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B-Comms is the fortnightly newsletter for Church of England schools who are Members or Associate Members of St Benet's Multi Academy Trust: Alburgh with Denton Primary, Cringleford Primary (Associate Member), Dickleburgh Primary & Pre-school, Diss Junior Academy, Diss Infant Academy & Nursery, Garboldisham Primary, Harleston Sancroft Academy, Hethersett Primary (Associate Member), Morley Primary, Newton Flotman Primary, St Mary's Junior, Tacolneston Primary, Scole Primary.

Schools working with us through the DfE's TSIO programme are: Acle Primary; Catfield Primary/Hickling Infant/Sutton Infant (the Swallowtail Federation); Carleton Rode Primary; Happisburgh Primary and St Mary's Endowed Primary Roughton (the Lighthouse Federation); Little Plumstead Primary; Pulham Primary; Worstead Primary.

Good News Stories

Pupils at **Alburgh with Denton CE Primary Academy** have been very busy this term raising money for their chosen charity, the WWF (World Wildlife Fund). The school provided a report of the wonderful work the children have done:

"In school, the theme of our unit of work for the foundation subjects is all based on Conservation, so we thought this lent itself well. This also linked with us developing courageous advocacy where children start thinking about how to help charitable organisations for themselves."

"We live in a world where climate change is an everyday topic of conversation. We see on the news daily stories of wildfires and flooding. We also hear heart-breaking stories of de-forestation, poaching, and hunting. All of these events are having a huge impact on our wildlife and the environments they live in. We wanted to play our part in helping to protect these beautiful animals from suffering and extinction."

"Our aim was for each class to raise enough money to sponsor an animal of their choice for a year."

"The children were given the challenge to fundraise by collecting sponsorship money from family and friends by carrying out helpful tasks, e.g. washing up, watering the plants, cutting the grass, holding a cake sale, washing the car etc."

"On Monday 26th June we held a WWF Day in school. The children came dressed as animals and spent the day learning, discussing, and taking part in WWF-themed activities."



"Endangered means there aren't many left" Arthur, aged 5.

"I've been selling beetroot to my neighbours to raise money" Oscar, aged 5.



"The children got the opportunity to share their fundraising stories with their class and, at the end of the day the whole school came together to find out our fundraising total so far – we have raised a fantastic £800!"



"We can't wait to receive our sponsorship packs and follow the four animals we have sponsored over the next year."

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Prayer for the Day

The Church of England have an app called Time to Pray, which releases a new prayer twice a day as a short podcast for you to listen to. Today's prayer can be heard [here](#).



Reminders

Central Team Location

The Diocese of Norwich Education Team (St Benet's, DNEAT and DoNESC) are based at **Orchard House, Hall Lane, East Tuddenham, Norfolk NR20 3LR**. This is also now the registered address for St Benet's MAT.

The central phone number for St Benet's is **01603 550147**.



Press & PR

Our PR Officer, **Kate Morfoot**, should be your first point of contact for any press/media enquiries or if you have any good news stories from your academy which you would like to publicise. Her contact details are: **07803 590 728** (inc out of hours) and press@stbenets.org.

Footprints & Schools Flyer

Footprints magazine and the Schools Flyer are circulated to all Diocesan schools. The latest editions can be read [here](#). Future themes will be: June—Nursery and Early Years Provision.

If you would like your school to be featured in Footprints please contact Holly Davy, PA to the Diocesan Director of Education, at holly.davy@dioceseofnorwich.org.

Vacancies

For vacancies at St Benet's MAT please visit: www.stbenets.org.

Please email your vacancies to: robyn.redman@donesc.org.

Safeguarding Update-1

From Louise Veeren, Head of Safeguarding



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Safeguarding

- Never think you have done enough in creating a safer culture
- Always believe it could happen here
- Keep safeguarding high on everyone's agenda
- Never rely on one process to keep children safe

Working Together to Safeguard Children

The government has launched its consultation on its changes to statutory guidance: Working Together to Safeguard Children. This was last substantively updated in 2018. It is important for us in the education sector to engage with the consultation on these changes due to the recognition within the proposed changes around emphasising the role of education in safeguarding arrangements, reflecting on the importance we play in children's lives.

It also outlines the expectation that all education settings are involved in local safeguarding arrangements. The wording is to encourage safeguarding partners to think innovatively about how they bring education into strategic discussions.

Currently there are three statutory safeguarding partners; local authority, health and Police.

Your involvement in this process may be simply to be aware that this is happening, but if you would like to find out more there is information on the DfE website which includes documentation, online survey and a consultation event.

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/child-protection-safeguarding-division/working-together-to-safeguard-children-changes-to/>

National Online Safety

Many schools are using the free online safety guides that are available on the National Online safety website.

If you are not yet aware, take a look, they are very accessible resources that can be sent to parents. The online world and working with parents around the dangers of this is an ongoing issue that we are addressing. This website and its information is very useful: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

Bystander Intervention Programme

Norfolk Training & Events are continuing their Bystander Intervention Programme. This is a one-day course at County Hall, the cost is your time but well worth it if you can fit it in!

The aim of the programme is to train and upskill children and young people to become active bystanders who can safely intervene to prevent incidents of sexual harassment.

This training recently took place at St Mary's Junior Academy and was warmly welcomed by both pupils and parents.

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Safeguarding Update-2

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023

A reminder that The Safeguarding Network has a free KCSIE webinar on 6 July focusing on the updates. If you are not able to attend the live session a video will become available.

To book onto the live session click here: [KCSiE 2023 Webinar Registration – Safeguarding Network](#)

The focus of this year is around cyber security and Filtering and Monitoring:

- Induction training for all staff covers expectations, roles and responsibilities around filtering and monitoring.
- Reference to child protection policies and appropriate filtering and monitoring on school devices and school networks.
- Reference to the filtering and monitoring and cyber security standards.

In order to understand and support this, the DfE have guidance on 'Meeting digital and technology standards in schools and colleges'. This is not new.

[Meeting digital and technology standards in schools and colleges - Filtering and monitoring standards for schools and colleges - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

To start with there is a useful website that checks your internet filter to check that it blocks Child Abuse, Terrorist and adult content:

[Test Your Internet Filter | SWGfL Test Filtering](#)

Working together to safeguard children

The consultation is well underway for this new guidance and there is much discussion around the role of education in safeguarding partnerships.

The DfE have a consultation webinar specifically focussed on the education sector:

[Working Together to Safeguard Children - Education sector focussed event Tickets, Thu 13 Jul 2023 at 14:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Governance Update

The latest Governance bulletin is available here: [Governance Bulletin 230627.pdf](#)

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Training/CPD Calendars

Each Headteacher in the Trust has been issued with a central calendar of training/CPD events for 2022-23. Events for the coming half-term are captured below as a helpful reminder:

St Benet's SOUTH (SBS)

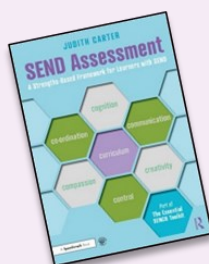
W/C	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
03.07.23	AwD L&M CRE; Humanities, Geography & History Subject Leads Network at Diss Infants (14.00-16.30)	St Benet's HT Day at OH; Science Subject Leads Network at AwD (14.00-16.30)	SENDCo Network at Cringleford (13.00-17.00)	T&M CRE; PE Subject Leads Network at NF (14.00-16.30)	PSHE Citizenship Subject Leads Network at Cringleford (14.00-16.30)
10.07.23	AIDP Workshop for Headteachers at Sancroft (09.00-16.00)	Sancroft Secondary Intent CRE	Dickleburgh CRE with Aquinas Trust	Sancroft L&M CRE; English Subject Leads Network at Dickleburgh (09.00-16.00)	

St Benet's NORTH (SBN)

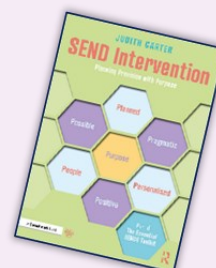
W/C	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
03.07.23			SENDCo Network at Cringleford (13.00-17.00)	Worstead Primary CRE	
10.07.23		Leaders' Forum at OH (09.30-12.30) - Heads only			

Please note: The **7Cs SEND Conference** - Implementing the 7 Cs Learning Portfolio & Developing Use of the SEND Assessment Framework—that was scheduled for 5 July has been postponed due to Strike action and will now be held on **Monday 11 September** 1.00-5.00pm at Cringleford Primary School, 80-88 Dragonfly Lane, Norwich NR4 7JR.

The session will cover:



- Introduction and overview of the 7 Cs materials
- Developing teacher ownership of SEN Support
- Improving targeted outcomes
- Using the 7 Cs to implement the Graduated Approach
- Embedding parent/carers voice and pupil co-production
- Using the 7 Cs to track progress



Suitable for:

SENDCos, Headteachers, Governors and Teachers who are or will be involved in championing the use of the 7 Cs materials in schools.

For all enquiries or to reserve a place on this session, please contact nadine.avenal@stbenets.org

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And finally...

St Mary's Junior Academy Pupils Go Sailing on the Norfolk Broads

The pupils of St Mary's CE Junior Academy in Long Stratton enjoyed taster sailing sessions on the River Thurne with the Norfolk Heritage Fleet Trust at [Hunter's Yard](#) in Ludham recently.

60 Y5 children from the school experienced sailing traditional boats first-hand over



two days, learning sailing skills including steering the tiller and tacking using the ropes on the mainsail and jib.

Miss Laura Richardson, Executive Deputy Head of St Mary's Junior Academy said: *"The children had the most wonderful experience. For the majority of children this was their first time on the Norfolk Broads. They learnt so much about the boats provided by the Norfolk Heritage Fleet Trust, how to steer, what the sails are for and how they work."*

A selection of comments from the pupils showed how much they gained from the experience:

Anaiya said: *"It was fun when we learnt how to start sailing"*; Matthew said: *"It was fun when we were tacking, this means going back and forth so that the wind fills the sails"*; Sophia said: *"It was relaxing when we were on the boat"*; Tom said *"It was an exciting and exhilarating experience but was also peaceful at the same time."*

Mrs Norris, Year 5 class teacher said: *"We had the most wonderful trip today. It was such an engaging, exciting and memorable time. For many this was their first time on a boat and their first visit to the Broads. They absolutely loved learning about the boat and how to sail. They engaged so well with the adults who skippered the boats – so keen to ask*



questions and to hear how things worked. Thank you so much to the adults who skippered for us – they were so polite and kind. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and will absolutely remember this trip for many years to come. I will be telling all of my teacher friends about Hunter's Yard! We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful experience you gave us."

Chairman of Hunter's Yard, Neville Khambatta, said: *"It's a real delight for our skippers to just go out sailing for the fun of it. To watch the crew of young people simply having fun helping to sail their boat is a joy and a delight. Let's hope this isn't the only time they go sailing on the Broads."*

Vikki Walker from the Norfolk Heritage Fleet Trust said: *"For most of us, it was watching the difference on the youngsters faces from before they went out sailing to when they returned. Everyone seemed very excited, with beaming smiles and chattering about how great it was; even the teachers came back with beaming smiles. That was perfect, just the experience we were hoping to achieve for them! It's been an absolute pleasure having St Mary's children sailing with us and we hope their memories will last them a lifetime."*

