

Parent Communication 31.1.25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope that you have all had a positive week, as we have had here at SAIL.

Waves – PTA

Our Waves PTA met on Wednesday 29th January to discuss ideas for fundraising and supporting the development of the school. Thank you to all of you who gave up your time to be part of this.

If you are interested in being part of this group, please email our teacher representative Caroline Morland, on caroline.morland@sail-academy.org

Valentine's Day Dress Down – wear red/pink/purple or love hearts and raise money for WAVES PTA

Please encourage your child to dress for Valentines and bring in a £1 minimum donation to go towards WAVES PTA so we can build our school nature garden. This will be on the last day of term – Friday 14th February.

Valentine's Day Café – End of Term Celebration Assembly

Ahead of the end of term Celebration Assembly on Friday 14th February, we are running a café for ALL parents, carers and family from 1:15pm-1:45pm. This is a chance for Octopus class to demonstrate their amazing hospitality skills. Please bring cash – money goes to WAVES PTA for the school nature garden costs.

Sweets for my sweet – chocolate & sweet cones will be for sale after the End of Term Celebration Assembly. Please send your child in with £2 to buy someone special – or treat themselves to - a sweet treat. Money raised goes to the WAVES PTA for our school nature garden development.

PTA events coming soon...

Term 4 will be jammed with a School Disco – Spring Fling date to be confirmed.

Pupils will be running a Mother's/Carer's Day craft and gift stall.

There will be an Easter raffle, an Easter café and an Easter egg hunt – all of which will be raising funds for WAVES PTA to support the development of the nature garden.

Eco-Council

We are starting a new pupil Eco Council to plan for sustainability and of course the anticipated development of the new school nature garden. Watch this space for further information.

Year 9 options evening

On Thursday 13th February we will be holding our Year 9 options evening at school. The aim of this event is to set out the curriculum options for students who are moving into Year 10 and the qualifications they will be looking to study in Key Stage 4. Prior to this event, we will be sending out our new options booklet to all Year 9 parents/carers. This sets out in some detail the subjects and options that will be available for study in Key Stage 4 and what choices will be available to students. This will be made available to you on Wednesday 5th February.

Bikes and scooters

We have found that Bikes and scooters are a popular and positive way for many of our young people to develop their balance, physical fitness and even help self-regulation. As a result, we are looking to invest in more of these in order to provide more opportunities moving forward. However, as part of this we are also looking to see whether you or anyone you know have any old bikes or scooters that you no longer want or use and would be willing to donate to school.

Safeguarding and Behaviour Update

We spend a lot of time at school working with our young people to be ready for learning, respectful and safe. Part of this is to develop their skills and understanding to be aware of the world they live in and how they need to behave in to ensure that they can be successful in life both while they are at school and beyond.

For the vast majority of our young people, we have seen real positive and on-going improvements in these areas, which is something our young people can be very proud of. However, we still have a small minority of students who find it very challenging to engage and interact positively with others and understand both the nature and impact of their actions. When this is the case, we will always work with our students to improve this

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through any means necessary, whilst looking to work in partnership with home. However, if/where behaviour is persistently disruptive/abusive, targeted and/ or discriminatory it will always be necessary for us to take a very firm line to ensure the safety and welfare of the school and its population. I am sure that as parents and carers, this is well understood, and it is also understood that this cannot be tolerated in any environment – even a specialist school such as our own. Thank you for your on-going support as we ensure that the positive improvements and developments at the school continue.

Safer Internet Day – 11th February 2025

Natterhub.com recognise the importance of keeping children safe online and, as part of their commitment to this, they are offering a free online parent webinar on “**Preparing Children to be Digitally Savvy**” at 7pm on Thursday 6th February. If you are interested in this, please head to their website - [Welcome to Natterhub | Preparing Children to Thrive Online](#)

Ready, Respectful, Safe Teacher/Tutor Nominees

We are pleased to share that all pupils have been making an effort this week in being *Ready, Respectful, and Safe*.

This week's Ready, Respectful, Safe Teacher and Tutor winners are:

Angelfish – Abdou

Turtle – Chris

Starfish – William

Penguin – Adam

Dolphin – Lewis

Swordfish – Max

Seal – Eljo

Octopus – Luke

Orca – Rosie

Atlantic - William

Well done to all those students who have made great steps this week, particularly those students identified above.



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Key dates

February

- **Whole Month** – LGBT Awareness/History month
- **Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th February** – Children’s Mental Health Week

March

- **Monday 3rd March** – World Wildlife Day
- **Saturday 8th March** – International Women's Day (to be looked at in school w/b: 3rd March)
- **Sunday 22nd March** – World Water Day (to be looked at in school w/b: 23rd March)