

Family Update

23rd September 2022



Updates

Hello everyone, welcome back to our weekly Family Update. We respectfully waited until the period of national mourning was over before sharing our celebrations with you again. As a result, this is an extra long edition with important updates and celebrations.

You may already be aware that Staffordshire Local Authority are starting two separate reviews this term. I have already mentioned the LA review of residential provision and now is the time for me to ask for your help and support on this one to **SOS; Save Our Sleepover**. Everybody understands the need for extra support for all children with EHCPs but not all these children have the same complex needs as our children and young people. The Local Authority are suggesting that residential provision is unfair as it is not available to everyone with an EHCP. We need to show that this is not fair! So many of our children are unable to access any other facilities, activities and opportunities due to their complex disabilities - Sleepover gives, and has given the opportunity to so many children over the years, to develop their social, communication and independence skills and I know that families really appreciate the break knowing that trained, experienced staff are supporting and caring for their child as they would themselves. If you are able to support our cause, even in some small way, or have any views or ideas to put to us, I'd love to hear from you on this quick form: [SOS Save Our Sleepover!](#)

There is also a wider review of special education provision across the county and this could affect your child's school placement. We have had nothing shared with us so far but the review will be launched on Monday 3rd October, online at 4pm. Please click the link so you can find out how you may be affected by any changes that result: [Staffordshire Review of Special Education Provision](#)

On a cheerier note, see the photos and celebrations below. All the very best, from your Leadership Team

Parents Recommend

If you have any recommendations for activities, places or groups that you think other parents and /or pupils would enjoy, please email it to:

emily.thompson@saxon.set.org.uk

We will aim to include these in future newsletters to help share all your expert knowledge.



Key Dates

Friday 30th September - Macmillan Coffee morning/ meet the teacher (teachers will let you know class dates and times).

Thursday 29th September - Governors

Wednesday 5th October - Harvest Assembly led by the Explorers Department.

Monday 10th October - Inset Day, school closed to children

Friday 21st October - Halloween Party Day

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October - Half Term



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Congratulations to Dawid Winner of the Shaw Education Trust Above & Beyond Award



Nominated for his care for others in need:

Dawid took a keen interest when Russia invaded Ukraine and became very concerned for the Ukrainians and what this would mean for their country. Dawid wanted to do something to help them and was eager to lead on collecting donations as a school community. Dawid wrote a letter to families and filmed a short video for social media explaining what donations were needed and when they were needed by. Dawid was also a great help with sorting and organising donations when they came in. Dawid and a friend then came to the collection centre and helped pass the donations over to be shipped to Poland and then on to Ukraine. Dawid showed amazing levels of maturity and care over this period and definitely deserves this award.

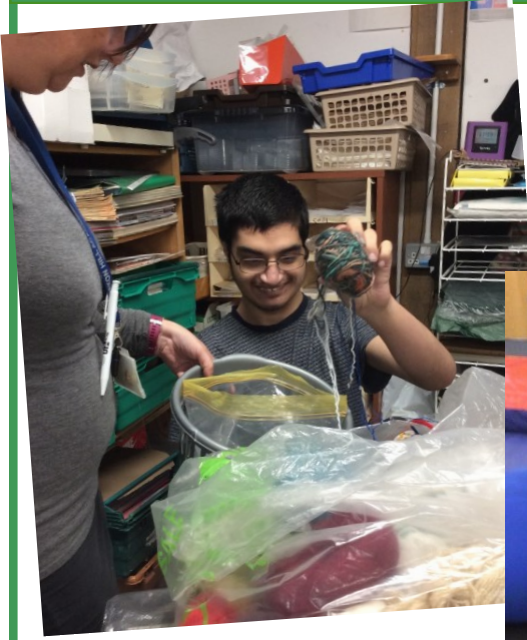
Sleepover Club



While at Sleepover club the young people on Wednesday furthered their independence by planning, shopping and preparing their own dinner of delicious spaghetti and meatballs.



What we have been up to...



Video Tour of Saxon Hill

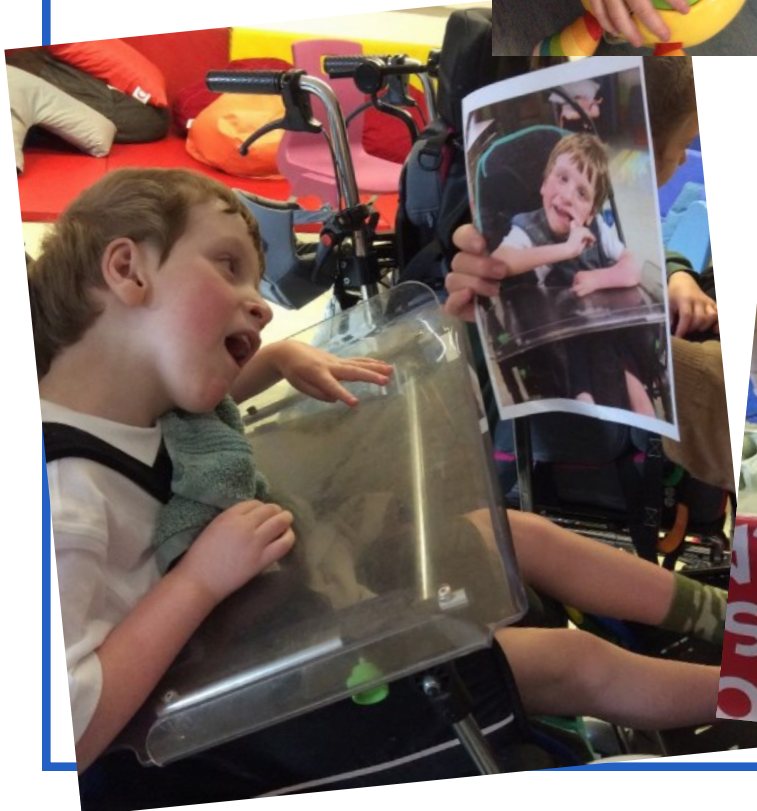
If you haven't already seen it, here is the link to the new video tour of school. Our pupils have done an amazing job at showcasing the variety of provision and exciting opportunities that are offered at Saxon Hill and how these are adapted across the pathways and departments.

Please click here to watch on our YouTube channel:

[Saxon Hill Academy Video Tour - YouTube](#)



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Staffordshire SENDIASS is delighted to host this **FREE** training session delivered by Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust

For parents of children with SEND in Staffordshire

Exploring Anxiety and Low Mood in Children and Young People

A parent workshop designed for families supporting children and young people with SEND.

This workshop will focus on low-moderate level anxiety and low mood in young people. We will look at:

- Understanding anxiety and low mood
- Exploring anxiety and low mood with your child/young person
- Practical strategies for supporting anxiety and low mood alongside SEND
- Further support and resources available

There are two dates to choose from

Wednesday 28 th September 2022	9.30am 2.30pm	Branston Golf & Country Club, Burton on Trent
Monday 3 rd October 2022	9.30am – 2.30pm	Families First, Faraday Road

A **FREE** lunch will also be provided. If you would like to attend, please email to request a booking form:

sun@staffordshire.gov.uk

Places are strictly limited and will be allocated on first come first served basis.



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Movement Wise Workshop for Parents & Carers

Aims-

- Help parents/carers understand movement difficulties
- Help parents/carers manage impact of movement difficulties at home / school
- Share ideas resources and sources of help
- Learn from each other
- Signpost to other useful sources of information

Originally designed as a face to face 1 day session the training has been condensed for online and **participants will need to be able to access Microsoft Teams** to join the session

The session will cover:

- General Approaches to support the teaching and learning of functional/everyday life skills
- Specific ideas and strategies for the teaching and learning of functional/everyday life skills like getting dressed, using cutlery, using the toilet, using school related tools like pencils and scissors

There are 2 sessions to choose from

Wednesday 12 th October 2022	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 19 th October 2022	10.30am – 12.30pm

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Speech and Language Taster Workshops

The workshop will be aimed particularly at children in the early years but will be relevant for parents of children with speech and language difficulties.

The session will cover:

- why communication is important
- the elements that make up communication
- jargon buster
- general strategies to support communication at home
- tips to share with nursery or school
- activities and resources to take away

By the end of the course parents should have an understanding of the key elements that make up communication, will have tools to identify areas to support their child and strategies and activities to try at home.

The workshops will be delivered **online via Microsoft Teams**

The sessions will be held on:

27 th September 2022	10am – 11.30am
27 th September 2022	12.30pm – 2.30pm
4 th October 2022	6.30pm – 8.00pm

Places are strictly limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis, please indicate the session you would like to attend.

If you would like to request a booking form, please email;

sun@staffordshire.gov.uk

When we have received your completed form, we can then confirm if you have been allocated a place