

Parent Communication 24.1.25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been a busy week in school this week with visitors from both the Fire Service and the Southampton University. We have had students not only enjoying their usual learning and outside the classroom visits, but we have also had students from Year 9 spend time at Sparsholt College on a taster day and our Year 10s and 11s at Appren-T-fest. They found out about apprenticeship options in the local area. Keep reading below to find out more!

Waves – PTA

Please join the Waves PTA meeting on Wednesday 29th January at 7pm in school or via TEAMS. We would love to hear your ideas on how we can raise funds for the benefit of our pupils.

If you wish to join by TEAMS please email our teacher representative Caroline Morland, on caroline.morland@sail-academy.org

Appren-T-Fest Salisbury - Wednesday 22nd January

Year 10 and 11 students visited the festival at Salisbury College on Wednesday morning. There were interesting stands on apprenticeship funding, the NHS, the military etc. (The Army is the largest provider of apprenticeships in the UK). We've collected information from the various places and will be discussing in careers lessons and in break and lunchtimes.

Taster courses at Sparsholt College – Tuesday 21st January

On Tuesday SAIL went to Sparsholt College (near Winchester) with year 9 students who had expressed an interest in their 14-16 City & Guilds courses. Students had a choice of two possible taster sessions from the following:

- Animal Management (learning to work with zoo animals / animal husbandry)
- Equine (gaining experience in working in stables and tack yards)
- Environment and Countryside Skills (leading towards land-based studies)
- Vehicle Maintenance

As a result, we have some students who are very interested and will be applying for positions on those courses from Sept 2025.

There will be more details, and photographs, in the next SAIL newsletter.

Fire service visitors into school

On Monday we had Davina Sparks who is an education officer from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service in school visiting our primary and inspire classes. These were fun and engaging fire safety sessions which the children really enjoyed, especially trying on the uniform, role playing 999 calls and listening to the story “No Dragons for Tea”. Please keep an eye out for a full report and photos in our end of term newspaper “The Current”.

Southampton University Students at SAIL

This week on Wednesday and Thursday we had 11 PGCE students from Southampton University. They spent time in classes, worked with our students and learnt all about the things we do and the way we do it. They had a great time and wanted to pass their thanks onto our young people for welcoming them into school.

Ready, Respectful, Safe 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 Tutor winners:

Angelfish – Marley

Turtle – Lillith

Starfish – Jamie John

Penguin – Jack

Dolphin – Leo

Swordfish – Georgia

Seal – Theo

Octopus – Dylan

Orca – Jayden

Atlantic - Jody

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

Safeguarding Update

Last week we updated you about the use of inappropriate language being used by some of our pupils within the school. We are committed to tackling this issue to ensure a positive, respectful learning environment for all pupils.

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of using respectful language at home, as well as discussing the impact that inappropriate words can have on others. Together, we can encourage pupils to communicate kindly and thoughtfully, fostering a culture of mutual respect.

Wiltshire SEND Newsletter – January

We have been sent the January SEND newsletter from Wiltshire Council which may interest some of you. You can access it from the following link - [January SEND News: Webinars, Grants, Updates, Youth Clubs & New Early Help Team](#)

Key dates

January

- **Monday 27th January** – Holocaust Memorial Day

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)