

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Dear Parents and Carers

Transition School

On Wednesday we welcomed 171 Year 6 pupils for the first of their three-day Transition School experience. Pupils in attendance came from 22 local primary schools. During the evening there was an opportunity to return to school with parents/carers to try on uniform, meet with tutors and be presented with a school tie. Mr O'Toole, Headteacher and Mrs Lewis, Progress Lead Year 7, welcomed everybody to Sir John Talbot's School community.

During Transition School students followed a full timetable where they experienced a variety of lessons all of which were based around Sir John Talbot the school's founder. In Science students were tasked with making and testing trebuchets and investigating metals to find best metal to make armour. Students developed a range of practical skills in Design and Technology and have been busy in the wood workshop creating a desk tidy using a range of machinery and hand tools. They have also practised their hand embroidery skills whilst manufacturing a felt lion bookmark. In food Technology they learned how to use their sensory skills to describe the tastes, textures and aromas of homemade bread. Following a demonstration on how to make soda bread they all got to try this at lunchtime. Students were creative in Art where they made Jasper Johns inspired pop art letters using oil pastels and paint. Two wonderful artworks were produced spelling out Sir John Talbot which were displayed in the School Hall.



On Thursday students were handed t-shirts to be worn on their final day of Transition School. Friday morning began with a talk from Mrs Brown, Assistant Headteacher, explaining how to be SJT ready! Mrs Lewis gave students a clear explanation of our expectations regarding cycling to school safely. As a reminder all students cycling to school should wear a helmet. When leaving at the end of the school day on a bicycle students need to wait until 3.25pm before cycling on the school footpath.



Mrs Apperley
Associate Assistant Headteacher

Musical News

Sixth Form student Joe Rutherford plays in the Shropshire Youth Band. As well as playing as part of the Youth Band recently, Joe who is taught by Mr Alldridge will also be playing at the Ironbridge Brass Band Festival this weekend.

Evie Hall who is being taught at Grade 3 by Mrs Cook, Peripatetic Music Teacher, recently performed in a recital at Market Drayton.

Due to their fantastic vocal abilities, Chloe Edwards & Becky Brookfield have been asked to perform a series of duets at a wedding at All Saints, Forton on Friday 5 July. They will perform Pie Jesu from Andrew Lloyd Weber's Requiem, The Lord Bless You and Keep You by John Rutter and Chloe will also sing Bob Chilcott's This Day.



Congratulations and well done to all our very talented musicians!

Creative Baking & Crafts

On Tuesday, we welcomed Reception Class pupils from Prees CE Primary School to enjoy a day of creative baking and crafts with Mrs Barlow, DT. The pupils were divided up and on rotation had the opportunity to get involved with a variety of fun filled activities. Pupils enjoyed making and tasting rockyroad crispies, marshmallow lollipops and shortbread biscuits. The pupils also enjoyed getting involved in some creative crafts, where they designed and decorated masks. A fun day was had by all!



SJT Whitchurch 10k

Tuesday saw profits from the Sir John Talbot's School Whitchurch 10K be presented to good causes locally. Macmillan Cancer Support, Blackberry Fair and the Whitchurch Whippets were all grateful recipients of the donations. This year the money raised smashed previous figures with more runners than ever participating. We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped organise, support and participate in the event. The 2020 Whitchurch 10K race has been booked for Sunday 5 April, details available by clicking [here](#).



Dyson Interactive Workshop

Last week Year 12 Maths and Science students enjoyed an interactive workshop delivered by Danya Walker, Project Manager for the Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology. Students were tasked with programming Lego Mindstorms Ev3 robots to complete various challenges, which enabled them to gain some understanding of the programming required for Dyson's 360 Heurist Robot Vacuum. Danya, who travelled from London to deliver workshops at the Marches School and Sir John Talbot's School said 'The students were really engaged in the workshop and worked collaboratively to successfully complete the challenges.'



Keele University Trip

A group of Year 10 students enjoyed an interesting day out at Keele University this week. The day enabled them to gain an understanding of what university is like, what courses are available, how to manage finances and find out more about the range of clubs and societies available. Student ambassadors were on hand to talk about life as a student and guide the students around the beautiful campus. It was a great day with a number of students who were not considering university as an option at the beginning of the day, changing their mind.



STEM MNA Challenge

Year 8 students have been busy taking part in the STEM MNA Challenge. The competition has helped students to develop their STEM skills, while providing a greater insight into the potential career opportunities available in industry. Students were provided with a professional mentor Steven Owen from Pavé Aways, who supported throughout the project along with their Design and Technology Teacher, Mrs Richmond. Students were tasked with



developing a sustainable product, which would support the disadvantaged. They created a fully working and professional height adjustable, portable walking frame with 360-degree manoeuvrability. After presenting to seven different judges, students were awarded 'Best Entrepreneurial Team' at the 2019 STEM MNA final, which took place at the Marches Manufacturing Centre in Bridgnorth. This is the second year in a row students from SJT have won an award in this competition.



Equine Assisted Learning

Sixth Form student Chloe Edwards was given the opportunity to visit the Equine Centre run by Mrs Welch, as a goodbye in her final Year at SJT. Mrs Welch commented on 'what an inspirational student Chloe has been during her 7 years at SJT. In September Chloe is off to Edge Hill University to start her training to become a primary school teacher, which I am sure she will be brilliant at.'



Subject Taster Event

On Monday a group of Year 10 students attended Shrewsbury College to take part in a range of 'Taster' workshops. These included Plumbing, Carpentry, ICT and Hair and Beauty. Students tried their hand at joining copper pipes together, carrying out massages and producing a short animation. Students were given a tour of the site and received information about apprenticeships and the various courses on offer.

Upcoming Dates

Sixth Form Carden Park – 15 July 2019
Sports Day – 16 July 2019
Sports Awards – 18 July 2019
Year 8 2nd HPV Vaccination – 18 July 2019

For term dates, please click [here](#).

Parenting Summer Workshops

Shropshire Council invite parents/carers to take part in a number of workshops that are being delivered over the summer holidays by their Parenting Team. These workshops are for parents/carers of any level of need.



Would you like to learn more about your child's development and how to improve your relationship? Then come along to one of our Workshops this Summer

Workshops for Parents & carers are being held this Summer at :

Crowmoor Hub, Shrewsbury, SY2 5JJ
On the following dates:

'Understanding Your Child SEND' on 26th July 19 from 14.00 – 16.00
'Understanding Your Teen' on 13th August 19 from 13.30 – 15.30
'Child Sexual Exploitation' on 25th August 19 from 9.30 – 11.30

Raven House Hub, Market Drayton, TF9 3AH
On the following dates:

'Understanding Your Teen' on 22nd July 19 from 9.30 – 11.30
'Child Sexual Exploitation' on 12th August 19 from 9.30 – 11.30

47 Old Street Hub, Ludlow, SY8 1NW
On the following dates:

'Understanding Your Teen' on 23rd July 19 from 9.30 – 11.30
'Child Sexual Exploitation' on 13th August 19 from 9.30 – 11.30
Understanding Your Child SEND' on 20th August 19 from 9.30 – 11.30

The Centre, Oswestry Hub, SY11 1LW
On the following dates:

'Understanding Your Teen' on 23rd July 19 from 9.30 – 11.30
Understanding Your Child SEND' on 26th July 19 from 09.30 – 11.30
'Child Sexual Exploitation' on 14th August 19 from 13.00 – 15.00

Sunflower House, Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES
On the following dates:

'Managing Behaviour' on 22nd July 19 from 09.30 – 11.30
'Effective Communication' on 12th August 19 from 9.30 – 11.30

To book a place for your chosen workshops
or for further information,
please contact the Parenting Team
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email to Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

