

# Family Update

27th January 2023



## Updates

Hello everyone.

This week pupils have been busy exploring their favourite story characters and authors; learning about the work of a shop assistant and a teaching assistant, and running the Tuck Shop, whilst Towards Independence students have been working on a farm making sausages and running the café making an excellent vegetable curry!

Next week we have our first face to face family meeting with the Local Authority regarding the Residential (Sleepover) Review. This is for a limited number of families who have already applied to the LA to be present, however we shall share brief feedback on this newsletter next week following the meeting. In the meantime if you wish to make comment, please do so using our dedicated inbox [sos@saxon.set.org](mailto:sos@saxon.set.org)

We had some tragic news recently that one of our ex-students had passed away. Staff attending the funeral of Isobel Wallis reported that it was incredibly sad but a very beautiful service and celebration of Isobel's life. Our thoughts and hearts go out to Isobel's mum and wider family and friends at this sad time.

We always say that 'Once a member of the Saxon Hill family, always a member of the Saxon Hill family' and this is certainly the case when next week we welcome in our ex-students and ex-staff to our coffee morning where they can catch-up and reminisce whilst the 6th form serve cakes and drinks in our café. You are very welcome to join us on the day if you're Saxon Hill family, no special invitation needed.

We hope you have a wonderful, fun-filled weekend, from your Leadership Team



## Parents Recommend

The below recommendation is kindly for our in school PODD and Makaton training.

"I would like to share just how helpful the Makaton/PODD training was that I attended at Saxon Hill last term. The session was fun, clear, informative and most importantly has helped my child! I ordered the recommended books by Tom Pollard which are so simple with pictures to support and now feel confident enough to have a try at using two simple PODD sheets, which were created after the meeting specifically for my child. Training well worth attending, thank you so much to the teachers! "

Please send recommendations to:

[emily.thompson@saxon.set.org](mailto:emily.thompson@saxon.set.org)

## Key Dates

**Friday 3rd February - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)**

**Monday 6th February - 10th February** - Children's Mental Health Week

**Monday 6th February** - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Investigators Department Day

**Tuesday 7th February**—Ex-Staff and Ex-Students' Coffee Morning 10am

**Thursday 9th February** - Explorers Department Family Story Time 9:30-11:00

**Thursday 9th February** - Face to Face meeting for Residential Review, LA invitation only 12:30-14:30

**Monday 13th February** - Mid-year reports home

**Friday 17th February** - break up for half-term

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

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

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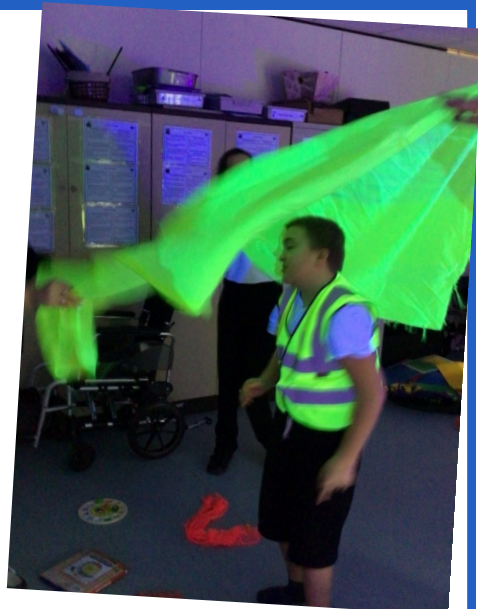
**Headteacher:** Melanie Newbury

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Kim Thomas

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Melanie Newbury & Helen Bowers



## What we have been up to this week ...





# Sleepover Club Highlights



Pupils have been very imaginative making junk models this week. They have created headphones, fairground rides, picture frames and so much more.



Others have made bird feeders, feeling the texture of the seed and watching how the lard changes as it melts. We have to look after the birds during this cold weather.



We are sorry to have had to say goodbye to Vicky this week, who has left us to take up another job.



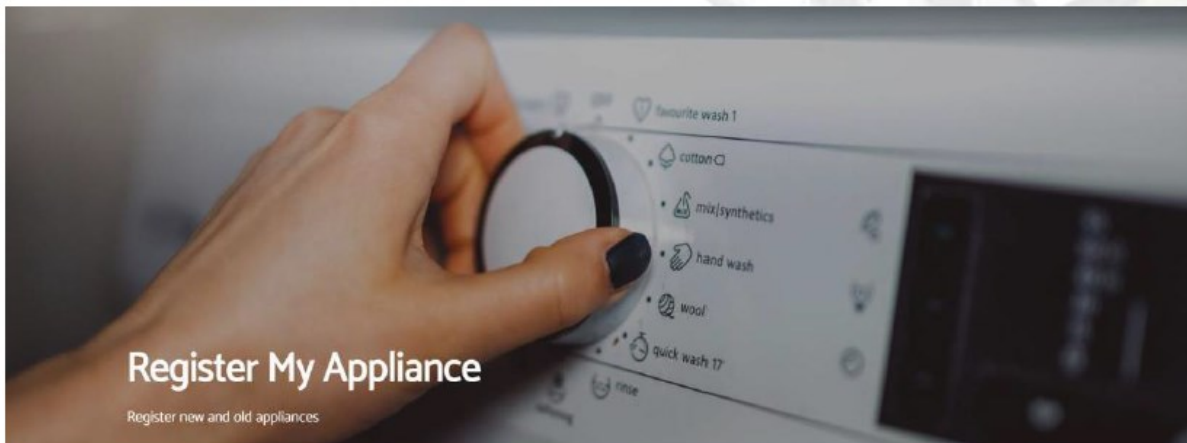
Top marks to this young man who has been trying so hard to tie his own shoe laces. What a superstar!





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