

# Family Update

3rd March 2023



## Updates

Hi everyone,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break. There has been a great buzz around school this week and pupils have seemed very excited to be back.

Some pupils in the Explorers Department have had great fun investigating floating and sinking objects as part of their science lessons. Pupils in the Adventurers Department have done some great work exploring the use of colour to paint pictures of real-life objects and nature. We have also been lucky enough to have an external professional in doing a careers talk in the Towards Independence Department about working as a steward.

It was so lovely to see pupils coming dressed up as their favourite book characters or dressed down in their pyjamas for **World Book Day**. Pupils loved spending the day being immersed in their favourite books and having stories brought to life. Well done to all those pupils who have taken part in the 'Reading for Pleasure' challenge at home - it has been brilliant seeing all the photos posted on EFL. Pupils have received their prizes in celebration assembly today.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend, your Leadership Team

## Parents Recommend

We have had a great link shared with us for days out for children with disabilities: [Days out in the West Midlands for children with disabilities](#)

We have also had a great review of RAF Cosford.

"We found it fully accessible, staff very friendly / helpful and best of all ..... there was a changing places toilet facility!"

[Accessibility](#) | [Plan your day](#) | [Cosford](#) | [RAF Museum](#)

Please send further recommendations to:

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## Key Dates



**Monday 6th March - Friday 10th March -**  
Explorers Learning Conference

**Wednesday 8th March -** Non-Uniform Day and  
Cake Sale for Make a Wish

**Monday 13th March - Thursday 16th March -**  
British Science week

**Wednesday 15th March -** Careers Day

**Fri 17th March -** Red Nose Day

**Tuesday 28th March -** Explorers Easter Egg-  
Stravaganza

**Wednesday 29th March -** Investigator Easter  
Assembly

**Friday 31st March -** break up for Easter holidays

**Monday 3rd — Tues 18th April Easter Holiday**

**Monday 17th April -** Inset Day

**Tues 18th April—Pupils return to school**

## Contact us



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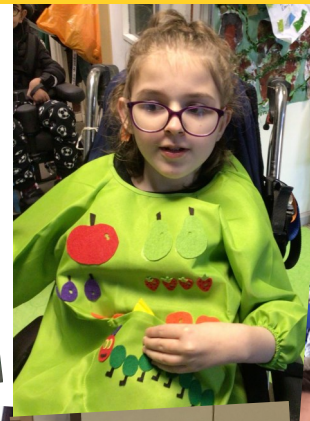


What we have been up to this week ...



World Book Day

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY  
2 MARCH 2023



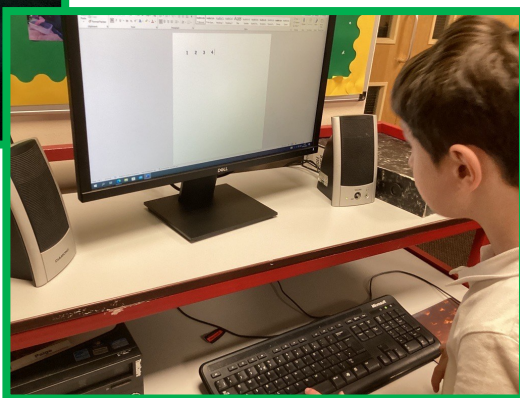


# Sleepover Club Highlights



Developing fine motor and IT skills whilst having fun.

This young lady was amused to see herself on screen.



Demonstrating his knowledge, this young person typed out a page of consecutive numbers, carefully leaving 2 spaces between each one. Well done!



Fitness fun!



## Sleepover Club Highlights



Please don't forget our fundraising venture next Wednesday, March 8th, when Jade, who works overnight in Sleepover Club, is bravely going to allow the pupils in residence to shave her head!

This will be a sponsored event, raising money for the 'Make a Wish Foundation' who grant life-changing wishes for critically ill children.

In addition, it will be a non-uniform day for a suggested donation of £1, and we are holding a cake sale!

You can help if you are able please, by sending in a cash donation to Sleepover Club, or making a payment on [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) / Jade Drew / Brave the Shave.

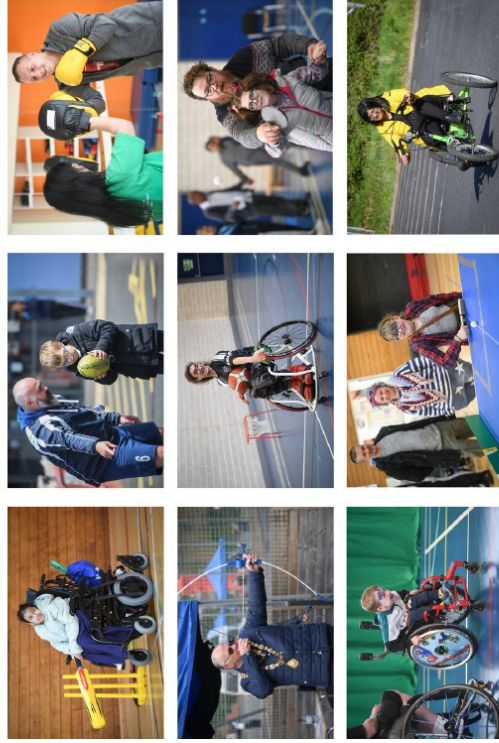
Donations of cakes to sell to pupils and staff would also be greatly appreciated. Cakes will cost approximately 20-30 pence each so please send some money for your child if you are able.

Thank you.



# Accessible Community Games

Inspiring physical activity for people in our community with physical, learning and sensory disabilities



## Free, Fun, Friendly and Engaging

The Accessible Community Games allows you to try different sporting activities regardless of your age or ability.

We would like you to have fun, try new sports activities and find something you really enjoy.

You can meet activity providers who will guide and support you whilst you participate in their activity.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information please email [becki@inspireactivity.co.uk](mailto:becki@inspireactivity.co.uk)

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### TICKETS ARE FREE

Book online  
[trybooking.co.uk/CDAS](http://trybooking.co.uk/CDAS)  
or  
register with us on the day

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### 20+ ACTIVITIES

available to try led by  
experienced instructors

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### FOOD AND DRINKS

Vending machines  
available on site, you  
are welcome to bring  
your own picnic

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### GB AMBASSADORS

Meet and be inspired by  
Great British Para Athletes

## Key visitor information

On arrival, you'll be guided to the welcome point for a visitor wristband and activity sticker card

Community Games helpers will be available at all times to answer questions and provide support

Where possible, outdoor activities will be relocated inside in the event of bad weather

### Quiet room

First Aid provision and private treatment room

Male and female changing rooms and toilets  
Fully accessible changing facility with hoist available

The facility is accessible to both pedestrian and wheelchair users

If assistance is required, carers must accompany visitors as we do not provide a care service

potential

## Activities

GOALBALL  
ATHLETICS

BOCCIA

SOFT ARCHERY

BOXING

ORIENTEERING

QUICK CRICKET

BLIND FOOTBALL

DANCE

MARTIAL ARTS

VI CRICKET

TENNIS

TABLE CRICKET

WHEELCHAIR -

BASKETBALL

CYCLING

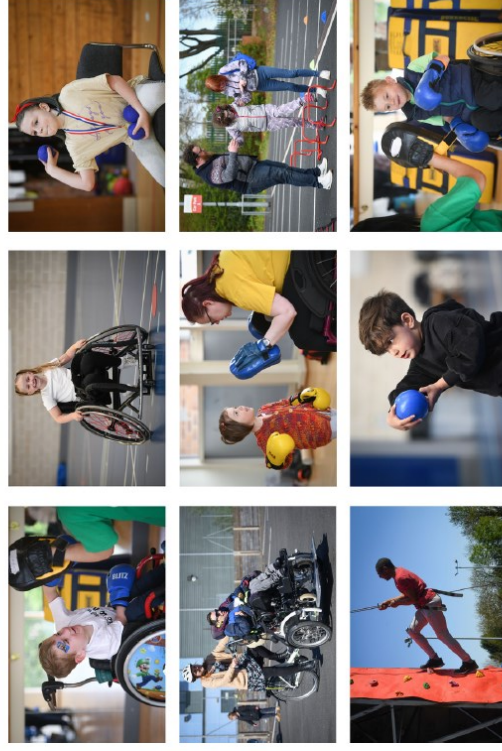
TABLE TENNIS

NETBALL



CATHEDRAL  
MOBILITY SERVICES

INSPIRE  
ACTIVITY



Inspiring futures, realising dreams.



**Come and join us for a virtual SUN session.**

## **SPRING DATES 2023**

**Please note, you will need to be able to access Microsoft teams in order to join the meeting.**

SUN sessions are informal networking and information sharing sessions between parents, carers, young people, schools, and services, for anyone living with or working with a child or young person with SEND in Staffordshire.

It is an opportunity to find out/share information about what is happening locally, and what support and services might be available

The sessions are double district and ideally you would sign up for the meeting in the district you live, however, if you are unable to take part in your district group, it may be possible to join one of the others, but please bear in mind not all services cover all areas.

### **Dates and Times of SUN Sessions**

|                       |             |                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Newcastle/Moorlands   | 1pm – 2pm   | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 |
| Cannock/Lichfield     | 1pm – 2pm   | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023  |
| Tamworth/East Staffs  | 10am – 11am | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 |
| Stafford/South Staffs | 1pm – 2pm   | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023  |

**Numbers will be limited therefore booking is essential.**

If you are a **parent, carer, young person or a service provider** and would like to attend please email; [sun@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sun@staffordshire.gov.uk)

on receipt of your completed booking form, you will be emailed with a link to access the meeting once your place is confirmed.



# Interns and Outcomes

## Mencap's Supported Internship Programme

### Participation

- Community presence
- Getting involved
- Making friends

### Employability

- Work experience
- CV building
- Finding a job

### Looking after yourself

- Building resilience
- Mental health and wellbeing support
- Keeping active

### Education

- Developing Maths and English and ICT
- Setting and meeting learning aims

### Getting the right help

- Job coaching
- Planning ahead
- Careers Advice

### Independence

- Travel training
- Confidence Building
- Aspiration setting



A Supported Internship is an employer-based learning programme. The aim is to support SEND young people aged 16-24 with an Education, Health and Care plan who want to find work to develop the skills, knowledge and experience to progress into employment.

The main feature of the programme is a long-term work experience placement providing an on the job learning opportunity in a real work setting. The expected outcome is a paid job either with the host employer or with another company.

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## More about the programme

**Mencap will work with each young person to identify the right career path for them. We include a careers discussion with a Level 6 qualified Career's Leader and identify which roles and sector each intern is best suited to.**

As a nationally recognised charity, we have existing relationships with large and small companies and we can use these to make sure each intern finds the best placement to help progress their career.



## What is included in the programme?

### Supported Internship

- Supported Work experience placement
- Dealing with Problems
- Working with Supervision
- Communication skills
- Equality Diversity & Inclusion
- Time management
- CV Writing
- Interview skills
- Workplace visits
- Health & Safety at work
- Workplace behaviours & expectations
- Transferrable skills
- Securing paid work as the desired outcome!

To find out more you can visit the Supported Internship pages on Mencap's website:

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/education-skills-and-work/supported-internships>



# Little Saxons

## Stay and Play

A specialist provision for children 0-4 years with additional needs.

Song  
Time

Rebound  
Therapy

Messy  
Play

Hydrotherapy

Refreshments

Sensory

Story  
Time



Little Saxons

Monday & Thursday Afternoons 12.45-  
2.15pm

(Term time only)

£2.00 including a tea/coffee/cold drink

For more information or to book your place please contact -  
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