follow the crowd.** Explain the importance of making their own mind up on issues by discussing their core values and what's important to them. It may be worth reminding them that not everything they see online is correct or helpful and that they have the freedom to make a different choice.

**Discuss positive role models.** Listen to pupils' suggestions for positive role models who they look up to in their lives and their reasons why. Use the opportunity to end the discussion positively by affirming and reinforcing good choices.

## RED FLAGS TO WATCH OUT FOR:



Referring to  
the 'Matrix'



Attempting to  
justify harmful  
behaviours



Notable and  
negative change  
in behaviour



Using harmful or  
derogatory phrases  
in conversation



Being physically  
violent towards  
females



Disrespecting female  
authority figures or  
classmates



# School's out for summer!

## It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

**Schools** please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

### Skips Educational

Web: [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)  
Email: [info@skips.com](mailto:info@skips.com)  
Tel: +44 121 227 1941

142 Newton Road  
Great Barr  
Birmingham B43 6BT

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with



**Skips**

Keeping children safe online

[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)



# Summer Fair

**Saturday 24th June 2023**

**10.30am –11.30am Autism friendly hour**

**11.30am-3.00pm open to the public**



Please join us for our second summer fair  
with lots of fun things to do for all the  
family while supporting local businesses.

We are based in Whiston Road NN2 7RR

## Thunk of the Week

A **thunk** is an **unusual question** that makes you **think**. A beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you start to look at the world in a whole new light.



Hot or cold  
weather- which do  
you prefer?





# NORTHAMPTON TENNIS COACHING



## OUR SUMMER MULTIACTIVITY CAMPS ARE BACK!

### NORTHAMPTON TENNIS CLUB

24th - 28th July  
7th to 11th August  
21st to 25th August

### KETTERING TENNIS CLUB

31st July to 4th August  
14th to 18th August

### BRIXWORTH TENNIS CLUB

7th to 11th August  
21st to 25th August

### COLLINGTREE TENNIS CLUB

31st July to 4th August  
14th to 18th August



**PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR APP,  
SEARCH NORTHAMPTON TENNIS COACHING  
ON APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY STORE.**



For enquiries, contact: 07738476680 northamptontenniscoaching@gmail.com

# NORTHAMPTON TENNIS COACHING



## WIN A FREE MULTIACTIVITY CAMP PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD FOR A YEAR

WORTH  
£1000

We're giving away a year's worth of multiactivity camps to one lucky winner in our grand prize draw.

That's 8 weeks of tennis, football, cricket, frisbee, Tae-kwon-do, netball, cake making, first aid for children, archery and more to be won. Child-care throughout the holidays - SORTED!



SCAN ME  
TO ENTER



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# IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

This week, we looked at the importance of respecting rules. We listened to a story about a boy called Ling who was chosen as the next Emperor even though he thought he had failed at a task that was set. He followed the rules even though everyone around him laughed and he had the courage to tell the truth.

Ling was well rewarded and rightly so.





# World Cup

## FEMALE FESTIVAL

WELLINGBOROUGH  
OLD GRAMMARIANS  
NN8 6BS

SUNDAY 23RD  
JULY 2023

10AM - 4PM



### Tournament

5-A-SIDE

U9 | U11 | U13

9-A-SIDE

U15

EARLY BIRD  
OFFER  
£20  
P/TEAM  
UNTIL 23/04

### Skill Sessions

5-11 YEAR OLDS

FREE! SIGN UP  
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ENTER HERE!



FALCON FRANKIE | BOUNCY CASTLE | FACE PAINT | STALLS | REFRESHMENTS

For more information please contact: [Harley.Collyer@NorthantsFA.com](mailto:Harley.Collyer@NorthantsFA.com)



# Female FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of different opportunities  
for females to play football around  
Northamptonshire

## OPPORTUNITIES

WILDCATS | SQUAD GIRLS'  
GRASSROOTS | RECREATIONAL  
WALKING FOOTBALL

5-11 YEAR OLDS



12 YEARS OLD +



Scan here!

[www.northantsfootball.com/femaleopportunities](http://www.northantsfootball.com/femaleopportunities)





*James Saunders Watson*  
*Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire*

ROCKINGHAM CASTLE  
MARKET HARBOROUGH  
LEICESTERSHIRE  
LE16 8TH

*Telephone: 01536 770240*

31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Dear Head

**Coronation Art Competition**

As His Majesty's Representative in Northamptonshire, I am delighted to invite all the County's schoolchildren of all ages to enter the Coronation Art Competition. The Coronation of King Charles III was a unique and historical event and we hope the colourful and exuberant imagery will provide great inspiration to our young people. We are counting on schools to encourage and support what should be a fun and interesting project.

Please find attached the flyer with details of the art competition - all entries to be submitted online by 30th August 2023. There will be four age categories with a cash prize of £100 per category, to be awarded at the final exhibition. The top ten contestants in each category will be invited to exhibit their art works at the final exhibition, to take place at The Stables at Lamport Hall on Thursday 26th October. All entrants and their families will be welcome to visit the exhibition, which will run over the weekend until Sunday 29th October.

We are looking forward to receiving some wonderful and colourful submissions.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



## CORONATION ART COMPETITION 2023

We want to know what  
**inspired you** about the  
King's Coronation!

Create a work of art based on your take of the Coronation and submit any time from **6th May to 30th August 2023** by sending an image of it by email to [coronationart@outlook.com](mailto:coronationart@outlook.com)

There will be an exhibition of works during half term in October 2023. Final judging will take place and a prize of £100 per category will be presented by The King's Representative in the County, the Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire.

### How to submit...

**Title of the piece**  
'Coronation Art'

**Mediums you can use**  
Entries are to be on a flat surface (canvas, paper, board, etc), **up to A3 in size** and can include oil or water-based paint, pencil, pastel, crayons, collage and photography. Computer graphics and writing/poetry are also included.

**Age Categories**  
4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-16.

**How to submit**  
Scan your entry and send it with a high res image (max 10Mb) by email to [coronationart@outlook.com](mailto:coronationart@outlook.com). Please include your name, your age, your school and the school's postcode.

All entries must be submitted by **30th August 2023**.

There will be a prize of £100 and a certificate for the winner of each category.

The top ten entries in each age group will be invited to take part in the final exhibition and judging.



 Pupil Days

 Bank Holidays

 School Holidays

 Teacher Training Days

## NPAT Academic Calendar 23/24

**Teacher Training Days**  
Monday 4 September 2023  
Tuesday 5 September 2023  
Monday 30 October 2023  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

September 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

October 2023					
Mon		2	9	16	23
Tues		3	10	17	24
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri		6	13	20	27

November 2023					
Mon			6	13	20
Tues			7	14	21
Wed		1	8	15	22
Thu		2	9	16	23
Fri		3	10	17	24

December 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29

January 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

February 2024					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tues		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	

March 2024					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tues		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
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April 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

May 2024					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

June 2024					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
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July 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	

August 2024					
Mon			5	12	19
Tues			6	13	20
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## NPAT Academic Calendar 24/25

**Teacher Training Days**  
 Monday 2 September 2024  
 Tuesday 3 September 2024  
 Monday 4 November 2024  
 Monday 24 February 2025  
 Monday 2 June 2025

September 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	
Tues		3	10	17	24	
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October 2024						
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November 2024						
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December 2024						
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January 2025						
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**SOME  
NEWS FOR  
OUR  
CHILDREN**





## Let's look at this week's story

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# How has travel changed our lives?

Courtesy Virgin Galactic Zuma Wire/Shutterstock



## More peas please...



Pictured: Peas Source: Canva

Scientists from the UK have recently reported that they have created peas that don't taste like peas – and it's not just to get those who don't like them to eat more of the green veggies! Peas that don't taste like peas could help our planet. As people consume more plant-based diets, researchers believe it is important to produce environmentally-friendly alternatives to things like soya beans. Peas are considered to be an excellent option but have a strong flavour that isn't loved by everyone. Scientists first

discovered how to grow tasteless peas around 30 years ago but didn't then have a use for their knowledge. Now though, the discovery of the gene for pea flavour could be very helpful indeed. 'The world has changed. People increasingly want plant-based protein in their diets rather than from animals. So flavourless peas have suddenly become flavour of the day,' said Prof Claire Domoney of the John Innes Centre, one of the scientists working on the project. She added, 'It just goes to show that science is never wasted.'

*Do you like peas? Do you think this is a good idea?*

## Record-Breaking Dictation

Guinness World Records have announced that the world's biggest dictation has taken place at the Champs-Élysées, a famous avenue in Paris that connects the Arc de Triomphe and the Place de la Concorde, earlier this month. The organisers, the Comité Champs-Élysées, transformed the Champs Élysées into an open-air classroom. They placed 1,700 desks, where there would normally be cars, at the iconic Paris landmark and welcomed about 5,000 people (many of them schoolchildren) to take part in three separate rounds. 1,397 people from the first round were officially recognised by Guinness World Records, thus breaking the record and participating in the world's largest dictation. A dictation is described

as being 'the activity of taking down a passage that is dictated by a teacher as a test of spelling, writing, or language skills.' Under the impressive Arc de Triomphe, the participants listened to famous texts from French literature being read out and tried to write them down, without making any errors. The massive spelling test was described by some, with a 10-year-old interviewed at the event saying, 'It was impossible!'. 65-year-old Touria Zerhouni was more positive about the record-breaking experience noting, 'I only made two mistakes. I expected it to be much harder'.

*Do you enjoy spelling tests?  
Would you like to attend a giant one?*



Pictured: The record-breaking dictation taking place at the Champs Élysées Source: Guinness World Record Twitter page



# Summer Nature Stories



Pictured: Friends writing outdoors. Source: Canva

Would you like to see your writing published? The Guardian newspaper nature series, Young Country Diary, has launched its seasonal search for summer nature tales. The publication is asking children aged between 8 and 14 to go out into nature and write about their adventures. The pieces could be written about events that occurred in a forest, on a beach, in a garden, at a farm, or a park. The article, describing what they saw, heard, smelt, touched and experienced, must be 200 -250 words long. Six winning entries will be published in the Guardian

newspaper and online: two on 24<sup>th</sup> June, two in July and another two in August. In spring, the published articles included a visit to a farm for lambing time, an amphibian rescue mission and a back garden bug hunt! All the details your grown-ups and teachers would need for you to enter the competition are available on the newspaper's website.

***Do you like to go out into nature? Where is your favourite place to go? Would you like to write about it?***

Last week's topic:

## Is it better to reuse or recycle?

In Class 7, we think it is important to reuse and recycle. We think reusing is better but when you can't, then recycling is good for the planet too.

**Class 7**



In my opinion, it is better to reuse rather than to recycle because recycling requires some sort of labour which takes more time and people, but reusing is just using an object again.

**Sukhjot**

They are both good. As long as things aren't going straight in the bin.

**Raymond**

I need to learn how to reuse more things. I think we should learn more about how to make and fix things in schools.

**Harry**

## Let us know what you think about this week's news?



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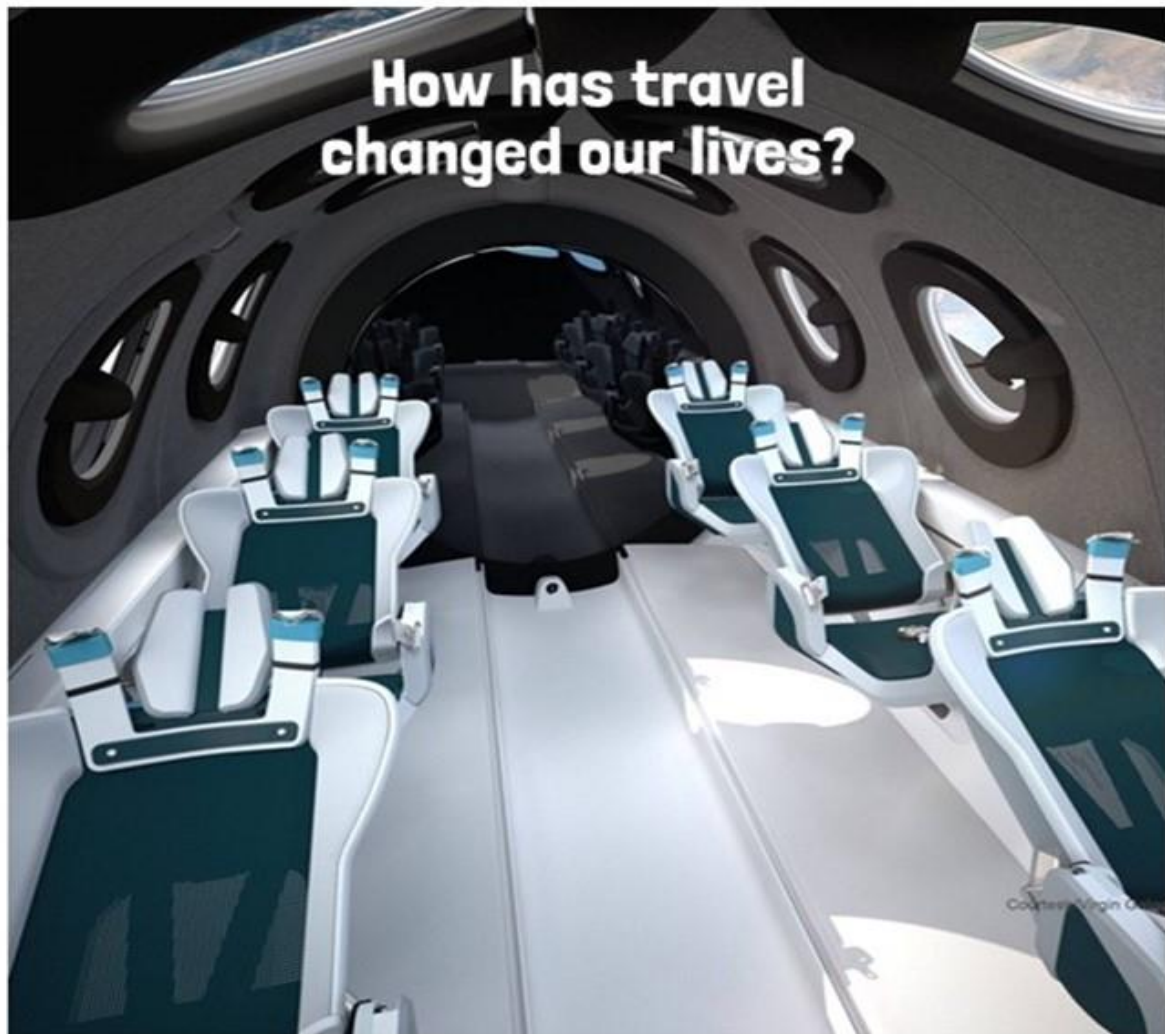


# TAKEHOME

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### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of all the different types of transport you have encountered. E.g. bikes, cars, planes, ferries. Which is your favourite way to travel and why?
- > Do you think you would like to travel on a sub-orbital flight? Why?
- > How do you believe suborbital travel could change the world?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

# Reflection



Travel has transformed the way we live our lives, allowing us to meet others, try different food and visit new places all over the world. As technology advances, the ways and means to travel can become quicker and easier.

