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Poster of the Week



This week we looked again at our believe, achieve, succeed poster and reminded ourselves that we CAN do it! With our confidence in our learning, we know that we can achieve. We also discussed all of the wonderful things everyone has achieved so far this week. Well done everyone- you're amazing!



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had a focus on kindness, helping each other and being there for one another. Throughout school we see so many kind actions between children and we know that children look out for each other in the classroom and at breaktime. At times, children do fall out and we are lucky to have staff who are able to discuss issues with children and allow them to understand each other's views, resulting in apologies being given and friendships back on track. We constantly talk to children about what kindness looks like, along with developing their skills of empathy and so understanding how others feel.

Throughout the week, I have seen so many acts of kindness, consideration and inclusion and it is wonderful to know that we are supporting these areas of development in all.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Fennelly

Think of the Week

A **think** 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.



If you could choose
just one thing to change
about the world, what
would it be?



Play Leader Update

During the weekly meetings, the play leaders have been discussing how to support and encourage play at lunchtimes. They have a range of stickers that they reward children with and they discussed how to spot more great things going on to give a sticker for. The leaders have looked at new resources and will be putting together a list to enhance our equipment.

Reading Ambassador Update

During our meeting we discussed buying new books for the library and for the classrooms. We are also excited as we have been invited to the Hunsbury Library for a meeting with Nick to look at the newest books, discuss ways to promote using the library and finding out about up and coming authors. Thank you Reading Ambassadors, it was a brilliant meeting!

Wellbeing Leader Update

During our meeting, Miss Cunningham and Mrs Cotterell spent some time talking about what wellbeing is and the importance of maintaining positive wellbeing and things you can do to help you with this.

We taught the children 'high five' breathing that they brought back to the class to teach the rest of the children.

The idea is we will teach them a new breathing technique, which will regulate breathing and heartbeat, each time we meet. They will take away a visual of this to teach to their class. We will then produce a little pocket size guide of all of these that they can take onto the playground to support and teach other children as needed.

Thank you to our leaders, it was a great meeting.

Eco Ambassador Update

During our meeting we talked about how we can support our school to be more environmentally friendly. As actions we will do the following:

Buy more bins for the playground

Meet with the site supervisor to discuss recycling

Create posters for classrooms to encourage children to turn the lights off when they leave the room.

Tidy the pond area ready for any animals that will be hibernating and ready for the frogs in the Spring.

Build bug hotels

Install more bird feeders and bird boxes.

Thank you to the Eco Ambassadors, it was a wonderful meeting!



Our car park is for Staff and Blue Badge holders. Please do not park or drop off in the Staff car park.

Danescamp and Tesco kindly offer free parking for our parents.

Our Autumn Term, Dates for your

Diary



Are you looking for a school place for your child joining
Reception in September 2024?

Come to visit us on Tuesday December 5th at 09:30am.

To book go to: [Simon De Senlis Primary School - Home](#)



Date	Year group	Event
17th November	Whole School	We held a Mufti day for Children in Need. Donations, if you would like to, via Just Giving, opens 8th Nov – 21st Nov.
21st November	Whole School	Flu Vaccinations.
28th November	Year 4 parents	Brass Assembly NMPAT
1st December	Whole School	Christmas Colour Hamper donations accepted with Thanks. Tickets go on sale on ParentMail.
4th December	The Players. Drama club.	Costume deadline. In a named bag please and to be kept in school.
4th December	Whole School	This is the final week of Clubs for this term.
5th December	Prospective Parents September 2024	Open Morning 09:30 for prospective parents 2024.

Date	Year group	Event
11th December	The Players. Drama Club.	Parents and Families. Tickets available via ParentMail from 31.10.23. 3 tickets per Child
12th December	All Parents / Carers	Sleep Management Parent Workshop 5pm - 6pm
13th December	Year 5	National Space Centre.
14th December	Whole School	Dolce Christmas Lunch
20th December	Whole School	Christmas raffle draw
20th December	Whole School. 1pm.	Christmas Party. Mufti day
20th December	Whole School	Break up for the Festive period
4th January	Whole School	School re-opens for Children
15th January	All Parents	Simon Aston Online Safety Workshop for parents 8:45 – 9:45am

Simon de Senlis
Christmas Performances 2023





Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 17th November 2023



Year Group	Date	Time	Location	Tickets
Reception	7th December 8th December	1:30pm 09:30am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 1	7th December 8th December	2:30pm 10:30am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 2	7th December 8th December	2pm 10:00am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 3	12th December	2pm	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 4	12th December	09:30am	School Hall	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Year 5	15th December	11:15am	St Benedicts Church	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child
Year 6	15th December	09:45am	St Benedicts Church	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child
Wiggins	14th December	2:15pm	Wiggins Class-room	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 3 Tickets per child
Robinson	13th December	2:30pm	Robinson Class-room	Tickets available on ParentMail 31.10.23. 2 Tickets per child



NMPAT
Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

NMPAT's amazing Woodwind Ensemble came to play for us today. If your child is in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would be interested in playing an instrument please contact info@simondesenis.org for more details



Hunsbury Festive Fair

Date & Time

Sat Nov 25 2023 at 11:00 am to 04:00 pm
UTC+00:00

Location

Hunsbury Library | Northampton, EN

LibraryPlus

Hunsbury Festive Fair

in partnership with East Hunsbury Parish Council

Saturday 25th November 11am - 4pm
Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, Northampton, NN4 0RZ

**Come along to the
festive fair on
Saturday November
25th and see
our Simon de Senlis
Choir singing at
2pm**





On Friday 17th November we had a Mufti Day to raise money for: BBC Children in Need. Our current Total is £412.

If you would like to donate, please type the below into your browser.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/simon-de-senlis-1699443332999>



Competition Overview:

This is a chance for students to design a festive scene that will be featured on a Country Lion coach, bringing festive joy across Northamptonshire.

Competition Details:

Age Range: Open to all students in the primary age group (0-11 years).

Competition Pack: A coach template for designing the Christmas scene is provided, this has been sent home with your child today.

Voting: The public will vote for their favourite design on the Country Lion Facebook page.

Winner Selection: The most 'liked' design by 5 pm on 1st December will be declared the winner.

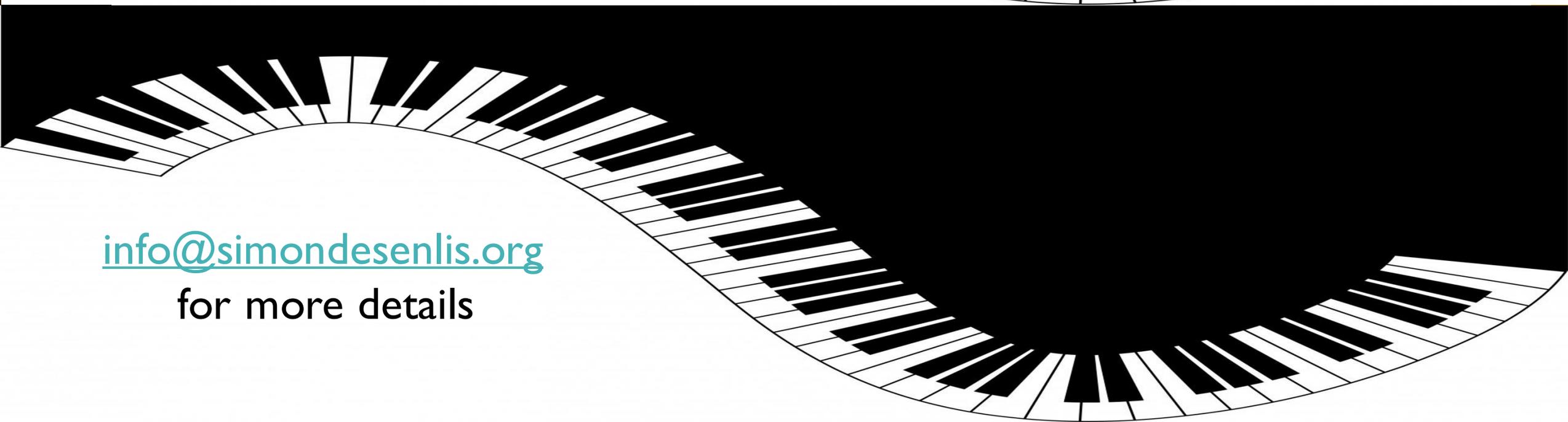
Prize: A £50 voucher from Smyths toy shop for the winning student, plus their design will become a moving artwork on our coach.

Unveiling: The decorated coach will be unveiled at the winner's school in a special ceremony.





A place has become available for
Keyboard lessons, if your child is
interested please contact:



info@simondesenis.org
for more details

Sports- Trampolining



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- **Did you get a chance to see the Trampoline World Championships 2023 on TV last weekend?**
 - The Trampoline World Championships took place at the Utilita Arena, Birmingham. It was a fantastic display of tumbling, summersaults and thrilling routines. Twenty-one year old NTGA member Andrew Stamp was selected to represent Great Britain and returns to Northampton with two World medals .Northamptonshire Trampoline Gymnastics Academy (NTGA) is based at Kings Park Center in Moulton Park and offers development pathways and opportunities for members of all ages and abilities.
 - So if you are interested in trampolining and gymnastics and want to try for a medal yourself, why not check out their amazing facilities by following this link;<https://www.ntga.co.uk/>
 - Stay active- Miss Bland.

Choking

Mrs Cotterill says....



Tips on helping a choking child

- If you can see the object, try to remove it. Don't poke blindly or repeatedly with your fingers. You could make things worse by pushing the object further in and making it harder to remove.
- If your child's coughing loudly, encourage them to carry on coughing to bring up what they're choking on and don't leave them.
- If your child's coughing isn't effective (it's silent or they can't breathe in properly), shout for help immediately and decide whether they're still conscious.
- If your child's still conscious, but they're either not coughing or their coughing isn't effective, use back blows.

Here is some useful advice about what to do if your child is choking. Sometimes, children place unusual items in their mouth which could lead to choking. Check out this link to read more on the most common items that can lead to a child choking, other than food. [Choking and suffocating - Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board \(northamptonshirescb.org.uk\)](https://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk)

Back blows for children over 1 year

- Lay a small child face down on your lap as you would a baby.
- If this isn't possible, support your child in a forward-leaning position and give 5 back blows from behind.

If back blows don't relieve the choking and your baby or child is still conscious, give chest thrusts to infants under 1 year or abdominal thrusts to children over 1 year.

This will create an artificial cough, increasing pressure in the chest and helping to dislodge the object.

Abdominal thrusts for children over 1 year

- Stand or kneel behind your child. Place your arms under the child's arms and around their upper abdomen.
- Clench your fist and place it between the navel and ribs.
- Grasp this hand with your other hand and pull sharply inwards and upwards.
- Repeat up to 5 times.
- Make sure you don't apply pressure to the lower ribcage, as this may cause damage.

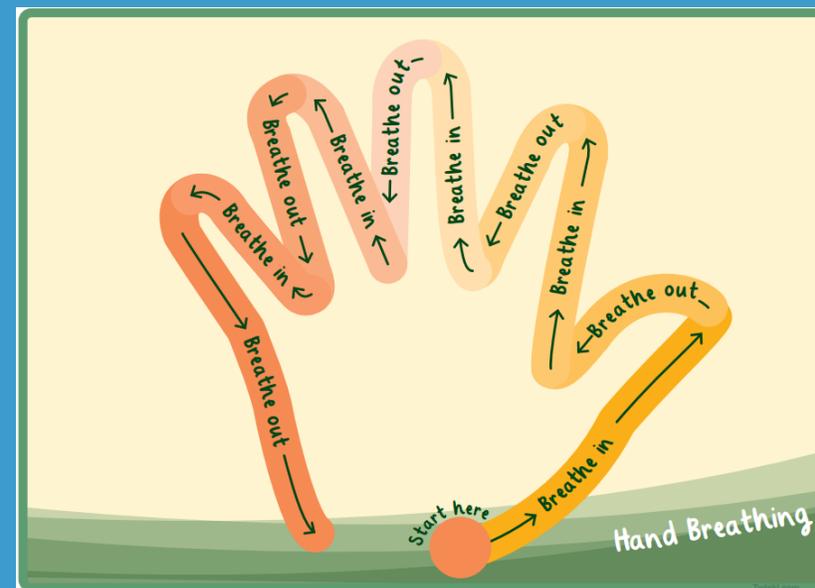
Wellbeing Ambassadors

Across school we now 24 children who are our Wellbeing Ambassadors as voted for by their class peers. It was lovely to hold our first meeting in school and to talk all about what wellbeing is and ways in which we can improve our wellbeing in school and at home. The children have all now received a badge which they can proudly display which lets other children know of their role.

The children learnt a breathing technique called 'high 5 breathing' and learnt all about how breathing helps to regulate our heartbeat to help us feel calm. The children will then teach this to the other children in their classes and be able to use this to help other children out on the playground, under the guidance of an adult.

We are very much looking forward to our next meeting!

Ms Cunningham and Mrs Cotterill



New Ways November 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

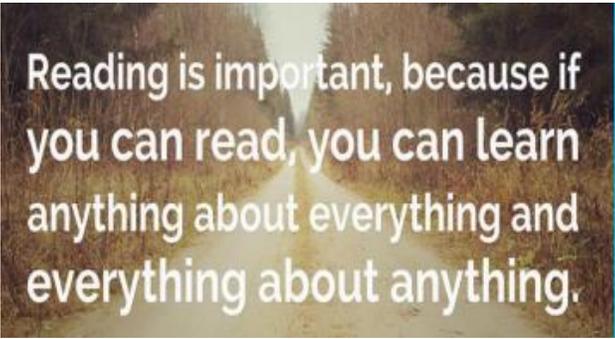
27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

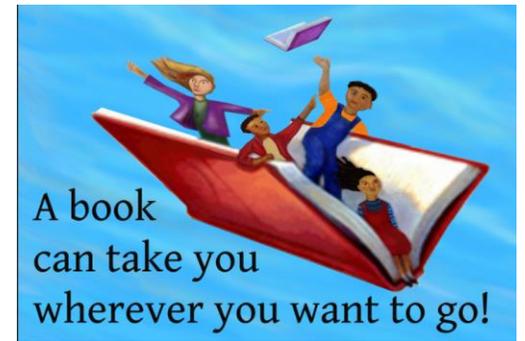
29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times





Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything.



We are looking for people who are able to offer 1 or 2 hours a week to volunteer in school. We primarily need people to listen to children read but may also ask you to help with art activities and other group work.

What we need from you: 1 or 2 hours per week of your time.

An application pack and DBS check completed prior to coming into school.

What we can offer you: A warm, welcoming environment where your donation of time is incredibly

appreciated.

Fantastic children to work with.

A sense of satisfaction that you are making a difference.

Please email jennifer.deboard@simondesens.org if you would like to chat about what it entails or to volunteer.

THIS WEEK IN ASSEMBLY

This week has been National Anti Bullying week. The weekly key stage assemblies were led by our very own Year 6 anti-bullying ambassadors who wrote and presented the assembly.

The ambassadors explained what bullying is and what actions we should take if we think we or someone else is being bullied. We talked about 'making a noise' about bullying- telling people about those people who are being unkind so that it can be stopped.



ONE
KIND
WORD

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

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Non-Fiction November 2023

Every year, the National Literacy Trust celebrates Non-Fiction November. This year, the theme is 'Wonderful Water'.

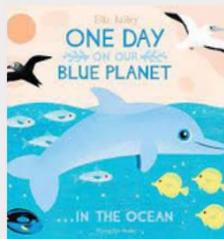
Their research has found that *'providing children with the opportunity to read and explore non-fiction plays a vital role in helping them to learn about their world, as well as fostering reading for pleasure.'* Here are a few suggested books that you might like to read on the theme of water.

 Protecting the Planet: Ice Journey of a Polar Bear
Martin Jenkins, illustrated by Lou Baker-Smith



Publishing in November 2023, this beautifully illustrated book looks at how polar bears are coping with climate change and how we can help them.

 One Day on our Blue Planet... in the Ocean
Ella Bailey

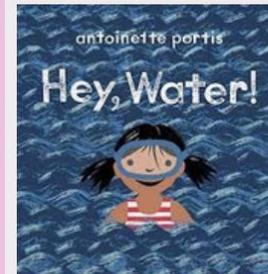


Follow the adventures of a bottle-nosed dolphin calf as she explores the Pacific Ocean with her mother, meeting many fascinating creatures. 'In the Antarctic' (ISBN: 978-1912497096) is another title in this charming series.

 The Rhythm of the Rain
Grahame Baker-Smith

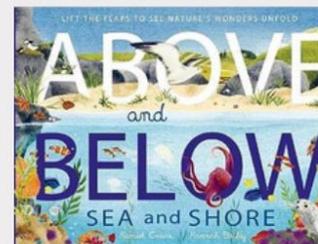


Although not a poem, this gorgeous picture book is one not to be missed! A stunning celebration of the water cycle.



A young girl explores her environment and finds that water is everywhere. At the end of the book, there is additional factual information. A wonderful way to encourage conversations about the importance of water!

 Above and Below: Sea and Shore
Harriet Evans and Hannah Bailey



Exploring the incredible plants and creatures which live beneath the waves, this is a perfect book for sharing.

 The Big Book of the Blue
Yuval Zommer



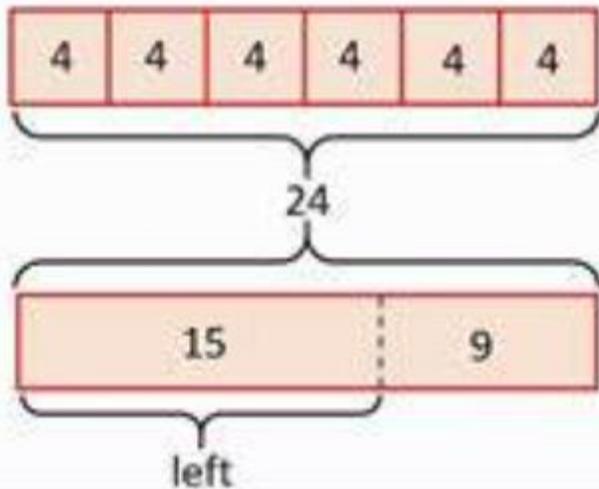
One of the 'Big Book of...' series, 'The Big Book of the Blue' combines stunning illustrations with plenty of information offered in an appealing, informal style.

BARVEMBER

Maths

- 2** Eva has 6 bags of pears.
Each bag has 4 pears.
Eva gives her friend 9 pears.
How many pears does she have left?

Model



Calculations

$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

$$24 - 9 = 15$$

Eva has 15 pears left.

In school we are taking part in Barvember. You can also follow along at home too:

[Barvember | November maths problems | White Rose Maths](#)

What is Barvember? What's the point?

Barvember is organised by White Rose Maths to encourage everyone to use the bar model. We believe that the Bar Model is a useful tool for helping children visualise and then solve maths problems. Even some of the most complex problems can be seen much easier when represented visually.

Barvember provides an opportunity for everyone to just do some maths.

We know that the bar model is not the ONLY way of visualising a problem and we also know that these problems can be solved in the other ways.

Simon de Senlis Primary School



Reception Places Sept 2024

We invite you to visit our amazing school, to hear about our ethos and see our wonderful staff and children in our engaging learning environment.

September 28th 2023 at 6:00pm | October 9th 2023 at 9:30am

November 16th 2023 at 6:00pm | December 5th 2023 at 9:30am

January 8th 2024 at 6:00pm

Book your place at: www.simondesenlis.org



From the 1st December, please bring your donations for the Christmas Colour Hampers

Please do not bring your items early as we have no-where to store them!

Reception – Items that are Red

Year 1 – Items that are Blue

Year 2 – Items that are Green

Year 3 – Items that are Yellow / Gold

Year 4 – Items that are Silver

Year 5 – Items that are Pink/Purple

Year 6 – Items that are White

Wiggins & Robinson – Items that are Orange

School Mental Health Leads

Ms Cunningham and Miss Cotterill 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 Cotterill

Family Support Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health First Aider



Northamptonshire
Police



Cuppa with a Copper - Hunsbury Library

Officers from the local Neighborhood policing team will be holding a community surgery on:

- Wed 22nd November
- Wed 20th December

Sessions run between 10am and 12pm at Hunsbury Library, Overslade Close, Northampton NN4 0RZ.

Also: A community surgery on **Monday 16th October 2023** , from **12pm to 1:30pm**, at Northampton General Hospital, South Entrance desk.

We will be on hand to listen to any concerns you have in your local community and to offer crime prevention advice.

Please come along to speak to your local officers about any issues of concern in your local community.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.



We are proud to announce that we are now fully OFSTED Registered and as a result of this, we are able to accept all types of childcare vouchers and the government tax-free scheme as payment for our services.

This is something we have been working on for some time that will hopefully allow even more people to join us at our amazing Holiday Camps.

Rhino Sports Academy is eligible for HAF funding. If your child receives funded free school meals or is a pupil premium child you can come along to our camps for free. For more information on this please contact us via email or phone and we can book them on.



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Phone: 07894 713006
Email: enquiries.rhinosportsacademy@gmail.com

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for any of our camps throughout the year, please head to our website.

Rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/camps

Select the camp activity and dates you desire and you're good to go.

NEED SOME HELP REGISTERING?

If you are experiencing any difficulties registering your child for one of our clubs or camps please don't hesitate to get in contact with one of the team who will be more than happy to help.

BOOK NOW



SCAN HERE

Christmas Camp



SCIENCE

MULTISPORTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

PERFORMING ARTS

RHINOSPORTSACADEMY.CO.UK/CAMPS

We are pleased to announce Rhino Sports Academy Camps will be held at four different venues this winter. Blisworth Primary School, Good Shepherd Primary School, Collingtree Primary School and Hunsbury Park Primary School

MULTISPORTS

At a Rhino multisport camp, every child spends a portion of their day participating in each of the sports on offer. They will learn the rules of the game plus new skills and new techniques for the first part before moving on to match play and games for the latter part.

Our multisport camps are a great way for children to enjoy some sporting variety and encourage participation in new sports for those still looking to find out which sport they enjoy the most.

Our coaches are all passionate about healthy competition and about exploring the fun and excitement that playing sport can bring. Prizes will be awarded for effort and excellence shown throughout the day.



SCIENCE

At Rhino Science we want to inspire natural curiosity by providing fun scientific and STEM experiences for all children. We aim to provide a fun environment that inspires children to understand how science can be used to explain what is occurring, predict how things will behave and analyse the causes. Science can be exciting and engaging and we will provide the tools and instruments needed to help the children achieve this. The cost of this club is inclusive of all materials that will be used for experiments.



Here is some more information on what each activity will include on the day. We encourage children to try out new experiences and if on the day your child wants to swap over and do something different that is no problem at all.

PERFORMING ARTS

Rhino Dramatics and Rhino Dance are coming together to offer something special to those who love to explore their expression and will learn new ways of using voice and body and naturally build up their confidence whilst having heaps of fun in the process.

Every child will spend their day learning, devising and performing different areas of Dance & Drama with experienced and passionate coaches. We will focus on learning new techniques, creating new work and promoting confidence in performance. Making our performing arts camp fun and engaging for all involved.

Prizes will be awarded for effort and excellence shown throughout the day.



ARTS & CRAFTS

Our brand new Arts & Crafts Camp will be a great opportunity for children who love to be creative and get a bit messy. We will help your children discover their unique abilities and find their artistic talents. They will have lots of fun doing lots of different activities from colouring to painting, making things out of different materials and exploring new ways of learning. With the option to do some baking and decorating.



BLISWORTH CAMP

Blisworth Primary School, Courteenhall Road, Northampton NN7 3DD
9am-4pm Ages 4-12

Multisports & Performing Arts
December 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, January 2nd, 3rd

Full week (2 days) - £40.00
Full Day - £25.00
Half Day - £15.00

GOOD SHEPHERD CAMP

Good Shepherd Primary School, Kingsland Gardens, Northampton NN2 7BH
9am-4pm Ages 4-12

Multisports
December 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, January 2nd, 3rd

Full week (2 days) - £40.00
Full Day - £25.00
Half Day - £15.00



HUNSBURY PARK CAMP

Hunsbury Park Primary School, Dayrell Rd, Northampton NN4 9RR
9am-4pm Ages 4-12

Science, Arts & Crafts &
Multisports
December 21st, 22nd

Multisports
December 28th, 29th

Arts & Crafts &
Multisports
January 2nd, 3rd

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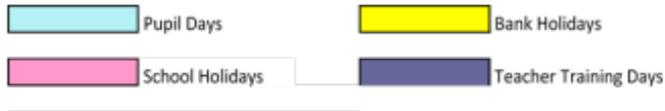
COLLINGTREE CAMP

Collingtree Primary School, Lodge Avenue, Northampton NN4 0NQ
9am-4pm Ages 4-12

Multisports
December 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, January 2nd, 3rd

Full week (2 days) - £40.00
Full Day - £25.00
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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
Wed		4	11	18	25
Thu		5	12	19	26
Fri	30	6	13	20	27

October 2024					
Mon	30	7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	

November 2024					
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

December 2024					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

January 2025					
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

February 2025					
Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	

March 2025					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tues		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28

April 2025					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	

May 2025					
Mon		5	12	19	26
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Great Sphinx of Giza 'origin story'



Pictured: The Great Sphinx of Giza. **Source:** Great Sphinx of Giza @Giza_Sphinx X page.

A recent study conducted at New York University (NYU) has suggested a new 'origin story' for the Great Sphinx of Giza. Scientists have concluded that an ancient statue of the mythical creature, with the head of a human and the body of a lion, could have been made by nature and then detailed by humans. Archaeologists have debated how the great structure was created for centuries. The Great Sphinx of Giza is a colossal 4,500-year-old limestone statue, positioned near the Great Pyramid in Giza, Egypt. The monument is one of the world's largest, measuring 73 metres long and 20 metres high. 'Our results provide a

simple origin theory for how Sphinx-like formations can come about from erosion,' explains Leif Ristorph, an associate professor at NYU. 'There are, in fact, yardangs in existence today that look like seated or lying animals, lending support to our conclusions. Our laboratory experiments showed that surprisingly Sphinx-like shapes can, in fact, come from materials being eroded by fast flows.' Yardangs are unusual rock formations found in deserts created by wind-blown dust and sand; the study was based on the scientists' abilities to replicate these shapes.

'12 Neighbours' project to cut homelessness

Canadian entrepreneur, Marcel LeBrun, is running a project called '12 Neighbours' to build communities of micro homes, where homeless people can get off the streets into a safe environment and also find work to help them rebuild their lives. Jobs will be available at the onsite coffee bar, teaching kitchen, and a silk printing business. After becoming a multi-millionaire when he sold his successful social media monitoring company, Marcel says he decided 'to put his money where his mouth is' and put his suggestions into practice! He is using his profit, along with grants and support from the provincial and national government, to build a community

of 99 micro homes for those who need it most in his hometown of Fredericton, the capital city of the Canadian province of New Brunswick. The tiny homes contain everything that is needed in a comfortable living space - a kitchen, living and bedroom areas, and a bathroom. They also have a small deck, solar panels on the roofs, and are painted in bright and cheerful colours. 'I see myself as a community builder, and really what we're doing here is not just building a little community, but we're building a community in a city, like how do we help our city be better?' said Marcel LeBrun.



Pictured: An example of the micro homes being built by the project. **Source:** The 12 Neighbours Community Facebook page.

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Glowing project!



Pictured: New Zealand's bioluminescent glow-worms in a dark cave. Source: Canva.



Pictured: A glowing glow-worm. Source: Pete Cooper @PeteMRCooper X page.

Ecologist Pete Cooper's 'Lights of hope: rewilding glow-worms' project has been shortlisted as one of 22 native species projects run by The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) members for the Great British Wildlife Restoration Award! The charity shared on its website that this is the first competition of its kind. The award was inspired by David Attenborough's 'Wild Isles', and it aims to raise the profile of the native species conservation work being undertaken by zoo and aquarium conservationists. Pete's project is focused on helping the glow-worm numbers rise again in the UK. He is very passionate about his work as the insects' population has been severely reduced by many factors including, loss of their habitat (the larvae like to live under rocks on chalk or

limestone grassland) and increased light pollution (for example streetlights). Light pollution makes it more difficult for the male glow-worms to find the female, as the females use their bioluminescence (greeny-orange light produced by a chemical reaction in their bodies) to attract a mate and produce new baby glow-worms. Only the males have wings and only the females can glow! 'The fascination of glow-worms for me is that they are in effect magic,' says Pete Cooper, 'The glow-worm has been the symbol of the other world, of love, of hope, of rebirth, of simply the great mysteries of nature.'

Did you know that glow-worms aren't actually worms, they are beetles? Do you know any facts about glow-worms?

Last week's topic:

Should 'super shoes' be allowed in races?



I think 'super shoes' should be allowed and be available to the public then it is fair for everyone.

Riley

Super shoes should not be allowed in races, as the people who race train a lot and shouldn't need them. Only people who do not race should use super shoes.

Khadiza

I think super shoes should not be allowed if everyone can't get it, It means other racers would have an advantage.

Janaya

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think that robots will be used more and more in workplaces and homes? If so, what do you feel they will be used for? Why?
- > Make a list of jobs that you think robots would be good at and a list of those that you think people will always be needed for.

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Developing technologies are enabling robots to do more and more complex tasks and be used increasingly in workplaces. This may change job roles, with humans working alongside robots more.

