

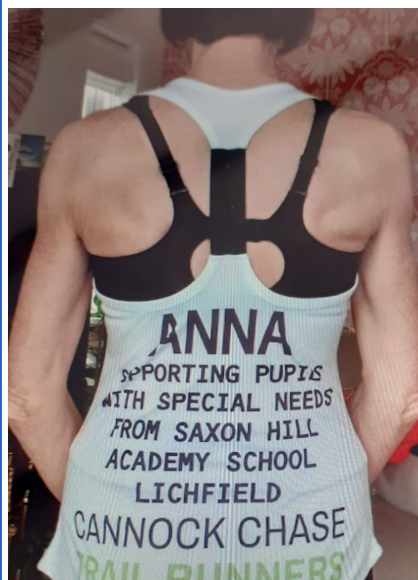
Family Update

21st April 2023

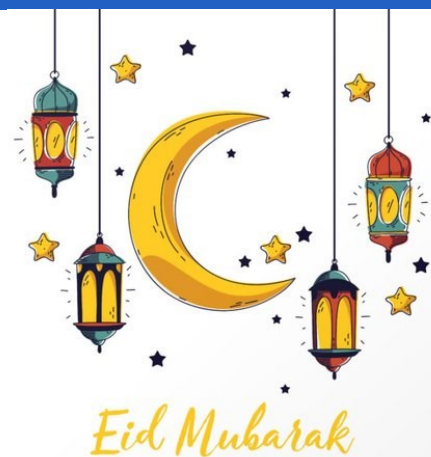


Updates

Welcome back everyone, it's lovely to see the children back looking so happy, healthy and refreshed. Early Years are very excited that they now have some caterpillars which they are now studying as they grow and develop, whilst secondary students visited the Beaudesert Farm and were met with 3 hour old goats.



We are very proud of Anna one of our volunteers at our Craft Barn at Chasewater Park. Anna is running the London Marathon on Sunday and is being sponsored to raise money to develop our school Craft Barn to make it even more valuable as a work placement for our students. If you would like to sponsor Anna please follow this link: <https://gofund.me/db89c910>



If you are parent/carer of a pupil in Year 8 or above, please come along to our Careers event on Wednesday from 10:30am to meet with some of the care and education providers for young people with SEND once they leave Saxon Hill (see flyer page 4)

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, 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

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



Key Dates

Monday 24th - Friday 28th April - Investigators Learning Conference

Wednesday 26th April - Transition Event for parents and carers of children Yr 8 and up

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday School Closed

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday School Closed

Thursday 11th May - Academy Council Meeting

Monday 15th - Friday 19th May - Adventurers Learning Conference

Thursday 25th May - Explorers Department Maths Workshop for parents and carers

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half Term

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What we have been up to this week ...



Sleepover Club Highlights





Transition Event

Wednesday 26th April 2023

10:30am-2:30pm

We will be hosting this event to support all parents, carers and pupils with information and advice about Post-19 opportunities.

This will include opportunities to meet staff and learn about what is available from a number of;

- College providers
- Care providers
- Leisure opportunities

We will also have available...

- Advice and support about accessing adult services
- Information about school's role in supporting next steps including our vocational work opportunities and our support with EHCP processes.

☕ Refreshments will be available in the Café ☕

For further information please contact Wendy Arnfield (Vocational Lead) or Suzanne Walters (SENCo) via the school office.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must have a child aged 4-18 years old.
- Your child(ren) must have a chronic illness or disability.

Charitable Funding Eligibility:

- You can apply to Caudwell Children for 80% of the cost towards two workshops each year.
- To receive funding support toward the cost of workshops, your household income must be less than £45,000 per year.
- If you are eligible for charitable funding, you will be asked to contribute £33.40 (20%) towards the full workshop cost.

For more information on eligibility criteria, please visit www.caudwellchildren.com/workshops

HOW DO I APPLY?

To see how we can support you and your family today, contact us to arrange to speak to a member of the Family Workshops Team.



0345 300 1348

workshops@caudwellchildren.com

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OUR SERVICES



Family Support: Providing families caring for a disabled child or young person with vital support, signposting and information over the phone, email, or via live chat.



Equipment: Supporting families with mobility, sports and sensory equipment to help children and young adults with their development, mobility and independence.



Treatment: Providing support with life-changing treatment for children with disabilities or chronic illnesses.



Therapy: Supporting families to access funding enabling them to receive therapeutic intervention programmes for children with cerebral palsy, brain injuries and other associated conditions.



Short Breaks: Hosting activities for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. These sessions enable children to have fun, spend time with friends and build upon their confidence and skills, in a safe, inspiring and welcome environment. We also provide family opportunities.



Autism Services: Providing diagnostic assessments, practical and emotional support for autistic children and their families.



Sensory Packs: Supporting families to access a range of portable sensory support packs.



Workshops: Providing families with a range of workshops that focus on many of the common differences associated with raising a child with a disability or an autistic child.



FAMILY WORKSHOPS

INTRODUCTION

Caudwell Children deliver a range of practical and accessible workshops. These workshops focus on some of the key difficulties families may experience when raising a child with a disability and/ or is autistic.

These workshops can be accessed in person at our International Children's Centre in Keele or online.

Listening to experts by experience is at the heart of everything we do at Caudwell Children. These workshops have been developed in direct consultation with autistic people, parents and beneficiaries.

ABOUT OUR WORKSHOPS

Meeting Sensory Needs Workshop

This provides an introduction to sensory processing and explores how this may impact your child and family. We will also provide you with strategies and tips that you can use in your day-to-day life.

Language and Communication Workshop

This looks at all kinds of communication. We help you and your family to understand your child's preferred method and level of communication and how this can be supported to better understand a young person's wants and needs.

Forming Relationships Workshop

This will help you and your family to understand the importance of play and determine how play can impact learning for your child.

Supporting Positive Behaviour Workshop

This will help you and your family to understand the functions of behaviour and recognise why certain behaviours may be repetitive.

Autism and Wellbeing

This workshop will help you to develop knowledge of common mental health issues and concerns for wellbeing in autistic children and young people.

Change and Transition

This workshop will provide you and your family with advice about strategies and support that can help during key life transitions.

Eating

This workshop will help you and your family to understand the developmental stages of eating and drinking. We will support you to recognise how stages of development may affect your child's eating and drinking skills.

Sleep

This workshop will aim to provide you with some useful strategies and tips to support your family in understanding sleep patterns and identifying habits and recognise how these may impact your child and family.

Daily Living Skills

This workshop will support you and your family to explore a range of strategies to support your child's independence at home, school and in the community.

Making Sense of Autism Day 1

This online workshop is for parents and carers. It will help you and the rest of your family to gain an understanding of strengths and differences your child may have following their diagnosis.

Making Sense of Autism Day 2

For parents/ carers and young people who have a diagnosis of autism. This will allow you and your family to explore with your child how they understand themselves and how they understand their emotions.

This workshop is available for young people aged 4-7 years old or 8-11 years old.



Workshops recommended for you and your child.

Child-friendly Workshop



Understanding The Message Behind The Behaviour

We are delighted to offer this **FREE** workshop to parents and carers of children and young people with SEND living in Staffordshire.

The workshop is being delivered by Adele Plant a Specialist Practitioner within the Behaviour Support Service.

The workshop is primarily aimed at children in key stages 1, 2 and 3.

The session will try to uncover what messages your child might be trying to tell you through their behaviour.

There will be a small amount of theory and understanding of behaviour, including security and attachment, and will also include some practical activities and relaxation techniques for you to try at home.

A **FREE** light buffet lunch will also be provided.

Tuesday 25th April 2023

9.30am – 2.30pm

Entrust, Stafford

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis and therefore booking is essential.

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

sun@staffordshire.gov.uk

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 -

Tel: 01543 414892

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