

Family Update

13th January 2023



Updates

Hello Everyone!

We have had a fun and busy week. Explorers are reading Jack and the Beanstalk, role playing, mark making and planting magic beans. The sensory classes have been dancing up a 90's fluorescent storm! In their dance massage sessions, staff popping by could not resist joining the rave. Hub 1 and Ash class have had an interesting SRE session this week. Pupils have given very positive feedback on its delivery. Families can find our SRE policy [here](#).

On Wednesday, all staff attended curriculum development training. We launched our curriculum drivers; '**Golden Threads for Learning and Life**' to the wider school teams. Our 'Leaders' curriculum intends to equip our young people to take the lead in their own learning and lives. The newly launched 'Golden Thread' drivers aim to ensure we teach and promote essential skills for learning and life, helping our pupils to develop the skills, attitudes and capability to lead the way; creating and enjoying every opportunity and confidently rising to each challenge life offers. Our 'Golden Thread for Learning and Life' drivers are:

- Communication,
- Independence,
- Engagement and Learning,
- Wellbeing,
- Community participation.

We have Golden Threads because: they are woven into everything we do. The golden colour reminds us of their value and is a symbolically regal colour of leadership. Our 'Golden Threads' ensure our young people stay at the centre of our offer. Full detail of revised curriculum will be on our website soon!

Sleepover Club update - Parents of Sleepover pupils, please keep your eyes out for a letter from Tim Moss (Assistant Director of Education Strategy and Improvement). He is offering face-to-face feedback sessions. These are limited to 8 places on a first come first served bases. If you would like to attend, please reply promptly using the email detailed on the letter. Kim will be circulating a questionnaire shortly regarding these feedback sessions. . . . Thank you for your continued support!

Have a lovely weekend, from you SLT.

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



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

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

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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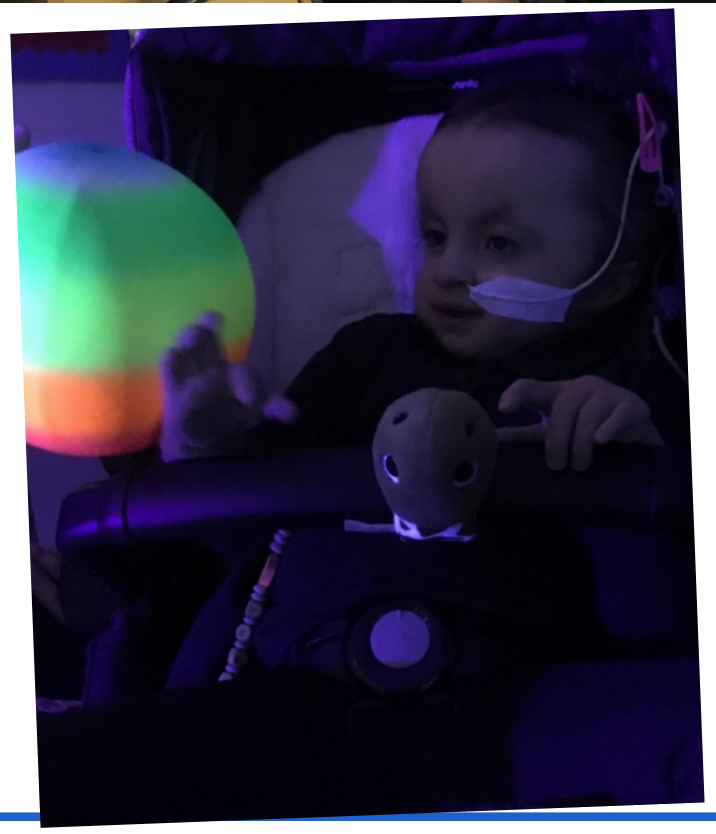
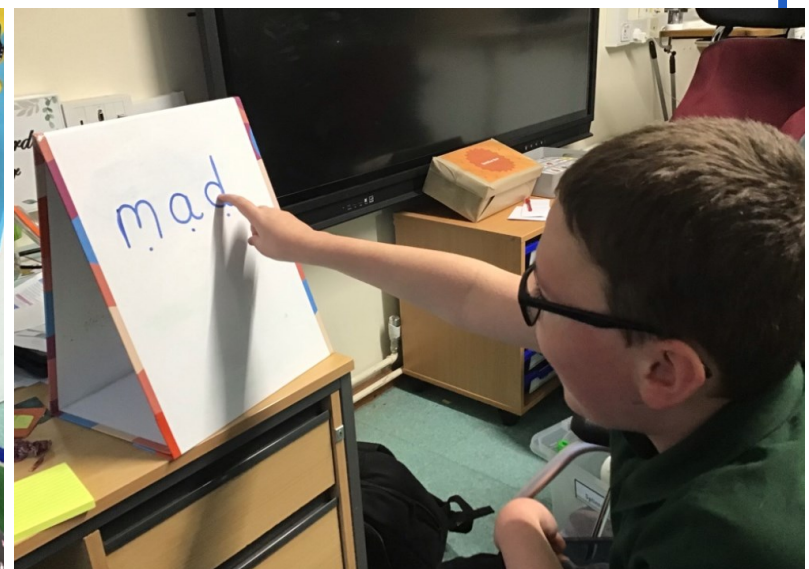


Headteacher: Mel Newbury

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Kim Thomas

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mel Newbury & Helen Bowers

What we have been up to this week ...



Sleepover Club Highlights



There are always lots of opportunities to develop independence skills at Sleepover Club, but also the more subtle skills too, such as fine motor, through play and activities. We work hard to support each other to complete daily tasks, such as laying the table and making drinks, and love to have a catch-up with our friends and practise our communication skills.

We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to Ellie, who is leaving her role this week as a waking night staff member, to go and work in a new post in Stafford. We will miss her greatly but wish her well in her future career. She has promised to visit us when she is able.



Queen Alexandra College Open Events

For more information, please visit: [News/Events - QAC Queen Alexandra College Birmingham - National college for people with disabilities.](#)

Please note that places will need to be booked.

- Wednesday 18 January, 9.45am - 12.00pm
- Tuesday 31 January, 9.45am - 12.00pm
- Wednesday 15 February, 9.45am - 12.00pm
- Wednesday 15 March, 9.45am - 12.00pm
- Wednesday 29 March, 4.30pm - 7.00pm (OPEN EVENING)
- Thursday 27 April, 9.45am - 12.00pm
- Thursday 11 May, 1.30pm - 4.00pm
- Wednesday 24 May, 9.45am - 12.00pm
- Thursday 8 June, 9.45am - 12.00pm
- Tuesday 27 June, 1.30pm - 4.00pm



COVID Vaccinations Clinic

A walk in children's covid clinic will be held at **Cannock Fire Station WS11 6LD** on **Sunday 15TH January 2023 between 10 and 14:45**. This includes first dose, second dose and autumn boosters to those children between the ages of 5 and 17 **ONLY** if they are eligible. For bookings and queries, please contact [12-15covidimms@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:15covidimms@mpft.nhs.uk)

"Your child is eligible for 1st or 2nd dose if:

- *They are aged between 5 years and 17 years (had to be 5 years old on or before 31st August 2022)*
- *Have not received a Covid vaccination before*
- *If had a 1st dose needs to be 12 weeks before 2nd dose (8 weeks if Clinically vulnerable)*
- *Have not had Covid 19 infection within last 12 weeks (28 days if clinically vulnerable)*

Your child is ONLY eligible for an autumn booster if:

- *Aged 5 years and over are clinically vulnerable and had last vaccine 91 days or 13 weeks prior*
- *Aged 5 years and over and live with someone who is immunosuppressed** (see table below) and had last vaccine 91 days or 13 weeks prior*
- *Young Carers between 16 and 17 years defined as those who are eligible for a carer's allowance, or those who are the sole or primary carer of an elderly or disabled person who is at increased risk of COVID 19 mortality and therefore clinically vulnerable*
- *If your child meets the above criteria and has not had Covid in the last 28 days if clinically vulnerable or within last 12 weeks"*



Dear families,

12/01/2023

Staffordshire Safeguarding Board have brought to our attention an abhorrent and dangerous online game accessible through some social media sites.

The game is named "A game" and is being circulated via Facebook to children. It contains several different actions for them to complete, including the encouragement of self-harm and hurting others. This is a screenshot of how the message has been appearing on Facebook:

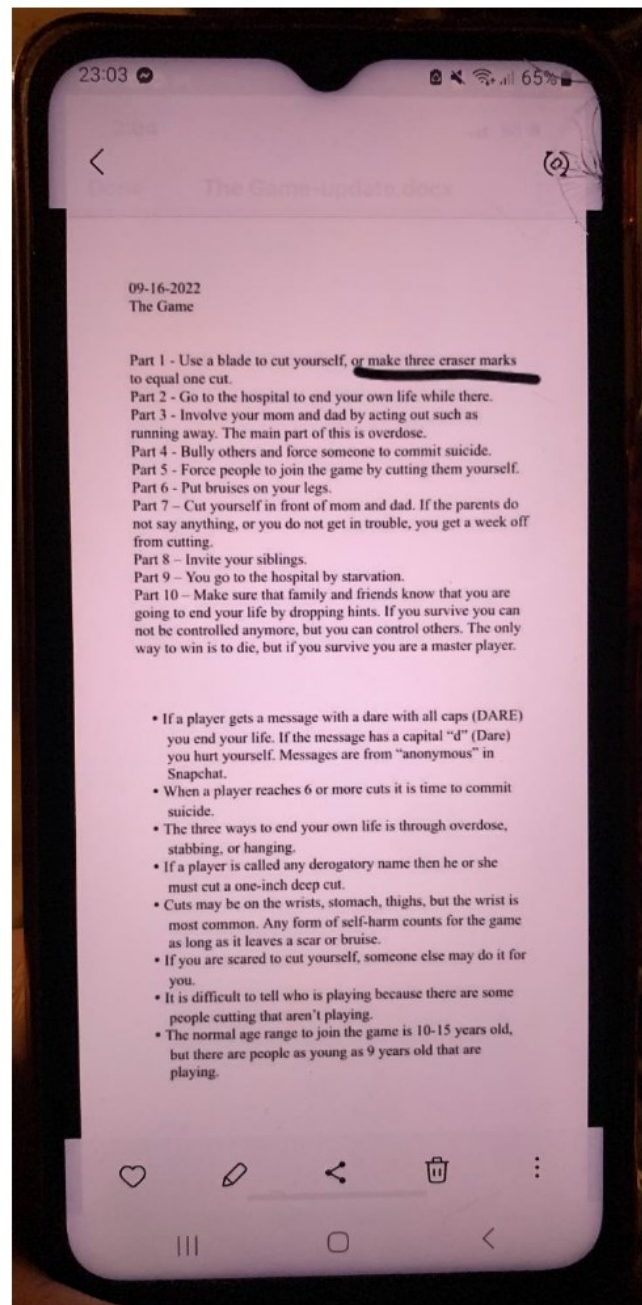
Around the country there have been incidents where dares via social media have led to dangerous incidents and even death in some circumstances.

We work hard to educate our children to keep them safe online, particularly those who are independent online and I am sure you will want to work with us to ensure that they apply their knowledge and understanding to any games on social media.

Thank you for your help and support as always to keep the children safe.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie J Newbury



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



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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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