



NEWSLETTER

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Let's celebrate!

Here are the amazing children who have gone the 'extra mile' this week to meet our school expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) **We are kind to one another**
- 2) **We work hard together**
- 3) **We are honest with each other**

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the day. This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) **It's cool to be kind**
- 2) **I worked wonders**
- 3) **I did the right thing**

We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!

Best Attendance



Chicks 1	92.69%
Chicks 2	90.80%
Wrens	96.26%
Robins	94.20%
Swifts	95.77%
Swallows	96.58%

This week's attendance cup winner is

Swallows!

Well done and thank you parents for ensuring your child attends school everyday!

30 hours free childcare funding for 3-4 year olds

Click on the following link to check whether you're eligible

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>



Are you already claiming your 30 hours free childcare funding?

Don't forget to confirm your details are up to date every 3 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

The deadline for confirming your funding code for the Summer Term is **31 March 2024**. If you miss this deadline you will lose your free childcare place.



Music Share scheme in conjunction with Telford & Wrekin Music are hosting

Telford Sings

Friday 15 March 2024 6-7pm
at Charlton School Theatre, Apley Avenue,
Wellington, Telford

**Tickets available from 9am on
Monday 12 February
£3 per person**

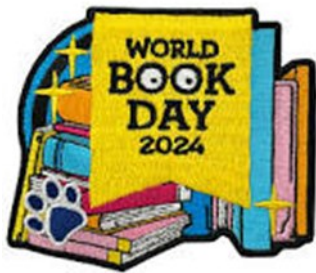
<https://www.telfordtheatre.com/whats-on/music/telford-sings-2024/5044>

African Dance Workshop

On Wednesday the 28 of February the children will be taking part in an African Dance Workshop offering authentic experiences of African arts and culture. This will give the children the opportunity to explore different cultures through music, song and dance.



World Book Day



World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7 March 2024. This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading.



Get set... we're taking part in Big Walk and Wheel 2024 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **11-22 March**. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. We'll be competing against other schools in Telford & Wrekin and right across the UK and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

Why we are taking part

Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, follow the link for a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you..

www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

Enjoy the challenge!

SEND

Do you have a child or young person who has a disability or additional need? Follow the link for advice and support



[Home - PODS \(podstelford.org\)](http://podstelford.org)

PODS aims to:

- provide emotional, practical and social support.
- help reduce isolation and increase well-being.
- provide an opportunity to participate in joint decision making on services.
- provide information to help increase knowledge of the SEND reforms and legislation.
- improve and influence those services affecting these families.

Phone number: 01952 458047 **Email:** support@podstelford.org

Address: PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU

Our Learning this week

Reception

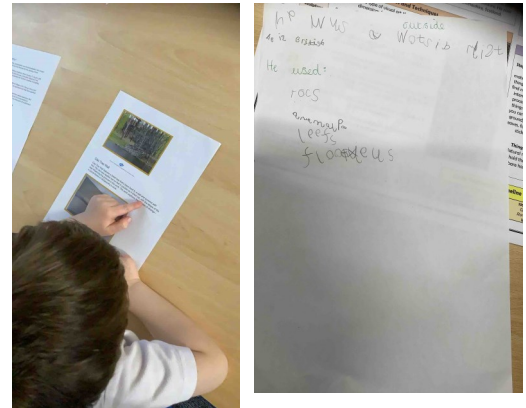
Look how much our bean plants have grown over the last 2 weeks. We have now replanted them into bigger pots outside and will continue to look after our plants and watch them grow.



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been carrying out research about the artist Andy Goldsworthy.

The children explored different materials that he used to create each individual piece of artwork such as rocks, leaves and flowers.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have enjoyed being sculptors. We have deigned and made our own clay models based on the Wrekin Giant.



The Nest

The children have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children have taken part in a dragon dance, tasted Chinese food and made their own lantern in red for good luck!



Important Reminders

To report your child's absence call the school office on 01952 387860 before 8:40am. Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office.



In order to keep your child safe if we have not been notified in advance of any change in collection arrangements we will not allow your child to leave without contacting you first.



When dropping off and collecting children we ask parents to park with consideration for local residents, other road users and most importantly for children's safety. We ask parents not to access the school car park when collecting or dropping off children at anytime. Parking is available at Oakengates Leisure Centre.



Children should must not use the adventure playground before or after school. Parents are responsible for children's safety before and After school.



A reminder that adults and children must dismount from all wheeled vehicles at the school gate, so that everyone remains safe. Scooters and bikes can be left in the racks provided.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8 Jan –19 Feb	RSPB Big School Bird Watch
19 Feb	Start of 2nd Half Spring Term
28 Feb	African Dance Workshop
1 March	Saint David's Day
4 March	Incredible Eggs –duckling eggs arrival
7 March	World Book Day
7 March	Year 1 Visit Exotic Zoo
10 March	Mothering Sunday
11 –15 March	Parent Teacher Consultations
11-15 March	British Science Week Theme: Time
11-15 March	Big Walk and Wheel Week
14 March	KS1 Football Festival
15 March	Comic Relief
17 March	St Patrick's Day
18 –21 March	Stay and Play Sessions in the Nest (Nursery)
22 March	Easter Bonnet Parade
25 March – 5 April	Easter Holidays
8 April	PD Day
12 April	Year Reception visit to Dudley Zoo

Water Bottles

Even in cooler months it is really important that we drink water to stay hydrated. Can children in Years 1 and 2 please remember to bring into school a named water bottle each day containing fresh water. We do have water coolers in school so bottles can be replenished throughout the day.



No Dogs Allowed on school premises

We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many, however others may find their presence stressful or frightening.

For these reasons, our school policy is that No dogs (apart from guide or registered assistant dogs) are allowed on the school playground either on a lead or carried.

Sports Newsletter

February 2024



10 By 10



What is 10 by 10?

10 by 10 is an initiative launched by Telford and Wrekin Council, aimed towards ensuring that all primary age children in Telford and Wrekin have the chance to participate in 10 activities. We are working with providers and partners in the local area to increase the opportunity for children to access these activities, and have developed a website so that children can track their progress.

Who can take part?

10 by 10 is aimed at primary age children, who live or attend a school in Telford and Wrekin. 10 by 10 offers may have an eligibility criteria, however there is no restriction on who can create their own 10 by 10 account or attend the majority of activities advertised in the activity directory. Click [here](#) to access a list of providers.

Did you know?

Children need to be physically active for **60 minutes a day**, with **30 minutes** of that activity taking place outside of school.

Why not access the **NHS** website for 10 Minute Shake Up games, information about active hobbies and sports, click [here](#) for everything you need to get your family moving

Events

Biggest Ever Football session	8 March 2024
Big Walk and Wheel	11-22 March 2024
Football Festival (Year 2)	13 March 2024
National School Sports Week	17-24 June 2024
Fun Sports Day	21 June 2024

We will soon be taking part in the 'Biggest ever Football Session'

Watch this space for more information



Health Information

Health Protection Advice Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

More information on measles can be found and information on the MMR vaccine can be found by following the links below.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery each day your child is absent unless the school or nursery agrees a different arrangement. You must let the school or nursery know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school office know.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Dental Advice Line

Do you have an urgent dental problem or need dental advice?



Are you looking for an NHS dentist for routine care?

Monday to Friday
0800-2100

01743 237916

Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust

Telford Public Health Nursing Service



Healthy you, Healthy Future
Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051
Follow on twitter @ShropPHNurse **Open**
9am-4.30pm excluding bank holidays

Advice for Chicken Pox

Chickenpox is usually a mild illness and children usually get better by themselves. Children with chickenpox should stay off school for at least five days from onset of rash and until all the lesions have crusted over.

Children who have had chickenpox recently may develop complications if they also catch scarlet fever. Parents should remain vigilant for symptoms in children who have had chickenpox such as:

- a persistent high fever
- the skin around chickenpox blisters becoming red, hot or painful (signs of infection)
- joint pain and swelling
- your child's symptoms not improving or getting worse.

BSAT & The Linden Centre Coffee Mornings/ Evening

Please come and join us for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat!

The BSAT Team are keen to hear your suggestions of how we can further support our students and their families.

We would also like to support parents/carers and our young people to better understand school systems, exclusion, procedures and signpost the different support agencies that are available.

We look forward to seeing you.

The BSAT Team

@ The Linden Centre

Oak Road

Overdale

Telford

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BSAT Coffee Dates:

Wednesday 27th September

Wednesday 15th November

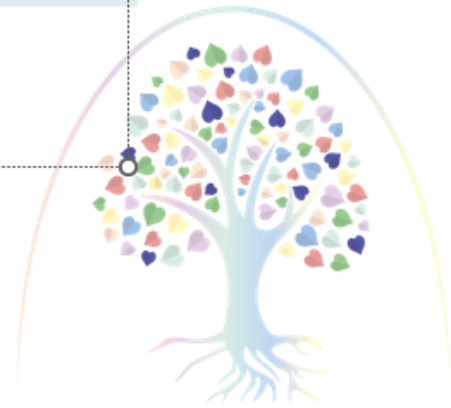
Wednesday 17th January

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 17th April

Wednesday 12th June

9.00 - 10.30am & 5.00 - 6.30pm



The Linden Centre



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- Information Advice & Guidance
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- Safe Handling of Medication
- Specific Learning Difficulties
- Principles of Team Leading
- Understanding Autism
- Understanding Behaviour that Challenges
- Understanding Domestic Abuse
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Available to any adult 19+ who doesn't have a level 3 qualification or anyone on benefits or with a salary below yearly national minimum wage (23+)

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- Understanding Autism
- Understanding Mental Health
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For more information please contact the team on **01952 642335** or email us distancelearning@telfordcollege.ac.uk

ENHANCE YOUR CAREER

Free online courses

Certain postcodes excluded, available to anyone aged 19+

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Residential Childcare



Fully Funded Remote Diplomas

What is a remote diploma?

These remote diplomas are specifically designed to help you gain a level 3 qualification in 12 months.

Who can apply?

- Suitable for those with experience in the sector aged 19+
- Someone with excellent time management and organisational skills

What are the benefits?

- Remote access to resources, tools and recorded content
- Self-study at a time to suit you
- Time to reflect on practice
- Time to reflect on experiences in your area of work
- Weekly support and guidance from an assessor
- Assignments completed and uploaded online
- Employer and employee lead

Get in touch to find out more
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'Call of Duty: Black Ops 4' (COD) is an online first-person shooter game. It's available on PC, Playstation 4 and Xbox One. COD allows players to choose different game modes, including a multiplayer mode, 'Zombies' mode and a 'Blackout' mode. In the game, players can customise their character and weapons.



AGE RESTRICTION
18+



What parents need to know about **CALL OF DUTY BLACK OPS 4**

GRAPHIC VIOLENCE & LANGUAGE

Inspired by war and undercover agents, COD has extremely violent themes. Players must harm and kill in violent and graphic ways. There's also a horror element in 'Zombies' mode, where players must kill monsters. The language used is not suitable for anyone under eighteen.

NO OFFLINE PLAY

Unlike other COD games, COD: Black Ops 4 doesn't have an offline single-player mode. For this reason, much of the game requires an internet connection in order to battle against others online. Normal multiplayer games can last up to fifteen minutes, or twenty-five in 'Blackout' mode. Due to the repetitive nature of the game, it can be difficult for children to stop playing and know their limits.

CHATTING TO STRANGERS

During a multiplayer game, if there is a microphone built into the PC or console your child is using, it is possible for them to talk to any other player of the game around the world. As it's an adult game, the language used may often be inappropriate for young children. Due to the competitive nature of gaming and the fact conversations are not moderated, your child could be at risk of cyberbullying.

Meet the expert

Emmon Jacobs has been a pop culture and entertainment journalist for the last 6 years covering TV, film and gaming. He's been published on sites like Macworld and Tech Advisor offering other how-to guides on apps and technology as well as writing for Wikia previewing new games.



IN-GAME PAYMENTS

Players can gain an advantage over other players by spending money on new characters and attributes. The currency within the game is known as 'COD points', which can't be earned by playing the game, only purchased in the online store. COD point packs range from £1.79 to £84.99.

USER GENERATED CONTENT

Players can personalise certain elements of their character and profile in the game, creating emblems or decorating weapons. Some players use this as an opportunity to show inappropriate imagery. It's possible to report users for this, but it will not prevent your child being exposed to inappropriate content.



**National
Online
Safety**

Top Tips for Parents

DISCUSS TIME LIMITS

It's not possible to pause a match of COD, so it's a good idea to suggest to your child a limit of matches they can play in one session. In 2018 the World Health Organisation made 'gaming disorder' a recognised health disorder, so it's important to monitor how often your child spends on the game.

REMOVE GRAPHIC VIOLENCE & LANGUAGE

At the very beginning of the game an option appears giving players the chance to disable the graphic content. You also have the option to disable graphic content in the game's settings. You can change the profanity setting in the content filters tab, so that the harsh language doesn't appear in the game. In addition to this, players also have the option to change the zombies mode to a cartoon setting, making the overall theme less frightening.

DISABLE COMMUNICATION FEATURES

It's important to talk to your child regularly about who they're interacting with online. If you have serious concerns, you can disable the voice chat function in the Audio tab of the game or disable the text chat function in the content filters section too.

MONITOR & LIMIT SPENDING

To prevent your child incurring unwanted COD point costs, it's recommended you remove your bank account details. Alternatively, you can set up parental controls on your child's console to limit access. To keep a limit on spending, it's a good idea to use a gift voucher, or a Paysafe card (if you're using an Xbox or PlayStation).

BLOCK USER-GENERATED CONTENT

You can prevent your child from viewing any user-generated content by changing the settings in the content filter tab. Choose 'hide from the menu' so any offensive content won't show up on screen when your child is playing a match.

ENCOURAGE ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES

Players are given incentives during the game the more time they spend playing it. This presents the potential risk that your child could become addicted to the game. It's why you should make sure you talk to your child regularly about the importance of alternative activities away from the game, such as playing sports, playing a musical instrument or pursuing other creative interests such as arts and crafts.